

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

Monday, September 16, 2013

Koller Library

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

Members present: Karen Dixon, Greg Holt, Tom Joseph, Eleanor Butler, Jim Reichert, Bob Becker, Bob Stowers, Tom Kramer

Members absent: Merry Perkins, Fred Theisen, Jim Banovetz, Marilyn Gabert, Barry Hopkins

Guest: Anne Kretschmann

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Bob B., second by Jim R. to approve the agenda with the correction of the dates for the 2014 and 2015 annual meetings. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Tom J., second by Bob B. to accept the minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting with the correction of two typos. Motion passed.

### **Approval of Financial Report**

Motion made by Tom K. second by Greg to accept the financial report with correction of error in income. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Water Ecology and Safety**

TAISP – Anne made a plea for AIS hours and handed out the necessary forms. She reported that CLP turions are already sprouting in Rice Creek and that we should not put our rakes away as we may yet find areas that are infested. We will be scheduling a meeting with Onterra this fall, plus Anne, Karen and Tom J. will meet in October to discuss possible changes to the Captain/Deckhand Program.

Fish Crib & Fish Stocking Project – GPS coordinates for the new fish cribs have been posted on our web site. Tom K. reported that fish sticks (layers of trees) “have been found to be the new big thing” rather than fish cribs. He said that is the direction they may take next year. Tom K. also reported that the area chapter of Walleyes for Tomorrow is meeting soon with representatives from surrounding communities attending. This group will be responsible for the spawning and releasing of walleyes into area waters.

#### **Public Communications**

Fall Newsletter – Plan to mail in early October. Topics suggested are: TAISP update with statistics on volunteer hours, annual meeting information both past and future, lake patrol report, Rest Lake Dam, NR115, and a list of what we have accomplished this year. Contact Karen with other suggestions.

#### **Community Outreach**

Annual meeting – We have scheduled our 2014 Annual Meeting at the Lions Pavilion on Sat., July 26 and our 2015 Annual Meeting at the Discovery Center on Sat., July 25.

Colorama – We planned for Colorama which is Sat., Sept 21. Anne, Greg, Karen, Dawn Holt and Mike Dixon will help set up Saturday morning at 7:30. Karen will email volunteers to see if others can help with set up and manning the booth. Eleanor and Greg will man the booth from 1:00 to 3:00. Jim R. and Bob B. will captain their pontoons and Bud Kleinsmith will captain a pontoon from Greer's. We briefly discussed whether we should have a bigger sign made next year for the pontoon tours and tabled the subject until next spring. Eleanor ordered pullover and zippered hoodies in a variety of colors with the Chain printed on the back.

Roadside pickup – no report.

## **Government Relations**

Rest Lake Dam – We will put an update about the dam in our fall newsletter.

TB and PC meetings – Greg attended two Town Board meetings and a Plan Commission meeting. He gave a brief report on each. A few highlights: A CUP was approved by the PC for boat house on Alder Lake Rd.; David Wells will be the legal counsel for the PC. He is an attorney from Wausau. A decision was made that the Economic Development Association will report to the Town Board. Dan Cardinal, Water Safety Patrol Officer, gave a report to the TB.

The Economic Development Association and the Wisconsin Dept of Tourism will jointly present the MW Tourism Assessment and Roger Brooks Process at Camp Jorn on Thursday, September 26. This is open to the public.

Alliance – Karen gave a brief update on the Alliance meeting held on August 24. Decisions were made about donations, preliminary planning was done for their 2014 Annual Meeting, and dates chosen for board meetings and highway clean up.

## **Administrative**

### **Correspondence**

8-15-13 - received thank you from Skiing Skeeters for purchase of advertising in their summer program

8-22-13 - sent Jack Arndt a letter thanking him for his 10 years of service as Water Safety Patrol Officer

8-22-13 - sent Skiing Skeeters check for \$750 toward purchase of new ramp

8-22-13 - sent DNR letter in opposition to proposed changes to NR115

9-2-13 - received invoice of \$119.88 from Web Work Life for annual web site hosting

## **Old Business**

### **New Business**

2014 meeting dates - A list of board meeting dates for 2014 was handed out.

ICLRA Invitation - Information was shared about Iron County Lakes and Rivers Alliance invitation to their program on Sept. 21 featuring Bob Martini and John Bates. They will lead a discussion about the implications of raising and lowering water levels at various dams throughout the state, including Rest Lake Dam.

Next Meeting - The board decided that an October meeting was not needed. We will meet again on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Koller Library.

Motion made by Jim R., second by Greg to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dixon