

BABY, KERR, KID, LOST, MAN & MCKEOWN LAKES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: JULY 31, 2021 TIME: 9:00 AM

REGISTER TO ATTEND: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9808888888>
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MISSION STATEMENT:

OUR MISSION IS TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, FISH HABITAT AND THE WELL-BEING OF WILDLIFE IN OUR LAKES AND WATERSHED OF WHICH OUR LAKES ARE A PART.

TO ENCOURAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES INTENDED TO PREVENT THE EMERGENCE OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN OUR LAKES AND THE WATERSHED AND, IF SUCH EMERGENCE OCCURS, TO CONTROL THE GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF SUCH SPECIES.

TO EDUCATE OUR MEMBER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON PROPER CONSERVATION PRACTICES RELATING TO THE ABOVE PURPOSES.

AGENDA:

- 1) Call to Order (Laura) 9:02am
 - a) Disclaimer of Recording
- 2) Presidents Message
 - a) Welcome **Members are vital to the association. Thank you for all you do. (Photos, suggestions/comments) Appreciate the opportunity to be your president the last 2 years.**
 - b) Mission Statement
 - c) Format of the Meeting – **Voting will be done by polling. One vote per membership.**
- 3) Board Business
 - a) Approval of the 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes **MOTION: To approve the 2020 Lakes Association Meeting Minutes: Gary / Stan – Approved 16 – 0**
 - b) Approval of the 2021 Meeting Agenda **MOTION: To approve 2021 Lake Association Agenda: Randy / Norm – Approved 16 – 0**
 - c) Recognition of Board Members/Lake Reps/Committee Members/Past Board Members
 - d) Confirmation of 2022 Executive Committee **MOTION: To reconfirm the Executive Board as listed: Sue / Brian - Approved 15 – 0**
 - President – Randy Turnacliff
 - Vice President - Open
 - Secretary – Connie Johnson-Schmitt
 - Treasurer – Karla Lutterman
 - Membership – Jdee Rueter
- 4) Old Business
 - a) Completion of Association reorganization – **Updated organizations name, Bylaws, Mission statement, articles of Incorporation to better align for non-profit status.**
 - 501c3 Approval by IRS **Applied for on Nov 18, 2020. Approved Mar 25, 2021**
 - Adoption of 501c3\ nonprofit organization practices. **Reviewing and updating Policy & Procedure Manual. Updating volunteer job description. IRS training available for board members to understand non-profit and how we keep it. Safety deposit box opened in accordance with updated bylaws.**
- 5) New Business

- a) 2022 Membership Dues (Randy) Dues increased to \$35. Membership Dues cover – I-Lids, water testing, beaver trapping, buoy placement, newsletter, survey, signage (public boat landing, additional homeowners), education/training. NOTE: Beaver trapping is only for the beavers that block the channels between lakes. This is done to maintain lake levels between the chain of lakes. Increase was voted on by board. This is a change with the new by-laws approved last year.

6) Reports

- a) Loon Counts (Sue) stable

Baby 12 adults, 5 chicks

Kid 8 adults, 3 chicks

Lost 1 adult

Man 8 adults

McKeown 2 adults, 2 chicks

Total 31 adults, 10 chicks

- b) Financial Report (Karla)

- 2020 Final Year End Budget MOTION: To accept 2020 Year End Budget as final: Stan / Randy – approved – 16 – 0. NOTE - (missing checks from Fire Depts paid to departments, a little over budget)
- 2021 Budget (approved by board on 4/18) MOTION: To approve 2021 Annual Budget: Norm / Mike S – approved 16 – 0. Comment – keep healthy reserve in case of AIS migration. Very expensive to fight/fix.

- c) Membership Report (Jdee) 179 paid members – (204 last year) Percentage of owners to members?

***Will research and add to report.

- d) Committee Reports

- I-Lids Update (Randy) I-Lids installed at Baby Lake week prior to opening. Report will be produced at the end of year – will be posted on website. We have had a DNR – AIS inspector almost every weekend.
- AIS Prevention / Water Quality Update (Mike) Water quality testing this year – 5 times a year. Results are coming in. Things are looking normal – more in-depth reporting will be posted to website. UofM Genomics testing – 3 times a year. Dick will publish results on website. AIS – settling plates at Baby Lake landing was fixed and replaced this spring. Dick inspects regularly, looking for Zebra Mussels.
- Road Painting Project (Gary) \$400 for stencil - \$200 for painting. Quote/proposal was presented to Woodrow township. Approved. Township will pay for template so it can be use in other locations. Lake Assoc will pay for painting. Should be completed with in next few weeks. Assoc Cass County Lakes (ACCL) – presented to them as well. Strong interest with other associations – will be shared. Application is available for lake associations - 50 % reimbursement through the DNR – for paint only. Approved at last board meeting as an additional expense Paint is good for 2 -3 years before repainting. Signage on private property – owner is getting one less formal / no DRN, being created/made – will share with another property owners. *** Board to discuss in more detail in August meeting.

7) Special Presentations

- a) “Get the Lead Out: Fishing with Lead-Free Lures” by Jack Fitzgerald (McKeown Lake resident) Lead killing Loons/fish birds – change out lead from tackle box to lead free options. Free event to be held at Rendezvous Brewing – Aug 10, 1 – 3 pm event. Lead free options are available at your local bait shops.

- b) "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Single Use Plastic" – Sue Ready (Baby Lake resident) We produce a lot of plastic trash. Options to reduce single use plastics. Laws change, stay up on what can be recycled, proper bins/proper items.

8) Call for Volunteers – Open Positions (Laura) Those interested - reach out to Laura directly.

- a) Vice President
- b) Kerr Lake Rep
- c) AIS Committee - Dick Bottorff, Team Lead – (1 volunteer per lake)
- d) Fisheries Committee - Bob Kirchberg, Team Lead – (1 volunteer per lake)

9) Next Annual Meeting – Saturday, July 30, 2022; 9:00 am Location TBD Info will be posted to website.

General Comments - Appreciation to those who serve – job well done.

10) Adjourn MOTION: Norm / Jdee – Approved – 15 – 0 (10:40 am)