

MWLA Meeting, June 19, 2017

Meeting called to order 9:30 by President Bob Becker. Attendance: Paul Puccinelli, Karen Dixon, Emily Heald, Jim Reichert, Angela Dombrowicki, Mary Bowlus, Eleanor Butler, Jody Miller, Tom Kramer. Absent board members included Bob Stowers, Delph and Greg Holt.

Visitors included Gale Wolf from Dead Pike Lake and the Discovery Center's new interns.

Motion to approve agenda made by Mary B, with a second from Paul P. Mary approved, Paul second.

May meeting minutes: Correct minutes to read "High and Fish Trap lakes" and spelling of Angie Dombrowicki. Tom K. moved to approve, with a second from Jim Reichert.

Dead Pike Lake: Gale Wolf was asked to provide an update for the Dead Pike Lake Assoc. A \$77,000 DNR grant has allowed the association to engage Applied Ecological Services and recently six scientists spent three days reviewing the Powell Marsh and Dead Pike Lake. Dead Pike Lake Assoc. has been invited to join MWLA as an organization. Gale will review with his association and advise MWLA if a decision is reached.

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS: Emily Heald recapped the meeting with Tom Joseph, Tom Kramer and Karen Dixon to review the healthy lakes plan. For specifics, please refer to Emily's report that was distributed prior to the meeting.

Emily has visited tree drop sites. This year's budget is heavily dependent upon volunteer work from MWLA and Walleyes for Tomorrow. Volunteers are needed for the native planting gardens on Spider Lake and the Discovery Center.

Volunteer are needed for Invasive Species training and Karen was asked to send out a blast to MWLA membership asking for volunteers on June 24, July 17, August 5, August 14.

Onterra will present research gathered on phase IV lakes, Little Star and Manitowish. Question was asked if Onterra monitors the entire chain?

Emily found CLP in Fawn Lake, DC interns plan to pull the weed. Also saw plant fragments floating on the channel, not sure where they originated. They paddled river and lakes below the dam and didn't find any CLP.

Yellow Iris: Saw one plant on private property and one on the channel.

Purple Loose Strife: Beetles were received last week, Brandon is in charge of the beetle program.

The book "Saving our Lakes and Streams" by James Brakken from Cable was suggested as a possible fund raising item. Bulk orders are eligible for substantial discount (33 percent).

Jody M. made a motion to order the books, with a second from Karen, motion approved. Eleanor will order the books.

Finance: Eleanor butler presented two reports, one for the fiscal year ending May 31st and second report for the month of June in the new fiscal year.

Shore land Restoration: Discussion about landowners being expected to contribute \$300 for 5 to 6 foot fencing around native plantings at two locations. MWLA pay \$300 for two properties, one at DC and Spider Lake, the plants are covered by a grant. Program dictates a period of 10 years. Regarding the landowner commitment, there is concern that the program specifics may not have been properly communicated to the landowners (i.e. cost of fencing). Should MWLA consider a larger contribution?

Karen made a motion that the MWLA pay the additional \$300, second from Jody. Motion carried with one opposition vote from Paul P.

Motion to approve fiscal 2016-17 report: Motion made by Paul Puccinelli to approve with a second from Tom Kramer. Approved.

Motion to approve June 2017-2018: Paul moved to approve, second from Jim Reichert. Approved.

Budget for 2017-2018: Officers Bob, Paul, Jody and Eleanor will meet July 12th and to draft a budget, which will be presented at the July meeting.

Walleyes for Tomorrow: \$64,000 raised, expenses approx. \$20,000. 10% stays with local chapter, the rest goes to Fond du Lac.

Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative: More research is needed to determine the legality of a 501c3 (MWLA) donating to a non-501c3. Karen will approach John Richter for an update on their 501c3 status. Eleanor has requested input from a CPA firm familiar with non-profit organizations and offered to contact an attorney in Janesville.

Shore land zoning changes: Jim suggested we should anticipate more zoning changes and that MWLA might need more feedback from our constituents about their expectations of MWLA representation on these issues.

Summer newsletter will be mailed in July, prior to the annual meeting. Articles will be contributed by Dan Cardinal, Emily Heald and Tom Kramer.

July 4th: Karen volunteered to continue to be the ongoing communications person for MWLA, updating the website and sending email blasts. She will send an email requesting volunteers for July 4th.

Trout Pond: Bob Becker

Parade judge for Pete Rasey Award: Jody Miller

Bob will call Bob Skrobot about filling the tack with water. Tom will get bait, ice, coolers.

Annual Meeting: Mary B. and Angie D. reported that several businesses have committed raffle prizes, including a plane ride. Members also asked to donate raffle items and the board has allocated funds to purchase items. Blue Bayou will be the caterer. Bob will contact Trig's about beer, Mary will check with Fred about wine. Need volunteers.

Karen, Emily and the DC interns attended a multi county lakes and rivers annual meeting and encourage all board members to attend future meetings.

Meeting adjourned 11:22 a.m.

