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## Minutes from MLA September Meeting—September 5, 2009

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Lisa Kiener-Barnett. Lisa welcomed new members and previous members who were new to the meeting.

#### Minutes from previous meeting:

The minutes were shared from the August meeting. It was decided to combine the August and September newsletters and send them with the handbook updates that need to be mailed. The people who already received the updates will have the newsletters mailed to them.

#### Treasure's Report:

Mark Hoffman stated that a new budget year began in July. He also shared that the total current assets are \$23,171.11.

- It was questioned and stated that the reason we have not converted some of the money into a different account is because in the spring we will be spending a huge amount (\$10,000) on the Aquatic Plant Survey.

#### **Old Business:**

#### BOOYA REPORT:

- THANK YOU to everyone who contributed with your time and or donations to make the BOOYA a success.

- It was stated that the BOOYA income and attendance was down this year, however it was still successful. The net income for the BOOYA, after expenses, was \$2,592.18 which was down from \$5,121.00 in 2008.

- A special thank you to Rich and LeAnn Borseth for their continued involvement with the ordering and sales of McKenzie Lakes shirts. There are still some available for purchase.

#### July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 boat parades winners for Middle McKenzie:

- Middle McKenzie had a great turn-out for the 2009 4th of July Boat Parade! Thanks to all who participated! The trophies were awarded to the stand-out boats, however we do not have the winners names! If you were one of the trophy recipients, please send an email to Missy Isabella or Mark Hoffman with your family's name. (email addresses on previous page) Thanks They will be posted on the website.

#### Membership:

- We have a lot of new members this year—

welcome! We also have many renewals. Just a reminder that your membership expiration date is listed on your name label.

- Thanks to Sandy Swanson for being diligent and on top of things with memberships.

#### MLA Website:

The MLA website, www.mckenzielakes.com is up and running and looks great! The website has many options on it. You can create a forum, read the newsletters, buy, sell, and give away items. Plus many more options—check it out! Thanks Mark Hoffman.

#### Aquatic Plant Survey:

- Nothing new to report regarding the plant survey. Just a reminder that in the spring the plant survey will begin as soon as the ice goes out. The survey will count and document **every kind of plant** on Big and Middle McKenzie. This plant survey will be critical when we do get more invasive species in the lakes. The information will help us develop a plan of action when the time is needed.
- The plant survey is expensive, but well worth

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### 2009—2010 Calendar

9/5/2009	September Meeting	7/4/2010	Boat Parade
4/17/2010	Roadside Clean-up	7/31/2010	August Meeting
5/29/2010	May Meeting	8/14/2010	Booya
6/26/2010	Annual Meeting	9/4/2010	September Meeting

### Membership Form (Please check your membership status on your mailing label)

Please complete the form and return it with a check of \$20.00 payable to "McKenzie Lakes Association". Send form and dues to: Mark Hoffman, 525 Jonquil Lane, Plymouth, MN 55441

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lake Address:

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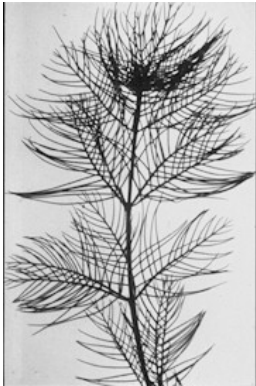
\*\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*  YES, I would like to receive the newsletters by email only.

\*\*  NO, please mail my newsletters to me.

# Eurasian Milfoil

Eurasian water milfoil is an attractive plant with feathery underwater foliage. It was once commonly sold as an aquarium plant. This plant was introduced to the eastern



United States at least as

long ago as the 1940s, but it may have arrived as early as the late 1800s. Because it is widely distributed and difficult to control, milfoil is considered to be the most problematic plant.

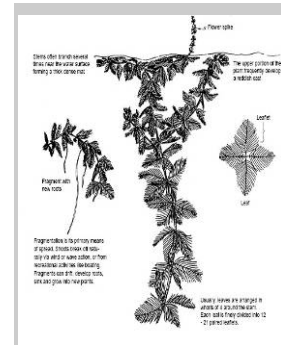
The introduction of milfoil can drastically alter a water body's ecology. Milfoil forms very dense mats of vegetation on the surface of the water. These mats interfere with recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, water skiing, and boating. In some places milfoil interferes with power

generation and irrigation by clogging water intakes. The sheer mass of plants can cause flooding and the stagnant mats can create good habitat for mosquitoes. Milfoil mats can rob oxygen from the water by preventing the wind from mixing the oxygenated surface waters to deeper water. The dense mats of vegetation can also increase the sedimentation rate by trapping sediments.

Milfoil also starts spring growth sooner than native aquatic

Plants and can shade out these beneficial plants.

When milfoil invades new territory, typically the species diversity of aquatic plants declines.



the amount. MLA will be spending \$10,000 of its money and it will be matched with \$10,000 from a grant.

- Sandy stated that unfortunately Milfoil is all around us. It was just identified on Gilmore Lake. It is also on Nancy Lake, Ham Lake (west of Webb Lake), and on the Minong Flowage.

### New Business:

No new business at this time. We are making progress and moving forward!

### Other Business:

- Swany Swanson reported that the signs are up for the Adopt-A-Highway program. One sign is by Little Bass Lake Road and the other is by the public landing on County Road E. We will need to clean up the highway once this fall.



Swany will be receiving the materials for this shortly. If you are able to help, please contact Swany at the number listed or by email: swany-

- ruth@hotmail.com
- REMINDER: Spring Road Side Clean up will be April 17, 2010.
- Next meeting is May 29, • Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

2010. Please plan on attending, even if you have never been at a meeting before. The meetings are a great opportunity to meet new people, become more informed about the lakes, and share your thoughts and expertise.

## BOOYA



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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Middle McKenzie also**  
**has a baby—a baby**  
**loon.**



**MCKENZIE LAKES  
ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER**

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*DID YOU KNOW?*

- Wisconsin has 7,446 streams and rivers. End-to-end they'd stretch 26,767 miles. That is more than enough to circle the globe at the equator.
- Walleyes get their name from their huge marble like eyes, which feature a layer of reflective pigment. This gives the fish a distinctively walleyed look, but it also means that the walleye can see quite well in dim light.
- Walleye have their 'taste buds' in their lips - thousands of them!



**The Cook's Corner**

**Bass Hash**

- 2 lbs. bass (cooked)
- 1 lb. hash browns (thawed)
- 1/2 cup green pepper (chopped)
- 1/2 onion (chopped)
- 1/2 lb. bacon (cooked, crumbled) saving grease
- Lemon pepper
- Chili powder
- Garlic powder
- Salt and pepper to taste

• Take oil from bacon, put into sauce pan. Sautee onion and green pepper. Set aside.

• Add hash browns, fry till slightly browned. Add lemon pepper, chili powder, garlic powder, salt and pepper, and fish.