



## Morse Waterways Association Newsletter December 2020

### **Renewal of Terms for Board Members**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the MWA was unable to have the Fall General Meeting in September. At that meeting, according to the bylaws, a vote was to be taken on the renewal of the terms for members whose terms expire in 2020, if they chose to continue serving on the board. For 2020, those members are Dean Denhart, Art Hall, John Weis, and Jerry Schwier. Each of these individuals have expressed an interest in continuing his service. Under the circumstances, due to the cancellation of the general meeting, the board made the decision to approve the renewal of the terms for these members.

As part of that vote, it was decided to notify to everyone in the Morse Waterways Association of the decision via a Newsletter. We appreciate that Art, Dean, Jerry, and John are willing to continue their service. Hopefully, we will be able to continue our normal operation as the conditions caused by the virus are rectified.

### **Election of Officers for 2021**

The election of MWA Board Officers for 2021 was held at the November board meeting. The officers are as follows:

Jeff Derda	-	President
Dave Vanette	-	Vice President
Jerry Schwier	-	Treasurer
Chuck Watkins	-	Secretary

### **Dredging Update**

Work has begun on the access for dredging of Big Cicero Creek. The access is located on the north end of the State Road 19 bridge. Property is also being prepared for a dump site on 236<sup>th</sup> Street approximately 2 miles west of Cicero. The dredging is expected to begin in the spring of 2021.

The MWA Board will be preparing another L.A.R.E. (Lake and River Enhancement) Grant for funding the dredging of Big Cicero as was done for Hinkle Creek. This process will begin in 2021 for submission in 2022.

### **Safety Awareness**

Everyone is aware of the increase in activity that occurred on the reservoir this past boating season. With the increase in the number of boats and jet skis comes a growing concern for safety.

In previous years, the MWA has dedicated a weekend to distributing state boating regulations and safety information along with information specific to the Morse Reservoir to those using the ramp to launch their boats. At the November board meeting a discussion was initiated relative to improving and expanding the efforts that can be taken to alert boaters to safety issues and to provide information such as explaining the purpose of the "200 Feet" buoys, identifying shallow areas on the lake, and identifying the locations and rules for "no wake" zones. The intent is to provide more information and resources to promoting boating safety.

While this is still in the discussion stage, the MWA would be interested in any suggestions or input that members of the Morse Waterways Association may have. If anyone would like to submit any comments, please email them to the MWA Board at [mwa@morseh20.org](mailto:mwa@morseh20.org) or contact us through the website at [morseh20.org](http://morseh20.org).

### **Donate to the Morse Waterways Association**

The MWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving the Morse Reservoir so that it can be a source of enjoyment for many years to come. Please consider supporting this mission.

Donations can be made to Morse Waterways Assoc., P.O Box 422, Cicero, IN 46034 or by using PayPal as found on the website ([morseh20.org](http://morseh20.org)).

Thank you to those who have supported the MWA with their donations in 2020.

### **Current MWA Board Members:**

Mat Clarke	Martyn Furnish	Roger Goings
Andy Sheets	Dean Denhart	Art Hall
John Weis	Eric Harley	John Myer
Pat Kelleher	Jeff Derda – President	Dave Vanette – Vice President
Chuck Watkins – Secretary	Jerry Schwier – Treasurer	

**THE MWA EXTENDS WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR. PLEASE BE SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY.**

Jeff Derda, President – Morse Waterways Association