

**Lake Manuka Association, Inc.**  
Board Meeting  
July 14, 2006  
Sugar Bowl Restaurant

**In Attendance:** Chuck Winger, Bob Gurchiek, Marv Priami, Russ Leser, Larry Patritto, Jeff Drukker, Ernie Bourdage, & Jack Crusoe

**Unable to Attend:** Wayne Jaycox

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Association President Chuck Winger at 8:00 a.m.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jack indicated that the only changes to the Treasurer's Report presented at the recent Annual Membership Meeting was a small expense associated with the mailings, a room reservation deposit for the upcoming Open Forum at Michaywe, attendance at the Michigan Lakes and Streams Meeting, and other small expenses. Monthly payments from the Lake Study account continue to be made to Progressive, AE.

**Selection of Officers for 2006-2007:** The Board unanimously selected Chuck Winger, President; Bob Gurchiek, Vice President; Jack Crusoe, Secretary/Treasurer; and Kay Winger, Exec. Treasurer.

**President's Remarks:** Chuck Winger announced that Jeff Drukker had agreed to Chair the Communications Committee.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

Government: Bob Gurchiek reported that he had spoken with Dennis McDermott who stated that a contract had been made by the County to expend State funds to rebuild the Manuka Lake public access boat ramp. Construction should begin in July 2006. The sophisticated plans call for 4 feet of water at the end of the ramp. Al and Jay Hanje and Bob Deising pushed for the project by petition. Larry recommended that the BOD inform the membership that we have supported the boat ramp project

Bob will ask Dennis McDermott to put up "one-way" signs around the launch site to help traffic flow and to help minimize traffic congestion that often occurs next to adjacent property lines. It was suggested that Dennis be asked to consider setting out a parking area for users and putting up a "no bathing" sign.

Bob Deising asked Bob Gurchiek for a list of Lake Manuka property owners to be contacted to seek their support for a ballot proposal to expand the county jail. The BOD agreed that the Association should not be involved with this issue.

Communication: Craig Baetz has agreed to continue as webmaster of the Association website and Jeff Drukker agreed to coordinate with him. A copy of the Application for the Boat Launch will be put on the site. Additionally, Jeff plans to add to the website a summary of what we are doing including: Justification of a Lake Association by Bob and Larry; the two riparian articles by Tony Groves, Progressive, AE; the Ramp Improvement; Lake Rules; and a Summary of Board Meetings.

**It was moved, seconded, and approved that a Safe Boating pamphlet will be sent out to all members and possible members with a notation, “Compliments of the Lake Manuka Association, Inc.”.** Bob Gurchiek will procure about 200 copies for the Secretary to mail.

A board member expressed concern over a City of Gaylord order to remove a temporary boat cover that they deem to be a permanent structure. Bob offered to quietly look into this matter. A letter will be sent to the Lakes & Streams Assoc. to get their opinion and a check will be made with the township.

It was noted that announcements, association actions, and other information will go through Jeff for possible inclusion in the website. He will put together a list of member email addresses for sending out communication and will look at setting up an Association Bulletin Board for posting letters to the association and replies (two colors).

Lake Preservation: Larry Patritto distributed a Manuka Lake map put together by his committee, showing areas that should be reviewed and prioritized for muck/sand removal to improve water flow and/or navigation. Tony Groves will conduct a final field evaluation, using the map, in early August 2006. He will look at it with an eye for property value, lake access, and fishing. Larry was asked to discuss with Tony the issue of the natural flow of the lake. It seems that the natural flow of the lake has been managed for many years by the building of a previous and the current roads. The current road may dam the south end of the lake and possibly other areas. We should take note of how things got changed and their affect on the lake.

“Clean Air – Clean Water” – Marv Priami gathered information on invasive species of fish, mussels, and weeds. He plans to distribute the information at meetings and board members will wear the Clean Air t-shirts.

The Merit Energy “Kolke Creek” planned discharge has been appealed by parties who are against the water discharge. The appeal will be heard by the Circuit Court in August 2006 and BOD members plan to attend.

Sagasser, Inc. sends the Association (Larry) much information on gas well twinning and possible environmental impacts.

**New Business:**

A postcard mailing to the membership and potential members announcing the Labor Day Weekend Open Forum will be made by the Secretary at the end of the first week of August 2006. It will be at the Michewye Conference Center. The final report from progressive will be the topic and refreshments will be provided.

A meeting of the Board with Tony Groves will be set up before the Open Forum. The Board will consider the original concerns of riparian owners as it discusses the report.

Additional directors should be considered to replace the two who have previously resigned.

**Next Meeting:** The date and time will be determined later but will occur before the Open Forum.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Jack Crusoe  
Secretary