

## **Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting**

Monday, September 15, 2014

Koller Library

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

Members present: Karen Dixon, Tom Joseph, Eleanor Butler, Bob Becker, Jim Cagney, Barry Hopkins, Tom Kramer, Jim Reichert, Bob Stowers,

Members absent: Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Jody Miller, Fred Theisen

Guest: Anne Kretschmann

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Tom J., seconded by Barry, to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Bob B., seconded by Barry, to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2014 meeting with an amendment by Tom K. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Financial Report**

Motion made by Jim R., seconded by Tom K., to accept the financial report. Motion passed. Membership income increased by \$475 as a result of letters mailed on Sept. 5 to lapsed members. Eleanor will get a copy of the canceled Onterra check to Anne as soon as possible. Jim C. offered to help Eleanor with QuickBooks.

### **Water Ecology and Safety/AIS**

TAISP – Anne reported that hours are still needed to fulfill the grant requirement of 400 hours. There are currently about 300 hours that have been turned in. She strongly encouraged everyone to get their hours in to her as soon as possible and to include the time they spent reviewing and making comments regarding the Stakeholder Survey. The comments have been sent in to Onterra and will then be sent on to the State, and hopefully, sent out to lake property owners this fall.

There is much frustration regarding the difficulty in getting people to record and turn in AIS monitoring hours. Ideas were discussed about how to get more people to turn in their hours. Anne will send a list to Lake Captains with names and contact information of people who will be called to remind them to turn in hours.

Planning for Clear and Fawn Lakes will take place in October. Anne asked board members to let her know of anyone on these two lakes who might be interested in attending the planning meeting.

Japanese knotweed is blooming along shorelines, roadsides, and front yards. Anne handed out information cards about the invasive plant and asked that you contact her if you see any growing in the area. It is very difficult to eradicate due to an extremely deep root system (20 feet).

Anne reported that a Clean Boats Clean Waters grant will be applied for in November. A Lake Management grant and a Treatment grant will be applied for in February.

The AIS buoys will be placed in Island Lake next spring.

Fish Crib & Fish Stocking Project – Tom K. reported that he didn't get the logs as promised, therefore, no cribs were built. He is planning to get 16 cribs built and placed in Island Lake next spring. He will check on the Fish Stick grant this fall. There was discussion about walleye stocking and questions about why they are not growing faster. It may have to do with water quality. Anne gave Tom information about how to access the equipment to test for ph and dissolved oxygen.

### **Government Relations**

Rest Lake Dam – Jim R. and Eleanor reported on the status of the Rest Lake Dam. There is reason for optimism due to a solid strategy with resources to execute it. The MCDF has hired a lobbyist in Madison to help the cause.

TB, PC meetings – Greg and Karen attended the Plan Commission meeting where the majority of the meeting centered on a CUP for a B&B. Karen attended the Town Board meeting that was 15 minutes in length. There was nothing of note to report.

### **Public Communications**

Eleanor and Karen will work on getting thank you letters mailed to everyone who made donations to the MWLA.

Fall MWLA Newsletter topics – TAISP (including info on Stakeholder Survey), Fish Crib Habitat and Stocking, Water Safety Patrol, Accomplishments, Rest Lake Dam, Annual Meeting, Vilas County Stewardship Covenant, Did You Know, Loon Platform grant, Music in the Park.

We scheduled the newsletter mailing for Friday, September 26. Meet at Enzymes at 10:00 a.m.

### **Community Outreach**

Cran-a-rama (Oct. 4) – Bob B. reported that Bud Kleinsmith will drive Jean Eales' pontoon, Bob will drive his, and he will find drivers for the DC pontoon and Tom Kramer's pontoon. Pat Becker and Sue Kleinsmith volunteered to be greeters at the Blue Bayou dock. Bob checked with Rita Mazur about using her dock – all is fine. Eleanor will write a check for Relay for Life (\$150) for use of the Blue Bayou dock.

Karen will try to find volunteers to help set up Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and take down at 3:00 p.m. She will also try to find volunteers to help man the booth. We need at least four people to help set up the tents and help carry merchandise up from the basement and back down at the end of the day.

### **Administrative**

Alliance – fall meeting was held August 22 – they worked on their budget and determined donations. The MWLA will not be receiving a donation for fish cribs and AIS this year.

Conflict of Interest form – Karen handed out the policy and form to board members who were absent at the previous meeting. Tom Kramer and Barry Hopkins signed their forms and gave to Karen.

Committee Assignments and contact information – MWLA Committee Descriptions and Assignments were briefly reviewed. The board contact information sheet was passed around, but not returned. She will email it for revisions. Everyone was given a copy of the MWLA bylaws.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

We reviewed the handout with board meeting dates for next year.

We discussed whether the MWLA should donate to Music in the Park – could we make a donation fit our mission statement? The answer was “no”, but we all agreed with Jim C.'s suggestion that we put an article in the fall newsletter about our discussion, decision, and then encourage members to make their own private donation if they so choose.

### **Correspondence**

8-25-14 – received thank you card from Skiing Skeeters for donation

8-28-14 – received thank you from Koller Library for donation

9-5-14 – sent NLDC down payment of \$175 for facility rental for 2015 Annual Meeting/Picnic

The next MWLA board meeting will be Monday, October 13, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library. It will be an informal board meeting to look over the Stakeholder Survey and discuss/brainstorm AIS monitoring/reporting concerns.

Motion made by Bob B., seconded by Tom K., to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dixon