

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 21, 2017  
9:30 a.m. – Discovery Center - Bobcat Cabin

Call to Order 9:27 a.m. Introduced new director Dennis Wilm.

Attendance – verify quorum (6 directors): Bob Becker, Paul Puccinelli., Karen Dixon., Bob Stowers, Dennis Wilm, Angie Dombrowicki, Mary Bowlus, Delp Shafer, and Jody Miller.

Absent: Eleanor Butler, Tom Kramer, and Greg Holt

Guests: Emily Heald and John Hanson

Approve Agenda – Paul made motion; Mary B. second. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes of July 17, 2017:

Approve Financial Report - No report, Eleanor in hospital.

John Hanson provided report on Dead Pike Lake. Photo of lake in front of Gale Wolf's house indicating low water level and iron floc. Update on DNR Grant and proposed restoration plan (in progress). Dead Pike Lake Association looking for support from MWLA. John Hanson and dead DP Lake Assoc. drafting proposal for the MWLA and DPL cooperation. NRB will be at the community center for a local meeting and to tour Dead Pike Lake and Powell Marsh Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Question was asked if our "support" meant monetary support? No.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Administrative**

- New board member – Dennis Wilm

#### **Community Outreach**

- Annual Meeting July 29<sup>th</sup> – review. 119 people meals served. Received \$835.00 - raffle. \$52.00 merchandise. Dues \$300.00, \$20 donations. Needed more help setting up and taking down. People commented on lack of tents at the front. Talked about changing format for next year – morning. Biplane owner donated four seats for next year. D.C. reserved for next year July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Paul made motion for 9 a.m. breakfast meeting, Dennis Wilm second. Motion approved. Delp suggested we spend more time asking for their suggestions or concerns and add to the agenda.

#### **Water Ecology and Safety/AIS – Emily Heald.**

- TAISP - Warning buoy on entrance to Rice Creek - requirements may prevent. Purple Loose strife surveys finished – found on wild rice near the boat landing, Vance, river between Vance and sturgeon. Clipped flower heads to prevent seeds. A lot on Rice Creek. Noted surprise that PLS found on island/spider channel and not reported by any volunteers. Volunteer hours need to be turned in. No grant to cover salaries for Emily and interns. Planning to ask town for donation to cover next year. Money left over from CLP grant, will use for Onterra to do more mapping. The board signed thank you cards for the two interns.

- Fish Habitat Project – Fish Stick Grant (Healthy Lakes Initiative). Awaiting for permits, work done in winter and native plantings in the spring.

#### **Government Relations**

- PC (next meeting Sept 5); TB (next meeting Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.) Report on last town board meeting and discussion about lake patrol warnings vs. tickets issued. Who adjudicates? Eagle River county.

Boulder Junction creating town Lakes committee, asking for a representative from MWLA or Clear or Island Lake. Any volunteers? Bob will forward BJ email about August 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Public Communications**

- Stone Lake buoys - Channel markers and slow no wake buoys ordered. Paul P. make a motion to petition the town board to "No pulling of tubes through slow no wake channels", Bob S. second. Approved. Paul will obtain a copy of Minocqua's ordinance.

- Clear Lake Channel – no update.

### **Old Business**

- Committee Assignments. Bob will send Dennis Wilm copy of the committees.

### **New Business**

- Cranberry fest, Oct 7 – Later date this year so Bob will check when the water levels will start dropping.

- Blue lights on boats, state. What is the rule/law on blue lights? Does it mean "impersonating an officer"? Underwater blue lights vs. above water blue lights.

### **Correspondence**

None

**Items from the floor** - Bob brought up Little Star Lake potential shelter. Bob asked DNR if shelter could be created – yes. Suggested put a bulletin board inside. Tom Kramer will provide numbers. Donation by MWLA.

Next meeting date - Monday, September 18, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by Jody Miller, Secretary