

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 14, 2018

President Bob Becker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance: Bob Becker, Delp Schafer, Dennis Wilm, Greg Holt, Angie Dombrowicki, Karen Dixon, Jody Miller, Tom Kramer., Mary Bowlus, Eleanor Butler, Emily Heald.

Not attending: Bob Stowers, Paul Puccinelli.

Guests: Gale Wolf, Dead Pike Lake Association and a NY Times correspondent.

Greg moved to approve the agenda with a second from Karen. Motion was approved.

Approve Minutes of September 18, 2017. Tom Kramer made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Karen. Motion carried.

**Financial Report:**

A donation of \$1000 was received from the Rossmiller family in memory of Tom Rossmiller who was a longtime fisherman at Sleight's Wildwood resort.

Eleanor provided an overview of finances.

Karen moved to approve the financial report with a second from Angie. Approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Water Ecology and Safety/AIS.**

Emily reported:

- Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) - no chemical treatment needed this year as the patches are not large enough. Onterra and the Discovery Center will continue to monitor waterways above and below the dam. Specific details are in Emily's printed copy. Volunteers are needed for monitoring CLP. Greg and Karen both volunteered.

- TAISP – updates on grants. See Emily's handouts.

- Fish Habitat Project – Fish Sticks, planting gardens and more tree drops this summer. Volunteers are needed for one garden that requires daily hand watering.

Members were reminded to record all time on boats as volunteer hours!!

DC looking for a pontoon boat and motor to be donated.

The DC is sponsoring Float Your Boat Trivia Rally on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Interns: Two from families on the MW chain.

Interpretive signs – Working with town to create 3 signs

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AIS training dates have been scheduled.

- Walleyes for Tomorrow

Fish sticks – Tom Kramer. Applying for permits

The DNR approved an additional 7000-7500 extended walleyes for planting this fall. Portable hatchery in Mercer at Carow Park has been collecting eggs in incubators.

Walleyes for Tomorrow (WFT) is donating \$200,000 to UW Stevens Point for research.

DNR is conducting a full survey on every lake. WFT is placing creel census surveys at all boat landings.

Greg Sass Woody Habitat presentation – June 28<sup>th</sup>. 6:30 p.m. at Community Center.

Discussion was held about MWLA donating funds for Interns at DC for AIS and Dead Pike Lake.

Karen suggested \$3000 to AIS and \$2000 to Dead Pike Lake.

Tom made a motion for \$3,000 to AIS and \$2,000 to the Town for the Dead Pike Lake intern. Dennis seconded the motion and it was approved.

Gale Wolf thanked the group for supporting their efforts.

Emily also expressed thanks and provided an update on past Water Interns.

Greg advised on the Sturgeon watch program implemented through DNR. Every day volunteer monitors are on site, but the water is still too cold.

### **Government Relations**

- PC (next meeting June 5, 7:00 p.m.); TB (next meeting June 12, 7:00 p.m.) Greg will attend.

- Rest Lake Park – rip rap has been finished, and plants are in the ground. (Hanson's from Rhinelander)

The Town Board meeting minutes are now online so Greg hasn't been sending updates to the board.

Boat patrol will be manned 50 hours per week; they have new boat and a new radio with costs covered by the DNR.

Greg also provided an update about the Spring DNR review meeting regarding the MOU dam operation. Last fall there were several complaints about perceived early draw down in the lakes above the dam. It was suggested that the MWLA provide members with information on where to locate details for spring and fall water changes, and particularly to remind members in the fall about the draw down dates.

### **Public Communications**

- Spring Newsletter topics and tentative May mailing date. Mona W. submitted a request that shoreline lighting be included in a newsletter. Greg passed around his draft about wakes and bladder boats. Signage at boat landings was suggested.

Emily suggested an exhibit at the annual meeting depicting what 100 feet (boat to dock) looks like.

- May Chamber mailing – Karen reviewed topics for newsletter. Gale Wolf will provide info to Karen for article on Dead Pike Lake. Newsletter dates are May, July, October.

- Karen adds updates and newsletters to the website.

### **Community Outreach**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> – preliminary planning. Bob ordered trout, suggested we net and give away what's left at end of day.

Greg volunteered for Trout Pond for part of the day. June meeting will finalize assignments and volunteers.

- 2017 Annual Meeting: breakfast meeting, Saturday, July 28 - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Mary will contact Consumption Junction and Reulands. We agreed to have only a few raffle items and local businesses will not be solicited.

- Roadside pick up Fred and Terry still do pickup. Thank them in newsletter.

### **Administrative**

- Board members. All board members staying but need new secretary.

- Budget. Budget for July meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Channel between Clear and Fawn Lakes. Waiting for quotes. Bridge between Manitowish and Spider will have signs directing two-way traffic this summer.

**New Business**

- Committee assignments

**Correspondence**

Next meeting date - Monday, June 18, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Bob returns on 17<sup>th</sup> and will send out agenda the day before.

Question: Delp inquired about weekly rentals. Bob said the Town planning committee is looking into rentals, A \$300 permit is required, and dwelling must be inspected annually. There may be more restrictions.

New State Law regarding water skiing: No observer necessary if the boat has a compliant mirror. Local ordinances – planning and zoning commissions reviewing.

Adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Jody Miller, Secretary