

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, July 8, 2013

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:38 a.m.

Members present: Karen Dixon, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Tom Joseph, Jim Banovetz, Eleanor Butler, Jim Reichert

Members absent: Bob Becker, Bob Stowers, Tom Kramer, Barry Hopkins, Merry Perkins, Fred Theisen,

Guest: Anne Kretschmann

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Greg, second by Tom J. to approve the agenda, as written. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Tom J., second by Greg to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Jim R., second by Jim B. to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Correspondence

6-15-13 received request from World Championship Musky Classic for \$50 ad in their program (paid)

6-25-13 received request from Skiing Skeeters for \$45 ad in their program (paid)

7-2-12 received request for funds for NLES Water Resource Study Field Trips

Committee Reports

Water Ecology and Safety

TAISP – Anne Kretschmann reported that they have been out pulling the smaller patches of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) on Stone, Manitowish, Spider and Rest Lake. This Thursday, June 11, Anne, Sarah Johnson, Tom J. and Karen will meet with Tim Hoyman of Onterra for an update on the progress of the CLP and the grants. The Spider – Island Channel was treated in early summer and it appears to have been quite successful; there were only a few small CLP plants detected. Also treated were the patches of CLP off the channel into Island Lake around the island and there was no CLP detected recently. There is, however, lots of CLP by the boat landing on Island Lake which unfortunately is alongside wild rice so, as of yet, are unable to treat it.

We need all lake monitors to turn in their volunteer hours so Anne can get a handle on how many hours we've accumulated so far. Volunteers should still continue to monitor and start a new sheet and continue to track their hours.

AIS Summit – Karen, Anne, Tom and Tim attended the AIS Summit on 6-19-13 in Eagle River. Susan Paskewitz was a guest speaker and talked about ticks. Ted Ritter spoke about Terrestrial Invasive Species. Overall it was a good event to attend.

Fish Crib & Fish Stocking Project – Email report from Tom Kramer, who was unable to attend the meeting: The fish cribs are built and will be put in next week after they are stuffed with brush. He talked with Steve Gilbert, the Vilas county fish biologist, who said that the Manitowish Chain has the best walleye reproduction out of any body of water in Vilas county. And that the chances of them approving any walleye stocking would be slim. Tom asked Steve about the increased small and large mouth bass populations compared to years ago and if that interferes with food sources for the walleye.

Tom also talked to him about dropping trees for fish habitat and what he thought about it. Steve said if they are dropped in the wrong places they could interfere with walleye spawning areas, and that there is a lot of maintenance in keeping them up

Public Communications

Summer newsletter - Karen read a list of potential subjects to include in our summer newsletter. She hopes to have it ready to send out somewhere around July 14.

Community Outreach

July 4th – We had beautiful weather for the 4th of July this year. Everything went real well. Lots of people visited the trout pond, the AIS booth and the MWLA booth. We sold \$557 worth of t-shirts, etc. and there was \$174 donated to AIS and \$7 donated to fish cribs.

Annual meeting – Karen reviewed the worksheet for the annual meeting and all the jobs that need to be done. This year we will add a little something new. We will have all lake monitor volunteers stand up and be recognized. Karen, Fred and Marilyn met with Lynn at Discovery Center to fine tune set up for the Annual Meeting. Everything is coming along pretty well. Eleanor and Karen will do inventory on the shirts and hats to see if we need more for the Annual Meeting and Colorama.

Government Relations

Rest Lake Dam – The Manitowish Waters Defense Fund will hold a meeting on July 13 at 9:30 am. The DNR will hold meetings on August 9 and 10 to present information and take input. On July 25, the DNR will announce the new operating order.

TB, PC meetings – The Town Board will not allow the Discovery Center to keep their Aquatic Invasive Species pontoon boat at Koller Park. (An after note – since our meeting, the Town Board met again and now WILL allow the Discovery Center to keep the AIS pontoon at Koller Park. It will just need to be moved on Sundays during Music in the Park.

Tuesday, July 23 there is a special Town Board meeting to discuss a land swap with the DNR. The Town would like to swap two 80 acre parcels for the 10 acres at Rest Lake Park.

The next Plan Commission meeting will be August 6.

Alliance – Karen and Jim R. attended the Alliance Annual meeting. Officers and board members were elected. Dr. Jamie Weichert, from U of W, was there to give a talk on a new way to scan for cancer. There were about 30 people present for the business meeting and presentation, with a total of about 100 attending the Social.

Administrative

New Computer program – we've discussed getting a new computer program to allow us to print names directly on the membership renewal forms. Eleanor will meet her programmer to see what can be developed.

Budget – We will add \$500 expense to misc. donation and increase the AIS income by \$500. Then the draft budget should be ready for presenting at the Annual Meeting. Tom J. will talk to Barry about the Skiing Skeeters before we decide whether to donate to them this year.

501(c)(3) – The extra \$100 was mailed in for the application. Now we just wait to hear from them.

Old Business

Advertising scratch pad – Our intent was to have the scratch pads ready for the 4th of July, but Hahn didn't get them finished in time. We will have them at our Annual Meeting and at Colorama.

High Capacity Wells – It was just passed in the budget that the public will not be able to challenge high capacity wells.

Brochures for new homeowners – We had discussed putting together information to give new area home owners. Karen talked to Dave at the Chamber and to an area realtor who both completely supported the idea.

New Business

Request for funding from NLES – Leif Williams, science teacher at NLES, sent a detailed request for funding for Water Resource Study Field Trips through the school. Motion by Marilyn, second by Greg to fund \$840 for these studies, motion passed.

The next MWLA board meeting will be Monday, August 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Tom J. second by Jim B. to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.
Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary