

MWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2016 - Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

In Attendance: Tom Joseph, Greg Holt, Jim Reichert, Eleanor Butler, Bob Becker, Paul Puccinelli, Bob Stowers, Jody Miller, Karen Dixon, DC Intern Blair Beyer and board nominees Delp Schafer and Angie Dombrowicki

Absent: Marilyn Gabert, Barry Hopkins, Tom Kramer

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., quorum verified.

Delp Schafer and Angie Dombrowicki were introduced as the new nominees, Mary Bowlus was unable to attend.

Agenda was presented, request was made to add discussion of the proposed Rest Lake land DNR swap.

Minutes of the June 20th meeting: it was noted that Marilyn needed to add her signature. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Bob Becker with second by Jody Miller, motion carried.

Financial report: Bob Becker moved to accept, Paul seconded the motion and it was approved.

Committee Reports:

TAISP – DC Intern Blair Beyer reported on the CLP discovery in Rest Lake, 3 trash bags of CLP were hand pulled.

Purple Loosestrife has started to bloom. The DC is starting to collect beetles, although they are not plentiful this year. Two training events are planned for August 6 at 10 a.m. and August 9 at 1 p.m., meet at Koller Park.

Fish Habitat: Healthy Lakes Grant has been received. Planned use includes butterfly habitat, fish sticks, shoreland plantings.

Tom Joseph asked for a report on volunteer hours at the next meeting.

Walleyes for Tomorrow – Tom Kramer reported on DNR agreement to allow restocking Walleyes on the M.W. chain. Discussions focused on walleye size, numbers, and possibility for Native Americans to restock same numbers they take with spearing. Karen suggested the MWLA might consider sponsoring fishing education for children in the future.

Government Relations - The MW Town Trails and Parks committee is asking for public input on Rest Lake Park by August 23.

Jim Reichert questioned whether the MWLA should perhaps have more involvement with the Town's comprehensive planning process, to be more pro-active vs. being a "watch dog".

Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative: Request for additional donations will be voted on at August board meeting. Karen has resigned as a member of the WSI steering committee, if anyone is interested in joining they should contact John Richter.

Public Communication: Newsletter content was reviewed. Mailing will take place on July 19.

Community Outreach: July 4th events were successful. Although fewer fish were ordered for the fish pond we still had leftovers. Karen thanked all the volunteers.

Annual Meeting Planning: Reviewed planned agenda and assignments. Discussed the raffle prizes already donated with a request for members to find a few more.

Cran-a-rama: Pontoon tours will again be offered, if boats and drivers are available.

Administration: Tom Joseph recommended the Budget be presented for adoption at the annual meeting, second by Jim Reichert and board approved.

New Business: North Lakeland School has requested funding of \$985 for their Outdoor Education Field Trips. Greg moved to approve, second by Bob. Motion carried.

Greg Holt reported that a Manitowish River group is forming.

Members were encouraged to read a new book by James Brakken "Saving Our Lakes and Streams".

Rest Lake DNR Land Trade: It was agreed MWLA should protest the trade. Paul P. made a motion that prior to the planned hearing, MWLA send a letter, including but not limited to, DNR officials, local and State legislators, MW town chairman and two supervisors, WSI, Onterra Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Bob Stowers. Motion carried. Suggestion that MWLA should question if the town has, or is planning, a policy to address shoreland zoning going forward.

Correspondence: North Lakeland Request that was voted on earlier in the meeting Thank you letters were sent to Garrett and Connie Holling, Peg and Dennis Lello for their generous donations.

Resignation: Jim Cagney has submitted his resignation from the board.

Bob moved to adjourn the meeting. Second from Paul P. Motion passed.

Next meeting: August 15, 2016 Bobcat Cabin at the Discovery Center.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jody Miller