

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2016
Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Call to Order at 9:33

Attendance – verify quorum (6 directors)

Present: Karen Dixon, Bob Becker, Jody Miller, Jim Reichert, Greg Holt, Tom Kramer, Marilyn Gabert

Absent: Tom Joseph, Eleanor Butler, Jim Cagney, Barry Hopkins, Bob Stowers., Paul Puccinelli

Guest: Blair Meyer, Water Intern

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Greg, second by Jim R., motion passed to accept the agenda.

Approve Minutes of May 16, 2016

Motion made by Jody, second by Greg to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

Approve Financial Report – Eleanor was absent so we had no financial report, but Karen reported that membership renewals are coming in after our last newsletter was sent out.

Committee Reports

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

- TAISP

In Anne's absence, Blair gave a report. On 6-7-16, Spider Island channel was treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). Divers also hand-pulled CLP on Island Lake. They found only one single plant on the Rest /Stone channel. Right now, CLP is 1-3 feet below the surface and the turions are starting to form. Purple Loosestrife (PL) was dug and potted. Beetles were then gathered and placed in the netted pots to grow more beetles. Training sessions will be held on June 12, Aug 6 and Aug 9. We need 400 AIS monitoring hours. There will be CBCW training in Winchester town hall, date TBD.

- Fish Habitat Project – Fish Stick Grant (Healthy Lakes Initiative) grant was approved. Maxed out volunteer time for grant. Tom K. reported that he will meet with land owners who volunteered to have fish sticks on their property to figure out if it will for sure work. Will have 6 locations for fish sticks, two will be shoreland restoration. No fish cribs on Clear or Wild Rice lakes. DNR definitely prefers fish sticks over fish cribs.

- Walleyes for Tomorrow - Tom K. reported that there was a walleye survey done on the chain and it shows that walleye populations have been steadily going down. John Hanson will be at a meeting with Tom K. and the DNR tonight. DNR has been saying we're a naturally reproducing chain and so they haven't let us stock the lakes, although the study shows that the walleye populations are way down.

Government Relations

- PC (next meeting Thursday, July 28, 7:00 p.m.); TB (next meeting July 12, 7:00 p.m.)

They are starting to work on the Comprehensive Plan. They hope to have a master plan for the Rest Lake Park. Discussion on the boat landing at Rest Lake Park.

- Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative – New brochure coming out. About a week ago, Anne and Karen went to conference with the 3 water interns. John Richter was there and talked about the Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative. There was lots of useful information and they were able to network with other lakes associations. Karen had handouts for us. WSI is working hard to get more lake districts involved.

Public Communications

- Spring Newsletter mailed Friday, May 27 – also sent out through MailChimp.

- Summer Newsletter – mid-July – will talk about the Annual Meeting, swimmer's itch and a variety of other subjects.

Community Outreach

- July 4th – planning – discussion on getting ready for our next event. Karen will work on getting volunteers for the 4th. Bob B. and Tom K. volunteered to help set up. Tom K. will get the bait. Tom J., Tom's daughter, Jessica, and Marilyn will do the first shift at the trout pond.

- Annual meeting planning – discussion. We need to find someone to make the nominations at the annual meeting. Suggestions were Jim Banovetz or John Hanson. Jody and Marilyn will meet with Fred about catering for the event.

Administrative

- Nominating Committee – Paul, Jody, Karen made up the nominating committee. Officers: Paul volunteered to be new vice president, Jody will be new secretary, Bob B. will be new president. New Directors: Angie Domberwicki, Mary Bowlus, and we'll need one more. Karen will talk to Delp Shafer who is very interested in being a board member.

- 2016/17 Budget review – a copy of the draft budget was reviewed. The board will recommend the draft budget for approval at the Annual Meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Cal La Porte passed away. Donations can be made to the Historical Society or Music in the Park.

- Jim Cagney wrote an article on the value of Wisconsin water that appeared in the May 27th issue of the Lakeland Times.

- Jim R. recommended that we read Blue Mind by Wallace Nichols. The book explains the research behind the health benefits of living near water.

Correspondence

None

Next meeting date - Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Motion to adjourn by Jim R, second by Greg, motion passed. Adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary