

MWLA Board Meeting
Monday, June 18, 2018
Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

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

Board members attending: Bob Becker, Delp Schafer, Greg Holt, Angie Dowbrowicki, Karen Dixon, Emily Heald, Dennis Wilm, Mary Bowlus, Jody Miller

Board members absent: Bob Stowers, Paul Puccinelli, Eleanor Butler, Tom Kramer

Visitors: Gale Wolf, Dead Pike Lake Assoc.; Water Interns Colby Durre, Johnny Behrent, Braden Westerhoff, Heather Platt.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dennis Wilm with a second by Mary Bowlus.

Approve Minutes of May 14, 2018 Angie moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2018, with a second from Karen Dixon.

The financial report was not available due to Eleanor's absence. Karen commented that she was aware many membership renewals have been received.

Dead Pike Lake

Gale Wolf, Update: Heather Platt, a former DC Water Intern is now working with the DPL monitoring activity for the grant that extends through October. Activity includes monitoring water quality and iron and habitat research. A meeting is upcoming with DNR and they are developing a new way to monitor iron flock.

Committee Reports

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

TAISP : started monitoring CLP, (desperately in need of volunteers.). CLP starting to form turions early. CLP has been found in Fawn lake and divers will be out to pull weed
Purple Loosestrife beetles are out early.

Rest and Clear boat landings are being monitored. AIS training and a Float Your Boat rally are upcoming events.

Discovery Center has completed two lakeshore restoration gardens, with help from 60 kindergartners.

Fish Habitat Project: Fish Stick Grant (Healthy Lakes Initiative) Rest, Clear and Spider Lakes will receive fish stick drops this year.

Walleyes for Tomorrow

Government Relations (Full meeting minutes are posted on the M.W. website)

PC meeting was 6/5/18, the meeting was 8 minutes long and there is nothing to report.

Town Board meeting 6/12/18:

A new patrol boat and radio is being manned 50 hours per week. A plan for Rest Lake erosion plan is being developed.

Koller park docks to be replaced, 5 docks with build boardwalks with walking ramps. It is hoped the town employees and volunteers build will build the boardwalk, town will contract with a dock provider for docks, composite decking. Fire Wise program, to speak at our annual meeting.

A suggestion was made to ask the town board to post signage at boat landings relative to courteous and legal boating.

A motion was made by Greg with a second from Mary B. Approved.

Another suggestion is to hand out copies of a "boat statement" at our annual meeting. Greg will make draft a statement and also add something about the damage to waterfowl and other

shore habitat, reference the rules for boating 200 feet from shoreline for personal water craft, 100 feet for boats.

Public Communications

Spring Newsletter has been mailed, thanks to Gina, again (Eleanor's helper).

The Summer (July) Newsletter will be mailed in advance of the annual meeting. Greg suggested we include an article reminding members of the fall draw down dates and where to find specific information.

Community Outreach

July 4th – planning. Karen's handouts included a plan and volunteer list. Bob B. will be judging the parade.

Annual meeting planning report from Karen, Mary, Dennis and Angie. Board members are asked to please donate something worth about \$25.00 or \$25.00 cash to use toward purchasing door and raffle prizes. Commitments to date include a plane ride, bloody mary basket, John Bates new book, fishing lures and bobble heads. We do have money budgeted for the annual meeting to supplement donations. Food: Dennis asked Owen for bakery, bagels, fruit at \$7 or \$8 per person. Coffee, juice and water inside the lodge. It was to display samples of MWLA merchandise and not have all the inventory on hand. The four speakers will be Dan Cardinal, Firewise, Emily, Tom Kramer. It was suggested we ask attendees to complete a short survey about the change of format.

Administrative

Nominating Committee, redo term dates (may need to be approved by membership)

2018/19 Budget review: Eleanor will be back July 3rd, have administrative meeting about budget prior to July monthly meeting.

Old Business

Committee Assignments. Same?

Too many people up for re-election at same time. Bob will identify 1 or 2-year terms and send out email. Officers are 1 year.

Penny and Bill Benson very generously gave MWLA a donation of \$1000 but never received a thank you. Bob will send thank you on behalf of the board.

New Business

MWLA has been asked to assist the DNR with gathering ice damage information from our membership. Greg mentioned that the River rose 3.5, or 3.6 within 3 days due to the recent heavy rains.

Correspondence

Next meeting date - Monday, July 16, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Meeting adjourned: 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jody Miller, Secretary