



Board Members Present: Jack Butler, Joan Cooper, Tom De Santis, Larry D'Angelo, Bill Maine, Bob Parrett, Gary Webb, and Lenny Wojewoda.

Over 50 additional residents were present.

President Tom De Santis called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Minutes: Joan Cooper made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Seconded by Bill Maine. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report.

Membership: Bill Maine reported we now have 319 paid members! We have received an average of \$63 per member this year (membership + additional donation).

Mute Swan Discussion: Tom explained that one of the WLCL's fundamental interests is maintaining a safe environment on White Lake. He then introduced Julie Oakes, biologist with the Michigan DNR, who gave a presentation entitled "Mute Swans: Invading Michigan's Waters". She explained that the mute swan is considered "non-native and Invasive" in Michigan, and that DNR surveys indicate that their numbers are increasing rapidly in Michigan.

The DNR encourages lakes to control their own mute swan populations, and issues permits to remove mute swans and/or their nests and eggs. To receive a permit for either (or both) activities, one of the following must be submitted with the application (quoted from DNR Permit Application):

- "Resolution: A resolution approved by the local government official (township, city etc), which represents the property owners on the subject lake, body of water or site, approving the mute swan nest/egg destruction or removal for their site..."
- "Petition: ...a signed petition from at least 70% of the lakeshore property owners. The petition must clearly state that its purpose is for mute swan egg and nest destruction or removal or mute swan and that mute swans will be killed..."

In either method, every lakefront property owner must be notified through a newsletter, postcard, etc. that the permit has been approved. Even with a permit, swans or nests on private property can not be removed without the permission of the property owner.

Julie indicated that the exact same permit process (including notification of property owners) is required for any control of geese, although a different permit is issued.

Public discussion followed. Residents expressed opinions both in support of and in opposition to any swan control activities. There were several non-lake-residents present in the audience as well. The discussion was generally orderly and respectful.

At 8:20 p.m., Tom thanked everyone for their participation, and called for a short recess. Most of the audience took the opportunity to leave.

Tom re-convened the meeting at 8:30 p.m. There was discussion that, at future meetings of this type, our "regular" business be completed first, so that residents present see the "typical" work that is accomplished at our meetings.

Communications: Bob Parrett explained the advantages of the new system being used to send out e-newsletters. In addition to being significantly easier for him, the newsletters look much better, and the system provides statistics about newsletters opened and links clicked. The system automatically removes "bounced" e-mail addresses, has facilities for people to sign up or opt-out of the process, and automatically provides an archive of all past newsletters (see the links at the bottom of the home page on our website). We presently have 462 people on the list to receive the newsletters.

Weed Control: Everyone felt that the weed control on the lake was very successful this year. Actual cost this year was about \$105,000 (budget \$87,000), although savings in other parts of the WLIB funds will cover this overrun.

Water Quality: Roy and Lorraine Eastham worked with a graduate student from Michigan State University to identify weeds at several places in the lake (near public and private boat launch sites). This is funded by a grant from the C.L.M.P. study.

Sheriff Patrols: The Sheriff finally provided statistics for the 2013 summer. They have been posted on the website. They patrolled for 183 hours this summer, at a cost of \$5764.50 (budget 224 hours, \$7056).

Fireworks: Tom announced that the 2014 fireworks will be on Saturday, June 28, 2014.

Sunken Island Buoys: Everyone agreed that this summer's program was well received. The buoys will be removed this fall, and improved anchoring methods will be explored in the spring. Suggestions are encouraged.

Adjournment: Gary Webb made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Joan Cooper. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Parrett