

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 13, 2015  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Koller Library

Attending: Karen Dixon, Bob Stowers, Jim Cagney, Greg Holt, Jim Reichert, Tom Joseph, Bob Becker, Paul Puccinelli, Eleanor Butler, Jody Miller, Barry Hopkins (left early).

Absent: Marilyn Gabert, Tom Kramer

Guest: Anne Kretschmann

Karen Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:34. A motion to accept the agenda was made by Greg Holt and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion passed. Jim Reichert moved to accept the June 15 meeting minutes with a second from Paul Puccinelli. Motion passed.

P&L/Budget: Dues collected 2015 YTD equals \$6925 vs. total year 2014 \$6950. More dues are expected to be paid at MWLA annual meeting. A motion to accept the financial report was made by Bob Becker with a second from Jim Cagney. Motion passed.

Tom J. questioned the line item reading \$2703, it was explained as fee for Onterra.

Anne reported on TAISP research and findings, reported overall health of the chain is good. The algae being reported in Clear and Fawn Lakes was deemed to be naturally occurring, and in general, algae is the sign of a healthy lake.

CLP – area between Spider and Island was treated. No chemical treatment between Stone and Rest as only one plant was found, so divers pulled it by hand. Onterra found that CLP is sparse on the previously matted area in Rice Creek. Reason for change is unknown. Interns hand pulled small areas.

Jim Cagney asked if Zebra mussels have a look alike. Anne said they might be possibly be Quagga mussels which are now in the Great Lakes. Quagga thrive in deeper water, they are also are considered an invasive species. Jim will get a sample to Anne for identification.

Deck hand training on 7/14, 1 to 3. Many people attended the previous session.

Tom and Karen sent information out to the Captains and Deck Hands.

Tom Joseph only person to turn in hours to Anne.

Tom J. sent email to Captains about contacting Deck Hands, no response.

Karen encouraged members to turn in hours.

No Purple Loose Strife blooming yet.

Dan Cardinal: 1) Blue colored running lights are illegal. 2) Sail boarders no longer need flotation devices. Question was raised about flotation devices on paddleboards.

Fish Habitat: Sank 8 cribs in Island Lake three weeks ago. The rest will be placed July 25<sup>th</sup>. Going forward, Fish Sticks will be placed instead of cribs.

Safety: Bob Stowers questioned towing inflatables through the channels. Does Minocqua have an ordinance? Should we introduce the idea to the town board? Current local ordinances state devices cannot be towed less than 100 feet from shore. Are current rules enforced? Suggestion to place reminder in newsletter. Does the water patrol understand regulations? Who supervises the water patrol?

June 16 Planning Commission meeting: Nothing new to report. Shoreland zoning issues – address concerns and tweak the bill? Any consideration for changes in the bill? Review the State Statutes minimum standards.

Rest Lake Dam: bill was not vetoed so it stands as written. Rob from Xcel Energy changed wording but changes were not incorporated. There is still hope for an MOU with the DNR. MWLA newsletter will include basic information.

Newsletter: Maggie wrote an article about CLP, updates about the dam, Lakes planning meeting, fish cribs, swimmers itch, trout pond.

Brochure: Should "who cares?" be changed to "do you care?" Vote was taken: 11 for "who" and 2 for "do you".

Recap of July 4<sup>th</sup> activity: Fish arrived before the tanks were in place. It was decided to order fish for next year now. Suggestions for next year included: a banner on the Tank saying "complements of MWLA", everyone working at the booth or tank should wear MWLA shirt, order 30 fish instead of 50 as most were caught and released or, ask Tom Winkle for his recommendation on how many fish to order. Provide lollipops for children at the booth.

Discussion about upcoming annual meeting: should cards be handed out for member to ask questions and receive a later response (in newsletter) or Q&A at meeting? Or for a forum at a later date? Discussion held on how to address the shoreland zoning and dam issues. Members be at Community Center by 9 a.m. to pick up merchandise and set up at Discovery Center at 10 a.m.

Discussion about the Cindy Wills letter for North Lakeland donation request. Bob Becker made a motion to fund the request for Outdoor Education, with a second from Jim Reichert. Motion passed.

Discussed Joe Mazur's request for advertising in MWLA brochure in exchange for \$1000 donation. MWLA doesn't accept any advertising.

Everyone agreed to give old tent to Marilyn.

Thank you to Fred Theisen for his years on the board.

Jim Cagney requested that we discuss email practices at our next meeting.

Paul asked if we need to vote on the budget before the next meeting? Tom J. made changes before we adjourned and vote was taken. Tom moved that we accept and Bob B. seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bob Becker moved to adjourn the meeting, second from Paul. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Next board meeting is Monday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Koller Library.

Submitted by Jody Miller, volunteer secretary