

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, September 10, 2012

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:35 a.m.

Members present: Karen Dixon, Tom Kramer, Bob Stowers, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Fred Theisen, Eleanor Butler, Tom Joseph, Jim Reichert,

Members absent: Barry Hopkins, Bob Becker, Jim Banovetz, Merry Perkins

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Greg, second by Bob S. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Greg, second by Jim R. to accept the minutes of the August 27, 2012 meeting as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Fred, second by Greg to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Correspondence

8-29-12 contacted Sarah Johnson and Lynn Wildes at the Discovery Center re: use of facilities for Annual Meeting.

8-20-12 Thank you letters were sent to all members who donated money to the MWLA for various projects.

Old Business

World Musky Classic Sept. 7-9 – Anne and Scott from Discovery Center set up the AIS booth and Anne, Karen and Scott worked the booth. Karen also showed us the MWLA ad that we placed in the Musky Classic brochure.

Discovery Center rental – Karen talked to Sarah and Lynn at Discovery Center for use of the DC facilities for the MWLA Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 27, 2013. The facility is available and our fee would be \$350 for use of the kitchen, lodge, and tent. Motion by Jim R., second by Fred to rent the DC for our Annual Meeting next year. Motion passed.

New Business

Advertising scratch pads Karen suggested having a scratch pad printed to use as giveaways at our Annual Meeting and 4th of July booth. The pad would be printed with our mailing and web address and a map of the chain of lakes. Eleanor will price out notepads with White Pine Printing. Karen will talk to Hahn Printing and Calm Waters for prices.

Committee Reports:

Karen reviewed our current Committee Descriptions and Assignments sheet and had emailed the current list of Board of Director's contact information.

We received a survey from the Vilas County Forestry Recreation & Land Department. They are creating an outdoor recreation plan for 2014-2019 and want some input from different organizations. Karen will fill out the survey and return it to them.

Water Ecology and Safety

TAISP – Tom J. reported that he, along with Scott and Anne from Discovery Center, spent time cutting flowers off Purple Loosestrife (PL) plants, but many needed a second cutting. It was a bad year for PL meaning they grew prolifically this year. Anne will write up a major end-of-year report on AIS. We will need to find a new beetle collection site for next spring as Crystal Lake didn't have many beetles last spring. Tom J. will talk to John Hanson about getting on the Town Board agenda to discuss AIS funding for next year.

Fish Cribs – Tom K. reported that the fish cribs were able to be placed on Manitowish and Alder Lakes since our last meeting. He will send the GPS coordinates to Karen for posting on our webpage. We had extra cribs that the Chamber is going to purchase for \$500 to use for an obstacle in the Annual Bad-Dash Race.

Water Safety - Karen had several people approach her with complaints about issues with boaters on the water. She talked to the Town Board. But, since the MWLA can't do anything about these complaints, if there are any future complaints, Karen should direct the people to address their concerns to Jack Arndt, MW Water Patrol.

Public Communications

Membership renewal form – Rather than have the cost of a separate mailing for membership renewal forms, we will try putting the renewal form on colored paper, place it on top of the newsletter and stamp the outside of the envelope with “Membership renewal enclosed”. Hopefully that will help our members notice that it is included with their newsletter.

Database – Eleanor has not yet had a chance to talk to her programmer about getting our data base to automatically print members' information on the renewal form.

Fall Newsletter – We reviewed options for articles to put in the fall newsletter. We will shoot for a late September or early October mailing date. Karen will let us know when she is ready for volunteers to help assemble and stuff the newsletter.

Community Outreach

Colorama – We will have four pontoons docked at Blue Bayou offering free pontoon rides on Saturday, September 22 from 9:30 – 2:30. Captains will be Jim Reichert, Bob Stowers, Bud Kleinsmith, and Jim Burger. The rest of the Colorama Planning worksheet was discussed; board members signed up for duties. Set up of tents, tables, merchandise, etc will take place Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

MWLA/AIS presentation at Lions Club – Karen, along with Anne Kretchmann, will give a 20 minute MWLA and AIS presentation at the Lions Club meeting on October 18.

Roadside clean-up – Fred and Terry Theisen have completed the third of three roadside clean ups. Fred has sent in the card and awaits the pickup of the bags.

Government

- Town Board meetings – Nobody was able to attend the last Town Board meeting. The next TB meeting is Sept. 11. Greg attended the last PC meeting. It was a very short meeting. The PC approved a Conditional Use Permit for a 52' x 48' metal clad building on Clear Lake Rd. Next PC meeting is October 2.

EDC – The ad hoc committee that is working on plans for Koller Park continues to meet as needed. New stairs are being put in leading down to the lake from the area where the bass is located and the signs about the dam are going to be placed up in the area where the bass is.

MCDF – Rest Lake Dam –The DNR had said that the Environmental Assessment report with recommendations for the operating order of the dam would be released on Sept. 6. However, Sept. 6 has come and gone and nobody has seen the report.

Administrative

501(c)(3) - Tom met with Dan Johns in regard to MWLA obtaining their 501(c)(3) status. They have started the application process which is quite lengthy. As part of this process we needed to amend our by-laws. Motion by Tom J., second by Jim R. to accept the amendments to the MWLA by-laws. Jim B., Barry and Bob B. were absent today but emailed in their acceptance of the new by-laws by giving their proxy votes to Karen. Motion passed. The DNR recommends we develop a Conflict of Interest Policy. Tom still has to write a narrative to go with the application.

Motion by Tom J., second by Bob S. that we authorize Tom Joseph and Dan Johns to fill out the 2848 form of Attorney and Declaration of Representative so that either Tom or Dan have permission to talk to the IRS about our 501(c)(3). Motion passed. Tom and Dan will work on this application over the winter.

Next meeting – Monday, October 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Fred, second by Jim R to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary