

MWLA Board Meeting
Monday, July 16, 2018
9:30 a.m. – Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

President Bob Becker called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Board members attending: Bob Becker, Karen Dixon, Greg Holt, Dennis Wilm, Delp Schafer, Angie Dombrowicki, Tom Kramer, Jody Miller, Paul Puccinelli, Eleanor Butler, Emily Heald

Board members absent: Bob Stowers, Mary Bowlus.

Visitor: Gale Wolf – Dead Pike Lake Association.

Meeting Agenda: Greg moved to approve the agenda with a second from Karen. Motion passed.

June 18, 2018 minutes: A request was made to change the word “several” to “many” and to change DSC to DC. Karen made a motion to approve as corrected and Tom seconded. Approved.

Financial Report - Eleanor suggested we use donations where needed for raffle prizes. Dennis made a motion to approve the suggestion with a second by Paul. Approved.

Dead Pike Lake

Gale Wolf provided an update on the DPL project and advised that he'd written an article for the MWLA upcoming newsletter. Gale also agreed to serve as a MWLA board member.

Northern Wisconsin Lake Group Leaders and Members Meeting:

Karen Dixon attended the July 13th meeting at Nicolet College and provided an update: There were about 70 attendees from 5 or 6 counties. Discussions at the meeting and the Lakes Group support (or not) included reports on the State Budget, funding for DNR, dredging permits, Foxconn/wetlands, the new regulation that doesn't required spotters for water skiing. The organization will be doing research on wake boats. Information was provided about using power washers at boat landings and bait shops. Upcoming events were highlighted including the workshop on shoreline restoration August 3rd at the Discovery Center and an upcoming Trout Lake open house. Other speakers included author Jim Brakken and Bob Martini of Greenfire.

Committee Reports.

Angie volunteered to be the new secretary.

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

Emily: Curly Leaf Pondweed has started dying back. No new locations were discovered this summer and overall there is less CLP this year due to past treatments, diligent effort and abnormal weather conditions. There is evidence of CLP spreading on Fawn Lake in the boat channel. Divers have pulled CLP in Spider Lake.

An old outboard motor was recovered from Rest Lake.

Purple Loosestrife – beetles were released on the Stepping Stones, Vance lake and the Manitowish river. PL is blooming, and volunteers are needed to start clipping.

Healthy Lakes Grant – all work needs to be done by end of August to be reimbursed. Interns are located at boat landings on Rest and Clear Lakes. The interns report there is a lot of conversation with tourists who are not familiar with AIS efforts. Emily reminded all to turn in AIS hours.

A 24-foot pontoon boat has been donated by Sandra Kant to NLDC to use for education and tours.

Fish Habitat Project – Fish Stick Grant (Healthy Lakes Initiative) Tom provided update about the plans for new drops.

Walleyes for Tomorrow– WFT will be stocking 7200 more extended walleyes this fall in the MW chain. In 2019 the DNR will do a full-blown study on MW lakes and rivers. Previously stocked fish are about 11 inches now. A survey is being placed at boat landings for phone capture. Now doing coordinates on lakes for sinking around the chain.

Karen asked why the DNR now wants trees vs. cribs? Tom explained that small fish can hide under trees and that cribs attract too many fish of all sizes and too many fishermen.

Government Relations

Town Board meeting recap (7/10/18)

A request for signage at boat landings regarding courteous and legal boating was presented to the town board at the July meeting. TB will take it forward and make signs for all the landings.

Water patrol – In June they issued 13 verbal warnings, 1 written warning.

Rest Lake Park has finished shoreline planting and the ski dock is finished. The old public landing will be removed soon.

The new Police boat is much more visible than the previous boat.

Room tax appropriations will include donations to several groups.

Suggestions included: the boat patrol spend more time around Music in the Park; a local ordinance against pulling tubes through channel or under bridges; swimming around boats at Music in the Park is dangerous; An explanation from Dan Cardinal is in the current newsletter.

Public Communications

Summer Newsletter will go out mid-July. A draft has been sent to the board for suggestions and approval. Karen will then edit and send to Eleanor.

Community Outreach

July 4th – update on the fish pond and booth sales.

Annual meeting planning: Karen is still asking for volunteers. Tables and chairs will need to be set up either Friday morning or Saturday morning.

It was decided to take a minimal amount of supplies from the community center based on low sales in previous years. Bob has Square on his phone to use for memberships. Only orders will be taken for shirts and hats.

Flyers to be handed out: Group 1 – Dennis, Group 2 – Tom, Group 3 – Greg, Group 4 – Bob Barker.

Dennis has arranged for breakfast to be supplied by Village Market: 35 lbs. at \$4.99/pounds for 140 people which includes 15 dozen donuts (\$133.50), 6 dozen bagels (\$36.00) Cream cheese (\$15.00) 9 gallons juice, Folgers coffee, 2 Creamers - 1 vanilla and 1 regular. \$500.00 total. Dennis will pickup from the market on Saturday morning.

Raffle tickets will be 25 for \$20.00 10 for \$10 or \$1 for 1 ticket.
Cash envelope - \$100?

Pending approval from Lynn, please bring all raffle prizes at 10 a.m. on the 25th to the Bobcat cabin.

Administrative

Officers for 2018/2019 term:

President - Bob Becker

Vice President – Paul Puccinelli

Secretary – Angie Dombrowicki

Treasurer – Eleanor Butler

Board Member Expirations:

Bob Stowers 2019

Tom Kramer 2019
Gale Wolf 2019
Jody Miller 2019
Mary Bowlus 2020
Delp Shafer 2020
Greg Holt 2020
Dennis Wilm 2020

2018/19 Budget review: Budget has been drafted by Bob who suggested he'd send to Eleanor for review. The budget will then be sent to the board for an email vote prior to the annual meeting. Preliminary suggestions include a need to increase spending for AIS. Eleanor also suggested changes to fish habitat and stocking?

Old Business

- Committee Assignments: Bob made assignments, will send out to the board later today.

Greg suggested passing out flyers or signage about boating courtesy and creating a banner.

Paul asked if anyone knew who to call about solar posts taking videos of boats landing and taking off as it regards AIS. A system is allegedly being used by Plum Lake and Quita had asked John Richter to send the info to Paul and herself, but Paul hasn't received a response and can't find information on the internet. It was suggested that he might try calling the DNR.

Dennis reported that private parties on Island Lake had put out buoys but that isn't legal so the DNR pulled them.

Next meeting date - Monday, Aug 20, 2018 at 9:30 a.m., Discovery Center Bobcat Cabin

Meeting Adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jody Miller, Secretary