



Matthews Lake Association
Member and Neighbors Meeting Minutes
10:00 am August 27, 2022
John and Kathe Nickleby's Home - [N10720 Byrkit Road](#)

Executive Board

- John Nickleby, President
- Dick Howard, Vice President
- Mark Henneman, Treasurer
- Kathe Nickleby, Secretary

Board Members

- Steve Cotton, Past Treasurer
- Jim Wiltzius, Member at Large

Members

- Eric Lindberg, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Coordinator

Members Present:

Aaron Grosser, Lori and Jim Perry, Judy Hodell, Mark and Terri Henneman, Aurora Chapman, Eric Lindberg, Mike Leis, James Wiltzius, Elena Wiltzius, Del and Charla Kusilek, Steve Cotton, Dave and Kolleen Sogard, Sue and Russ Golobich, John and Kathe Nickleby, Dick Howard, Tom and Maureen Kruse, Tom German, Mary Diezel, Lydia and Semyon Axelrod, Andrea Flodin, Brad and Becky Haines, John McDonald, Clayton Truhler, Lewis Wiechmann, Theresa Grosser, Victor Husneks, John Olsen, Jim Davidson, Chris and Julie Marquardt, Sam and Brenda Anderson

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members - John Nickleby
2. Approval of [Minutes of the May 2022 meeting](#) - Kathe Nickleby*
 - a. [Matthews Lake Association Website](#)
 - b. [Matthews Lake Facebook Page](#)

Motion by Dick Howard Seconded by John Nickleby Passed

3. [Treasurer's Report](#) - Mark Henneman*

Motion by Kathe Seconded by Mike L Passed

Balance has increased since May to \$7,500. 31 household average donation \$115/home. Additional dues paid today. Local bank is not able to support electronic payments at this time.

a. Form to submit [Annual Dues](#)

b. Sources of Revenue

i. Dues

ii. MLA Apparel (5) M/L hats (\$27/hat) available and (1 S, 1 M, 2 XXL) T-shirts (\$20/shirt)

iii. Donations of auction items and cash

4. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee - Eric Lindberg

Eric shared the story of another lake with Eurasion Milfoil and that he is grateful to be on Matthews Lake where we are concerned about the quality of the lake water.

MLA's plan for the DNR Plan for Healthy Lakes was approved for a \$10,000 grant if Matthews Lake has invasive species. We have no invasive species, algae blooms, etc which increases the value of our lake property. Phosphorus levels are lowering. Sara Hatli coordinated the DNR grant process and plan. The plan has aspects of formal and informal monitoring. Next year, we will have educational sessions for Milfoil so members can watch for the invasive species. The impact is -\$60,000 for lake property on contaminated lakes.

I Lids: Recorded message is working again at the decontamination station. It is required to decontaminate the boat and trailer prior to launching the boat into Matthews Lake.

Check Septics as a source of pollution into the lake. If you have a metal system, Dick encourages people to have their septic tanks looked at to make sure they are working properly.

Steve Austin is buying old resorts and properties to add campgrounds and RV with multiple docks on local lakes. Fuller Oak Properties is one company that is buying land.

5. Water Quality - Dick Howard

- a. Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grants for Shoreland Restoration and Enhancement
- b. [How Water Friendly is Your Shoreline survey](#)
- c. [Matthews Lake Stewards Recognition](#)

Dick presented that lakes are classified Eutrophic (well fed) to Oligotrophic (barely fed). We are Mesotrophic seepage lake and additional phosphorus, the lake will have an acceleration to Eutrophic. Dick and Eric have been monitoring the lake since 2000. Since 2018, the phosphorus level is decreasing = good news.

Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant. Lake owners can receive up to \$1,000 per landowner per practice (350 sq feet, run off, etc) We have \$15,000 available for the remainder of the year. Dick has information and can answer any questions for plantings this fall. Healthy Lakes, pollinators, etc.

John N and Dick H hosted 12 DNR reps from the state of WI. They were very impressed with the topography of the lake and property owners care of the lake.

How Friendly is your shoreline survey from the DNR is a good tool property owners can use to identify things that will help the lake.

Stewardship Awards. The MLA Board has created the Matthews Lake Stewardship Award. We will recognize nominees at today's meeting for next year's award. Criteria for people that have done things.

- Jim Anderson cleaned up his shoreline.
- Fred and Karen Atkinson did a large planting
- Dennis Allaman has planted native plants
- Don Turley and family have planted native plants
- John and Kathe Nickleby have planted native plants
- Mike and Kim Leis have planted native plants
- Russ and Sue Golobich have planted native plants
- Dick, Chris and his sister-in-law have planted native plants.

- Del and Charla have planted native plants
- Eric and Andrea have maintained and planted native plants
- Peter Malek has planted native plants and an excellent shoreland buffer zone
- Brad Haines has completed 3 projects.

6. Fundraising Ideas - Jim Wiltzius

a. Labor Day Weekend at Heartwood Resort

Many activities. Trying to get a World record for the most UTV/ATV's at 3:00 pm today. They have food trucks, campers, and a really great place to visit. John to talk to and partner with Heartwood to have their guests clean their boats prior to launching.

Eric will add the wake recommendations (not wake before 10 am and after 5pm) to the audio at the landing.

7. Social Events - John Nickleby

Feb 18, 2023 is the date for our Winter Festival (Weather delay scheduled for March 4, 2023). Anyone that wants to help is welcome to join us and organize it.

Nominations and Election of Vice President*

Eric Lindberg was nominated by Dick Howard as Vice President.

Motion by Dick Howard Seconded by Mike Leis Passed

Tom Kruse is wondering if there is a conflict with Eric's nomination because of his business partnership. Dick stated that decisions that might be a conflict of interest need to be acknowledged to the entire board and that we need to be aware of his business. If any conflict arises that board member needs to declare it and recuse him/herself from any related decisions. Jim W said to keep things status quo and that Eric would need to recuse himself from any profit to his business. Eric agreed and noted that MLA gets an 80% discount for his work with MLA.

Other Items:

Tom K discussed the fire number signs should be mounted on property owners shorelines to help emergency crews if they needed to access property from the lake.

Anyone with property on Lodge Road is asked to stay after the meeting. There is a liability issue for Lodge Road residents with the ability for emergency personnel to access property.

Jim P. brought up the Chicog Meetings and he was wondering if there are any updates for high speed internet. It was reported that Washburn County is widening their band width but the northern area of Washburn County will be about 5 years. More use on the bandwidth causes slow down of the internet. Sue Kowasch will be invited to our next meeting.

8. Adjournment At 11:15 am - John Nickleby*

Motion by Dick H Seconded by Mike Leis Passed

* Items needing a motion