

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, October 1, 2012

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:35 a.m.

Members present: Karen Dixon, Tom Kramer, Bob Stowers, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Eleanor Butler, Tom Joseph, Jim Reichert, Barry Hopkins, Bob Becker, Jim Banovetz, Merry Perkins

Members absent: Fred Theisen

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Greg, second by Bob S. to approve the agenda with the addition of two items. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Merry, second by Greg to accept the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Bob B., second by Merry to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Government

MCDF – Rest Lake Dam –The DNR has released the Environmental Assessment (EA) report with recommended alternatives for the operating order of the dam. The Manitowish Chain Defense Fund (MCDF) met and attorney, Duffy Dillon, drafted an informational letter that was sent to MCDF constituents to summarize the EA and offer a form letter for people to use when writing to legislators, DNR, etc. People were encouraged to contact legislators, etc. to inform them of their concerns about the alternative proposals before the comment period ends on Oct. 31.

The MWLA had much discussion and many concerns about the EA about the four alternatives presented by the DNR for operation of the dam. The MWLA decided to develop a Statement of Principles that we feel need to be upheld in relation to the operation of the dam. A subcommittee of Karen, Jim B and Greg, will work on our Statement of Principles to be shared with board members by email.

Town Board meetings – Karen Jim R. attended the last Town Board meeting. Karen spoke about water safety. There was an anonymous donation to fund the bike trail from Discovery Center to Camp Jorn.

Water Ecology and Safety

TAISP – Anne Kretschmann is working on an article for the fall newsletter. Tom J. and Sarah Johnson will meet this week to work on numbers for next year's AIS proposal. Tom has been trying to contact John Hanson about budget meetings in regard to money for AIS.

Fish Cribs – We received a check for \$550 from the Chamber for the purchase of our extra fish cribs to be used as obstacles in the Annual Northwoods Bad-Dash Race.

Old Business

We had discussed getting notepads made with the MWLA logo, address and webpage printed on them. They would be handed out at our 4th of July and Colorama booth and our Annual Meeting. Karen got prices from Hahn printing and Calm Waters. Eleanor will get prices from White Pine Printing, then we will make a decision.

New Business

A large group from MW attended Destination Vilas Co. held in Eagle River. It was a listening session on tourism. There was some compelling information on what can be done for an area to make it prosperous. It was also an opportunity for people to see the Wild Eagle Lodge that will be converted into a convention center for 600+ people.

Next meeting – Monday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Merry, second by Jim R. to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary