

**Minutes of the  
Mallard Lake Association Annual Meeting**

**Jackson Township Fire Hall**

**June 15, 2013**

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Webster, Wisconsin

Location: Jackson Town Hall

Presiding: Mark Hunter, President

Speaker: Paul Cook, Conservationist

Date: June 15, 2013; 10:00 AM

President Mark Hunter opened the annual meeting by introducing Paul Cook who has been working with our Fish Sticks program. Paul had an informative presentation documenting through photography the creation of our Fish Sticks from winter through spring. We have five sites, two on county land and three on private property. It was asked how many sites are desirable and Paul responded, "As many as we can have." We are the first lake to participate in this State-subsidized program in Burnett County. The installment of these Fish Sticks will help habitat and the lake.

After a refreshment break, the meeting resumed at 11:30 AM. Mark discussed how the board had prioritized initiatives for 2012-2013. The number one priority was the Fish Sticks program and working with Paul Cook towards Phase II. At least ten sites are the goal.

The second priority is bait fish. After creating structure and having food source or bait fish, we can achieve the green light for stocking. Wendell Jamison, DNR Fishery Spooner suggested 5-15 fish per acre at \$2-\$5 per fish. A stocking program would cost \$2,400-\$7,200. We may be getting a Fish Survey to establish a base line on our fish population.

Gordy Hesselroth addressed the boat landing concerns. The county has no money for improvements. Gordy was told that it would not be a good idea to pull out the concrete slab at the landing due to erosion.

Our treasurer, Tim Heuer, gave the association's financial report. In 2012, we had 31 members generating \$ 845 in dues. To date, 2013 has 32 members from 42 properties with \$790 received thus far for dues. A \$100 Fish Stick donation was also received. The current association balance is \$ 2,649.24. The balance for the Fish Sticks program is \$3,864. Copies of the treasurer's report were made available. A \$1,148 re-reimbursement was received from the State for the Fish Sticks grant.

**New Business:** No new business was entertained from the floor.

The results of this year's elections were:

Secretary—Mindy Hoey (volunteer);

Treasurer—Tim Heuer

Directors:

Bruce Marx

Kelly Ries,

Valli Sauer,

Dan Hoey.

All terms will end June, 2015.

Jim Dahl reported on the water quality results and on-going water testing. The lake measured 18' visibility, which is good for this time of year. Dan Hoey will take over Jim's testing of the lake. We wish to thank Jim for his fifteen years of dedication in monitoring the health of Mallard Lake. Property values equate to water quality. Our readings of 17'-21' are fabulous. Property values decrease \$50-70 per foot for every 3' loss of lake clarity.

**FYI--Fish Sticks--What Happens:**

Red Pines or Norway's are used as they are denser and will last longer. The trees are taken from the county forest. Branches are left on and the whole tree is dragged onto the lake and anchored to trees on shore by steel cables. Several trees are needed to build "structure" or a "condo" for the fish. This allows different species to inhabit different areas within the structure. These structures provide habitat for everything—all organisms for the entire food chain of the lake—while fish cribs only serve large game fish and attract fisherman.

Burnett County is cost sharing 70% of the project. On a second phase, they will cost share again and we will obtain a grant for another two to three years. We can start phase two, locating sites and getting approvals. Ideally, we should have ten to fifteen sites to create the fish structure desired.

The fish sticks will not decrease our water quality and will help to keep the lake in balance. It will provide habitat to help our fish population.

Informative Reminder: Oak Wilt is now present in Burnett County. Do not cut oak until August or September.

The annual lake picnic will be held on August 10th at Tim & Kelly Heuer and Mike & Barb Brunner's cabin

The 2013 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:00, Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Valli Sauer

Secretary