

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, October 15, 2012

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:32 a.m.

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

Members absent: Fred Theisen, Barry Hopkins and Jim Reichert

Guests: Anne Kretschmann, John Hanson

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Jim B, second by Greg to approve the agenda, amended to add John Hanson and Anne Kretschmann. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Merry, second by Bob B. to accept the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Jim B., second by Tom J. to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Water Ecology and Safety

TAISP – Anne Kretschmann requested that everyone turn in their hours for any AIS time. We have unofficially received the latest grant and were awarded 22 points out of a total 24 points for our application.

Onterra has done their shoreline assessment on Rest Lake and will do some water quality work as well. A task force will meet early in December for discussion on Rice Creek. Anne will be attending a meeting this Thursday that has to do with changes being made for control grants. She will let us know what she finds out.

Government Relations

MCDF – Rest Lake Dam –John Hanson, Town chairman, spoke to our board. He attended a special meeting Thursday morning and reported that the Manitowish Chain Defense Fund (MCDF) has requested an extension of time for the comment period to the DNR's Environmental Assessment (EA) to February. The DNR took 5 years to do the EA and has now given only 45 days for comment. The MCDF would like more time in order to get comments in from the lake property owners. One issue is that the EA doesn't address anything about an economic impact to Manitowish Waters.

The MCDF has hired a hydrologist to review the EA water budget report and survey structures on the Chain that would be impacted by high water in the winter. They want to get his response and be able to reply to the DNR during the comment period. John stayed to answer questions with continued discussion.

Closed session – Motion made by Tom J., seconded by Bob Becker to move into closed session. Motion passed. Discussion focused on our response to the Rest Lake Dam EA. Motion by Jim B. second by Greg to move out of closed session. Karen and Tom J. will work on an article for our next newsletter with information on the Rest Lake Dam issue. We need to encourage people to

send letters to the DNR, give them information on how to do so, and what concerns they may want to address.

TB meeting – they proposed to increase the budget for water patrol for next summer from \$6,500 to \$8,000 and to put \$27,500 into their budget for AIS.

The PC had a very short meeting with little discussion. The next meeting will cover tree cutting, logging and frontage roads.

Public Communications – The fall newsletter will be finalized this week. Anyone who can help stuff envelopes should show up this Thursday, October 18th at 9:30 a.m. at Enzymes.

Administrative – Eleanor talked to her computer programmer about preprinting member names on our membership renewal cards. It is possible to do it and he had several suggestions as to different ways it could be done. We could also set it up so the address shows through a window on the envelope, then we wouldn't have to print mailing labels. Eleanor will get more detail on the costs of printing something like that.

Old Business

Scratch pads - Eleanor checked out prices at White Pine for having MWLA scratch pads made. The best price so far was from Hahn printing. White Pine doesn't have as big of machines for that as Hahn does. We will look at this again next spring.

Next meeting for the MWLA will be May 20, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Tom J., second by Merry to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary