

MCA Annual Meeting
Friday, July 11, 2025
6:30pm
577 Levey Rd.
Eric Unser, President

Dottie Tambasco, Secretary

All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance

Board members in attendance: Eric Unser, Pete Pelkey, Pete Skelley, Linda Hayen, Dottie Tambasco, Sue Weakley, Tom Collins, Lewis Needham, Vivian Ferraro

Eric introduced each board member present.

Call for the approval of the July 12, 2024 General Meeting Minutes.

MSC: Sue Weakley/Linda Hayen

Treasurers Report- Eric Unser

Savings- \$11,958.18 Checking- \$9,055.69 Fam Fund- \$35,373.86

Eric thanked Paul Goska for his help getting the MCA a tax-exempt certificate.

MSC: Dave Abelman/Chris Unser

Chairperson's Reports

Social Committee Report - Peter Pelkey

The Social Committee participated in the kid's ice fishing contest February 16th serving hot chocolate, coffee and baked goods. Our annual community walk around the Lake was April 26th. We had about 25 people participate. In May we had our community garage sale, and the annual 4th of July boat parade was July 5th. The following events are scheduled for the remainder of this year. 4th annual Soup stroll October 18th, Holiday house decorating contest December 1st-21st and Christmas tree lighting December 13th.

Thanks

Pete Pelkey Chair

Linda Hayen Co Chair

Peter Pelkey resigned from the MCA as a Board Member and co-chair of the Social Committee due to personal issues with the board.

Newsletter update- Linda Hayen

1st newsletter was out in April at a cost of \$410 for 400 copies and included 16 pages. This was distributed around the community. 2nd newsletter cost \$146.33 for 100 and an additional amount of 60 for \$123.65. Currently looking into other printers to try and lower our printing cost. This issue was also distributed around the community as well as the community store and both are on the website.

The website includes the community calendar, calendar of events as well as updates on the dam.

We have added some local news and recipes.

Lake Management – Lewis Needham

CSLAP testing – 1 test completed, there will be 3 more before the end of September. For info on

past test see attached report

Dam Report – Chris Hayen

Working with KB engineering to setup a meeting between the MCA and Schenectady City engineer regarding the sink hole by the dam.

H&H study on hold due to cost and looking at the water leakage around the board at the dam.

Boat Launch – Larry Jasenski who is not currently in town.

Old Business

Weed treatment updates. Eric Unser

Weed Treatment summary

1. The MCA board perform due diligence on several weed management companies. A motion was made to hire Water and Wetlands VIA email on March 28, 2025, and the vote was 14 in favor, 1 vote no. The motion was approved,
2. Nicole White the owner of Little Bear Environmental accomplished the following:
 - a. Process the DEC applications for:
 - i. ProcellaCOR for treatment of the Milfoil on the west basin.
 - ii. Nautique for treatment for Curly Pond Weed and coontail.
 - iii. Water and Wetlands
 - iv. All approvals were received on May 16, 2025
 - b. A permit for treatment of the lily pads on the East basin was not requested, the reason the is a specific process whereby a path can made from the shore to navigable waters only.
3. A letter of notification was mailed on February 24, 2025 sent out to residents who have Riparian rights. Riparian rights are the rights of landowners whose property borders a body of water, like a river or lake, to use that water. These rights are tied to land ownership and allow for reasonable use of the water, such as for domestic purposes, recreation, and sometimes even for commercial activities. Riparian rights are primarily associated with states in the eastern United States where water is typically plentiful. This letter was required as part of the permit process.
4. The map identifying the weed beds in the west basin was documented by the Adirondack Lake Preservation group from Saranac Lake, at no cost to the MCA. This testing was conducted in early June 2023. At that time the Curly Pondweed had not yet grown. Curly pondweed ([Potamogeton crispus](#)) has a

unique three-stage life cycle adapted to cool conditions. It begins growing in the fall, reaches maturity in late spring, and then dies back in the summer, leaving behind dormant turions (asexual buds). These turions sprout in the fall, restarting the cycle. Curly pondweed also reproduces through seeds and rhizomes. If you live or have taken your boat into the cove and going east up the shore line you have seen these weeds. The MCA Board will have to decided further treatment.

There was no testing in the east basin as it does not have a boat launch available when they were on site.

5. On May 15, 2025, a community meeting was held, facilitated by Nicole White. Attendance was in person as well as virtual. Nicole discussed the process that was going to be used in treating both sides of the lake and furnished education information to all questions. This meeting was on the MCA Website and all was sent to all members VIA email.
6. Treatment commenced on May 19, 2025 beginning with the west basin. DEC was on site the entire day while treatment was occurring, and continued onto the east basin. Due the high winds and waves, the treatment, after a couple of trips around the lake, was suspended. Treatment was completed on June 19, 2025.
7. You may have seen a green alga along the shore line adhering to rocks, floating around which not common. Questions have been asked if this algae is because the lake was treated with ProcellaCOR. No, ProcellaCOR does not cause Spirogyra. ProcellaCOR is an aquatic herbicide used to control invasive aquatic plants like Eurasian watermilfoil. While it can affect various types of aquatic vegetation, including some types of pondweed, there is no evidence or indication that it directly causes or promotes the growth of Spirogyra, which is a type of filamentous green algae.
8. How long will this treatment work: 3 to 5 years.
9. Nicole White, as a requirement, will be here during the summer to gather water samples that will be sent to DEC for testing. I do not know the exact date currently.
10. In closing, the MCA expended over \$25K for this project. Without treating the invasive weeds, over time, the lake would be unusable and would have a negative impact on the value of our homes.
11. Questions:

New Business

Coopers Award - Sue Weakley

The Coopers Award established in 1996 to honor exceptional contributions to the Mariaville Community is being awarded this year to Robert (Bob) Cuttita. This prestigious recognition is not given annually; rather, it is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extra ordinary dedication and service to the community. James Cooper the inaugural recipient of this award devoted countless hours to the MCA and offered free legal council during his tenure as he was a long-term resident of Mariaville.

Board Of Directors Elections Sue Weakley/Dottie Tambasco

The Board has 8 open seats - 5- 3-year terms, 1 – 2-year term and 2 – 1-year terms
1 nomination was made from the floor. Only current members of the MCA are eligible to vote. Everyone who attended the meeting was handed a ballot with names of everyone who was applying for the open seats. The memberships of all voters were checked against the current list of members which was supplied by Linda Hayen, Membership Committee.

The vote was counted by Sue Weakley and Chris Unser with Dottie Tambasco, Secretary, overseeing the count. The 5 most votes will fill the 3-year seats, 2nd most votes will fill one 2-year seat and the 3rd most votes will fill the two 1-year seats.

The following is the final count which was approved by the board.

3-year seats- Vivian Ferraro, Chris Shaver, Terry Weber, Tony Irvin and Lou Ann DiNardi

2-year seat - Bob Hurry

1-year seats – Chris Hayen and Peter Skelly

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm

Organizational Meeting to follow