

Member Update
March 2021

Your executive has been active over the winter and we just want to bring you up to date on some of the things that have happened, and some of the things we hope to have happen in the coming months.

Our membership numbers are good! At this point we have 41 family memberships, 6 single memberships, 1 associate membership and 1 lifetime membership! If you would like to join, or know someone who would, reach out to an executive member for easy e-transfer information.

Our first ever "virtual ice fishing derby" was held in Feb/March and we are pleased with how things turned out. We had a total of 19 registrations and 58 fish caught and ended up with a net loss of \$300.00. Ideally our registration would have been a bit higher but we consider it a success and it sounds like those who participated enjoyed the competition.

Going forward, we are unable to make any firm plans as we have no idea what kind of restrictions will be in place for gatherings, but we are hopeful that things will open up enough for us to be able to host many of our usual derbies, in one way or another. We will also target holding our Annual General Meeting sometime in June, rather than early May as it has traditionally been. And of course, if all goes well, we will be able to host some skeet shooting, as well as a hunter safety course. Fingers crossed!

In keeping with our mandate of preserving the lake for future generations, we have applied to be part of a Fisheries Enhancement Project, which would see us working on assisting with hatching walleye fry and eventually returning them to the lake. Our grant application has gone in for this project which would run between April-July 2022 and would be in partnership with West Interlake Watershed District and AAA Tech Services Inc. We likely won't hear about this for several months, but it's pretty exciting!

As with all organizations, our members are our lifeblood, and we will be reaching out for volunteers for any and all of these projects as soon as we are able to make definitive plans. Of course, your suggestions/thoughts/ideas are always welcome so please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the executive at any time.

Stay well. Stay safe.