

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 17, 2017
9:30 a.m. – Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Meeting called to Order by Bob Becker at 9:33 a.m.

Directors in attendance: Bob Stowers, Greg Holt, Karen Dixon, Tom Kramer. Mary Bowlus, Angie Dombrowicki, Eleanor Butler, Jody Miller. Guest Emily Heald from Discovery Center.

Directors absent: Jim Reichert, Delp Shafer and Paul Puccinelli

Greg Holt moved to approve agenda, with a second from Angie. Motion approved.

Mary B. moved to approve amended meeting minutes from June 19, 2017 with a second from Eleanor B. Motion approved.

Financial Report: Membership dues reminder will go out in newsletter. Monies continue to be donated for fish stocking. There is a reserve fund from last year's fundraising.
Tom Kramer moved to approve, second from Greg Holt. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Administrative

- Nominating Committee – Jim Reichert is not renewing his board position. Bob asked Dennis Wilm if he was interested and he agreed to be nominated at the annual meeting.
- 2017/18 Budget review. Increased workshops, Insurance went up slightly, insurance for liability and officer indemnification. Greg moved to recommend to members at Annual Meeting, Angie seconded. Motion approved.

Community Outreach

- Annual Meeting July 29th – Angie D. reported that several businesses have agreed to furnish raffle prizes. Marilyn Gabert's mother has again donated several items. Bob obtained commitment for a plane ride and airport t-shirt. Board members also offered items for the raffle.

It was that noted that the town calendar published an incorrect 2017 date for our annual meeting. Karen will inform the Chamber. Bob has confirmed beer order with Trigs, Greg will pick up ice and Fred will deliver the wine. Coolers will be needed. Budget copies will be handed out at Membership table. The Discovery Center donated 4 programs for raffle prizes. Jody M. will sell raffle tickets. Volunteers should be at the Community Center at 9 a.m. to remove supplies from the storage room and be at the Discovery Center at 10 to set up tables, chairs.

MWLA newsletter – meet at Eleanor's on Thursday to assemble the mailing. Gina (Enzyme's Int'l.) will do the folding. Jody moved, Mary seconded a motion to give Gina a gift certificate for all the help she provides with the newsletters. Motion carried.

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

- TAISP. Submitted permits for fish sticks. Tom will contact Camp Jorn about using trees from Fox Island.
- Fish Habitat Project – Fish Stick Grant (Healthy Lakes Initiative) - Walleyes for Tomorrow

Brandon made a logo for TAISP.

Emily will provide an update about grants at the annual meeting. Now that Onterra's study is complete she will emphasize the need for a focus to maintain, don't get complacent, and that the invasive species control is having an effect, but must be an ongoing project.

Government Relations

- Planning Commission next meeting will be July 18; Town Board meeting is August 9.

Public Communications

- MWLA summer Newsletter mailing will be Thursday, July 20.

Old Business

- Committee Assignments.

Greg provided an update on the bladder boat issue in regard to information he previously forwarded, as well as a letter from Dan Cardinal (water patrol officer). If anyone wants hard copies of the information let Greg know. Any thoughts on what to do with information? How does board want to address? Is a town ordinance needed or wanted?. The board generally agreed the best course of action may be to educate and discourage use of bladder boats to avoid shoreline erosion and disruption for other water activities.

New Business

Bob spoke to Mike Bartling about the cranberry farmers use of water on the Chain. The Cranberry growers do monitor AlderLake regularly, and Mike B. asked for Onterra contacts. David Bartling is scheduled to address Nibbles and Knowledge on October 12th. A possible Cranberry outreach program is being discussed, to include 4-8 people from Town, the Alliance, Angie and Eleanor volunteered to represent MWLA.

Greg commented on erosion studies that are detailed and can quantify how much soil has been removed. Conflicts exist between "My" right vs. "is it good for the lake". There is a trend toward wake enhancing boats of all kinds, not just bladder boats.

Correspondence:

Have not yet received North Lakeland's letter to request funding for their Outdoor Education Fieldtrips and we can't send a donation without the letter.

MW Fire company will receive a thank you note and donation for their help with the July 4th fish pond.

Volunteers to pass out MWLA annual meeting flyers:

Tom, Jody, Karen, Bob, Greg,

Flyers will be available at the front desk of the Discovery Center.

Next meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

July Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

JoAnn Miller
Secretary,
Manitowish Waters Lakes Association