



## LAKE MILTONA ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING

### Date & Location:

JULY 12, 2025. 9:00 am, LJ's Restaurant in Miltona, MN

### Officers in Attendance:

President – Steve DeSutter  
Treasurer – Chad Koebnick  
Secretary – Janet Guinn

### Area Directors in Attendance:

Section	Name	Section	Name
2A	Jon Fair	8	Gary Fuchs
2C	John Fay	9/10	Jay Sieling
3A	Jeff Anderson	13	Ted Boehne
3B	Vern Suhr	13	Tom Brauer
3C	Gene Rose	14	Tom Struthers
4	Steve Herth	16	Steve LaBatt
7	Mark Jacobs	18	Randy Hanson

### Call to Order:

Steve DeSutter 9:12 am

### Verification of Quorum:

9:12 am – 17 directors in attendance.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Gene Rose made motion to approve the minutes for the April 12, 2025 meeting without changes, Jay Sieling seconded, all in favor, minutes approved.

## AGENDA

### Treasurers report: (Chad Koebnick)

Chad presented an visual detail of all accounts. No questions or concerned arose. Worth noting:

- **Membership**
  - In the month of June, 106 members paid dues on-line. 365 members have paid thus far, which is on-track to match last year's total membership (480).
- **Walleye Fund**
  - The Miltona Lion's Club donated \$2,000 to the walleye stocking fund
- **Dittbner Creek Project**
  - The Parkers Prairie Sportsman's Club donated \$5,000 to the Dittbner Creek project fund.



## **Old Business:**

- **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade (FRIDAY, July 4, 2025)**
  - Winners of the parade were notified and posted on the website.  
=> **Randy** to get names to **Ted** to get the plaque updated at Leaf Valley Mercantile
  - Due to declining attendance, with participation being very poor this year (only 13), Jon Fair made a motion to suspend the parade indefinitely. Gene Rose seconded, all in favor, motion passed.  
=> **Janet G** to work with website designer, Jeff Meland, to take down on-line parade registration form
- **Lake Miltona Apparel**
  - We will have an on-line store again this year and it will be open until after Labor Day.  
=> **Steve D** to get design made and approved and work with vendor to get store operational  
=> **Janet G** to update the website with apparel announcement and link to on-line store
- **Loon Nesting** (Randy Hansen)
  - Of the 6 platforms put out this spring, we believe only 2 were used for nesting. The good news is there were at least 8 natural nests on the lake, and many hatchings can be seen this summer.
  - => **Janet G** to update the website with this information and “Own your Chicks” information about the importance of protecting the natural shoreline areas and respecting the loon’s territory needed for nesting and nurturing their young chicks.
- **Dittberner Creek Project Update** (Gene)
  - Final design and cost expected to be known by July 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - LMA is on record on the grant application as being responsible for the 10% match of the project costs. Given this, Gene Rose made a motion to authorize the LMA executive board to decide if/when to release up to \$25,000 from the general fund into the Dittberner project account, with funds to be released only after all other funding sources have been exhausted. Jon Fair seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
  - Other possible sources of funding and possible donations mentioned included:
    - Revisiting the Leaf Valley Township board to emphasize their responsibility in maintaining roads and culverts in the township, including Dittberner road.  
=> **Steve D** and **Gary F** to have informal discussions with Dale Diedrich
    - Making an appeal to the Douglas County Legacy fund for help with match commitment.  
=> **Janet Z** to work with Jerry Haggenmiller, who can help us apply for Legacy fund help.
- **Nelson Lake Update**
  - Jay S provided a copy of a letter sent by LMA in conjunction with DCLA to Ottertail County in opposition to the Nelson Lake drainage plan. The letter, which was sent during the timeline open for public comments, strongly disagrees with the plan to construct a drainage outlet that would route Nelson Lake overflow into Fish Lake, which would eventually find its way into Lake Miltona.
  - John Fay suggested the letter also be sent to the Parkers Prairie township board, who will ultimately be voting on the project; and to the county commissioner involved.
  - Jay S agreed to continue monitoring the project and recommend further actions we may need to take.



- **Potential High-level Donors**

Schultz Family

- No further updates at this time

Minnesouri Club

- Jeff A. mentioned Clark Ritzen is the name of the Minnesouri Club president and leads their foundation. He also noted the foundation has recently donated to the Legacy of the Lakes Museum. Next step is to get their foundation contact information and then ask for a meeting.

**New Business:**

- **Annual Fundraiser Banquet**

- DATE/TIME: The annual meeting will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at Leaf Valley Townhall, 5 pm – 10 pm
- SETUP / CLEANUP: Be there at 4 pm to help setup, and stay afterwards to take town tables and put away chairs. As done every year, we will arrange for Kathy Hanson to do the mopping and other deep cleaning needed at the end of the evening.
- EVENT DUTIES: Need for Bartenders, Raffle Sales, Kitchen Crew helpers, Front ticket takers, Booze Raffle sellers, to be assigned adhoc. Steve and Donny will run the raffle drawings/announcements.
- RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS: Tom and Cheryl Brauer will be collating all the donations. Directors, please deliver the prizes you collect to Tom & Cheryl's house as soon as possible, targeting August 1<sup>st</sup> as the deadline. Please call or text them to arrange a drop-off time. If you expect late donations, please email or text Tom or Cheryl with what's still coming and when you expect it.
  - Address: 1580 Hidden Valley Lane
  - Tom's Contact info: 507-828-6037, [tombrauer@ymail.com](mailto:tombrauer@ymail.com)
  - Cheryl's Cell: 507-828-5300, [cherylbrauer@ymail.com](mailto:cherylbrauer@ymail.com)
- TICKET SALES: Directors, turn in your ticket pre-sales to Chad. Please call or text for drop off time.
  - Address: 376 E Sandy Beach Dr NE
  - Chad's Contact info: 612-270-5674, [ckoebnick366@gmail.com](mailto:ckoebnick366@gmail.com)
- CATERING: Validated with Clarissa Ballroom and ready to go. (Chicken and meatball menu.).  
=> **Tom B** to contact Jon at LVM to confirm date & time, bartenders, and beer/bar pricing and policies
- DIRECTOR SHIRTS: We'd like to continue having matching shirts for all directors at the fundraiser. As has happened in past years, the profit made from the on-line store should be enough to cover the cost. Jon Fair make a motion to proceed, John Fay seconded, all in favor, motion approved.  
=> **Steve D and Shannon B** to get shirts ordered. **Janet G** to send them shirt sizes collected thus far.
- SIGNS: Directors should put the yard signs out on Sunday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Mike Wrobel if you need a new sign.



- **Lake Stewardship initiatives (Jay)**

**Wake Boat Maps:**

- Jay S encouraged us to purchase the map of Lake Miltona from the DNR, which shows the area where it's safe to wake boat on our lake. Once we have it, we can use it as we see fit, starting with posting it on our website. Gene R made a motion to purchase the map pdf for \$150. 1 opposed, everyone else in favor, motion passed.
- Once we receive the pdf, we will post it on the website, make it downloadable, and add it to the next newsletter. We can consider making signs for the boat landing in the future.

**Website updates:**

- Take away from the MN Lakes and & Rivers' presentation we had at the annual meeting is there are new laws and stewardship initiatives we should be promoting and making our LMA members aware of. We agreed to add links and additional information on our website for: (=> **Janet G** to work with Jeff Meland on website addition and changes)
  - Own your Wake
  - New boating laws
  - PWC operating hours
  - MNL&R Lake Steward Program
  - Annual meeting presentations (MN Lakes & Rivers & Dittbner Creek project)

**Next Quarterly Board Meeting:**

Saturday, October 11, 2025. 9:00 am, LJ's Restaurant in Miltona, MN

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by made by Tom S, seconded by Randy H, all in favor.

Adjourned 10:35 am