

## Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, July 23, 2012

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:40 a.m..

Members present: Karen Dixon, Tom Kramer, Merry Perkins, Bob Stowers, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Fred Theisen, Bob Becker.

Members absent: Jim Banovetz, Barry Hopkins, Jim Reichert, Eleanor Butler, Tom Joseph

### Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Merry second by Tom K. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Bob B., second by Greg to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

### Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Bob B., second by Merry to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

### Correspondence

6-27-12 sent letter and check for \$500 to Camp Jorn

6-27-12 sent letter and check for \$840 to North Lakeland Elementary School

6-27-12 sent letter and check for \$750 to Skiing Skeeters

6-27-12 sent check for \$60 to World Championship Musky Classic for MWLA ad

6-30-12 received invitation to Discovery Center "Voyageur Dinner" on Mon., July 30, Eleanor & Karen will attend.

7-3-12 received invitation to Discovery Center "Dinner on the Lake" on Mon., Aug. 20

7-3-12 received request from Rita Mazur for Relay for Life donation

7-3-12 received MW Alliance letter requesting letter for donations from the Alliance

7-14-12 received thank you from the Discovery Center for 2012 Voyageur membership

### Old Business

Colorama – Eleanor was going to talk to the Chamber about removing the new booth fee for us for Colorama since we offer free pontoon rides to area visitors that day. Eleanor was not at this meeting to report on the matter.

Boating Safety – Merry talked to her contact and they were not going to teach the class. Karen will talk to Mary Propernick.

ATV's in Vilas County – The request was denied to allow ATV's in Vilas County .

WAL – had requested feedback on their budget.

MWLA Goals for 2012-13 – we want to have AIS grants as one of our goals for next year, but we tabled the rest of the discussion for a later meeting.

### New Business

Relay for Life – donation of \$150 was given in honor of Blue Bayou for the use of their dock at Colorama.

### Committee Reports:

#### Water Ecology and Safety

- Anne Kretshmann, AIS coordinator at Discovery Center provided a written update on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) that was emailed to all board members. Reminders given to write down time for emails and conversations that concern AIS, list type of boat used when monitoring, don't forget to turn in time sheets, volunteers needed to clip purple loosestrife flower heads, training is available from Anne for captains and deckhands.

Our grant needs to be in by August 1 and we are on target. There will be a meeting with presenter Tim Hoyman on Saturday, July 28 at 2:30 in the Lions Pavilion for all Lake Captains. We are using the phasing approach to work with the MW Chain of Lakes. Phase 1a is Papoose Creek and Rest Lake, phase 1b will be Island Lake, Rice Creek and Spider Lake. Starting spring of 2013 will be phase 2a which is Clear, Fawn, Stone, Rest, Manitowish Lakes and the river between Stone and Rest Lakes.

Fish Cribs – Tom K. reported that the fish cribs had dried out over the winter and needed to be soaked in water before they could be put in place. They needed to be heavier so they would sink. Once in place, the GPS coordinates for each crib will be put on our website.

## **Public Communications**

- Spring newsletter – was mailed on 7-13-12. An e-newsletter was sent on 7-14-12.

## **Community Outreach**

- 4th of July – The day went very well. It was an extremely hot day which is likely why we didn't sell near as many t-shirts, hats or sweatshirts this year.

- Annual Meeting – we finalized plans and details for our Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, July 28. There was an article about the Annual Meeting in the July 20 issue of the Lakeland Times and there will be one in the July 25 edition of the FYI Northwoods.

Road-side pick-up – Fred and Terry did the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 roadside pick-ups.

## **Government**

- Town Board meetings – There was discussion about the planned bike trail in MW. Some people would like to see the bike trail committee enlarged, but some people were not in favor. There will be a topographical survey done of Koller Park to aid in future plans. Karen asked for signage at Clear Lake boat landing for ingress and egress to avoid current confusion.

- Rest Lake Dam – There was a meeting at the Town Hall on July 12 in regard to Rest Lake Dam. Also, the Defense Fund has filed an amicus brief against the DNR because they didn't consider the economic effects of the water levels when making their decision. It was an informational meeting with attorney Duffy Dylan there to explain the situation. There should be a brief out from the DNR at the end of July. Roughly 100 people attended the meeting.

- MW Alliance – JoAnn Klug is the new president and Terry Mueller is the new VP, Dana Hilbert is secretary, and John Hilbert is treasurer.

## **Administrative**

501(c)(3) - Tom was to meet with Dan Johns in regard to MWLA obtaining their 501(c)(3) status. Tom was not at this meeting, but will hopefully have news to report at our next meeting

Next meeting – Monday, August 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Fred, second by Tom K. to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary