

**Mordecai Land Trust
Annual Meeting
July 28, 2024
LEHYC Meeting Room**

Call to Order:

President Linda Colgan called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was present. Attendance is available on request.

Approval of the Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting:

Rich Oelkers **made a motion** to approve the minutes as presented which was **seconded** by Shelly Spicer. As there were no corrections or objections, the minutes were **approved**.

Welcome and President's Report:

President Linda Colgan thanked the membership and reminded all that they are the owners of Mordecai Island. It has taken twenty years to get this project done. We are now at the point where MLT, the NJDEP, and ACOE are meeting every two weeks to discuss the project. Time constraints are placed on the work by the ACOE around nesting times and winter flounder. A PPA signing is pending - MLT has signed off and the NJDEP and the ACOE are currently marking up the documents.

President Colgan thanked the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club for its ongoing support and use of the club by MLT. She reminded the group that the Boutique on the Bay will be held this week - 7/31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second floor of the LEHYC clubhouse. ‘

She then thanked the group ReClam the Bay for the huge amount of work done on the living shoreline project.

The ACOE has remapped the entirety of Mordecai Island. On 7/23 they spent 12.5 hours and on 7/24 spent another 10 hours. All new data is now available. MLT hopes that this survey will help with the breakwater project design.

Treasurer's Report:

Deb Harkness reviewed the financial status of the trust. The available funds for the project and maintenance going forward are in excess of \$500,000 which should be sufficient.

Nominating Report:

The Nominating Committee (Laura Darling, Bill Pilling, and Jeanne Runne) submitted the following recommendations to be voted on as one slate for terms beginning 10/10/2024:

Nominations for Appointed Trustees:

To serve the remaining portion of a term, commencing 10/1/2024, and expiring 9/30/2025: Michele Budd

To serve the remaining portion of a term, commencing 10/1/2024, and expiring 9/30/2026: Julie Woldin

To serve a 3 year term, commencing 10/1/2024, and expiring 9/30/2027: James Balbo, Pat Miller, Lynne Neff, Bill Pilling, Jeanne Runne, and Dr. John Wnek

Nomination to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees:

To serve the remaining portion of a term, commencing 10/1/2024, and expiring 9/30/2026: Kathleen Birch

Laura Darling **made a motion** to approve the slate, which was **seconded** by Norrie Oelkers. The slate was **approved** unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Miles for Mordecai: Lynne Neff reported that there were three times the amount of families participating. Dr. John Wnek and the MATES students were thanked, along with Rich Neff. Thanks were also extended to Alyce Tatlow and Deb Harkness for their work on permitting and logistics.

Mordecai Love Boat Event: President Linda Colgan read a statement from Julie Woldin, who was unable to attend this meeting. She reported that approximately 260 people attended and that the near-final total raised was ~\$32,000. She thanked her entire team and the volunteers who made the event a success, with specific shout-outs to co-chair Melinda Willems, Alyce Tatlow, Pat Miller, Deb Harkness, Cheryl d'Altrui, Elaine Stevens, Katie Reed, Linda Colgan and to LEHYC and Eileen as well as the stewards for their hard work. 24 local businesses contributed. There was also an increase in social media interactions this year.

Adjournment: Linda Colgan **made a motion** to adjourn which was **seconded** by Norrie Oelkers. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Introduction to Ben Wurst: Linda Colgan then introduced Ben Wurst of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation and the NJ Osprey Project.

Ben Wurst then presented a slideshow that gave a great deal of information about Ospreys. He also introduced the group to the Osprey Watch, which is a center for conservative biology. People are able to contribute observations from their favorite osprey nests and help ospreys all over the world. The presentation was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Birch
MLT Secretary