

**MWLA Board of Directors Meeting
September 17, 2018
Minutes**

President Bob Becker called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Board Members Present: Bob Stowers, Delp Schafer, Mary Bowlus, Karen Dixon, Angela Dombrowicki, Paul Puccinelli, Jody Miller, Bob Becker, Gale Wolf, and Eleanor Butler.

Board Members Absent: Tom Kramer, Greg Holt, Dennis Wilm.

Jody Miller moved that the agenda be approved. Paul Puccinelli seconded. The motion was approved.

Paul moved that the minutes for the August 20th Board of Directors meeting be approved. Gale seconded. The minutes for the August 20th MWLA Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Dead Pike Lake Update: Gale Wolf

Bob Becker attended the Dead Pike Lake annual meeting on September 1, 2018 for the MWLA and talked about a productive relationship with Dead Pike and the MWLA. Dead Pike Lake Association is looking at the possibility of a dam or other structure to maintain a consistent water level for Dead Pike Lake.

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

TAISP—Emily Heald

The Fish Stick grant was closed at the end of the summer for DNR.

Phase 5 Planning with Onterra-Follow-up—Stone Lake and lakes below the dam met several weeks ago. The recommendation was to continue monitoring and harvesting purple loosestrife (PL) and curly leaf pondweed (CLP).

Discovery Center needs small grants from the town of Manitowish Waters and MWLA to continue monitoring and harvest PL and CLP. Annual amount needed is approximately \$50,000 + annual cost of living increases.

Emily asked how the MWLA Board would like to handle the funding request. Board members suggested that the request for funds be in writing. The approximate amount requested from the MWLA is \$5,000 annually. The request will be ongoing and will be referenced in the MWLA newsletter. MWLA will also send a letter of support to the Manitowish Waters and Boulder Junction town boards. The Boulder Junction town board meeting is next week and the MW town board meeting is in early October. Bob Becker will prepare the letters of support on behalf of the MWLA.

Educational Activities

Emily hosted a canoe trip on Rice Creek to educate the public about AIS. Karen Dixon also participated on the trip.

I-LID- Paul Puccinelli

Paul presented and distributed the Environmental Sentry Protection (ESP) Company's proposal on I-LID to the Board. Paul noted that DNR will reimburse 50% of the first year cost of I-LID ((\$4,000). The grant to DNR is due on 12/10/2018 for spring projects. I-LID requires 4G Verizon service and sun. Total cost: Year 1--\$10,000 (includes cost of equipment and maintenance with \$4,000 reimbursable from the DNR). Ongoing Costs: \$1,800 per year thereafter for maintenance and monitoring. In addition to DNR funding for part of the equipment, donations may be possible for one-time and/or ongoing costs. Rest Lake and Greer's Pier are the two most promising sites for I-LIDs given that the two sites together have approximately 80% of the boat traffic on the chain and both have 4G and sun.

Plum Lake installed several I-LIDs this year and the Lac Du Flambeau tribe has had I-LIDs operating in 2-3 sites for several years. Celeste Hockings, the Tribal Water Specialist, indicated that the tribe is very happy with I-LIDs and would arrange a visit for interested MWLA Board members. Paul will follow-up with Celeste to arrange a visit soon.

Gale also asked if the MWLA board has or would explore buying harvesting rights from tribes on Wild Rice Creek. Emily will explore other lakes' efforts to work with tribes on AIS/Tribal Rights issues.

Financial Report-Eleanor Butler

Eleanor presented the financial report for the June-September 2018 period.

Eleanor raised an issue with the MWLA annual donation to the Skeeters for the MWLA ad in the Skeeters' program. The Skeeters ad price increased from \$45 last year to \$115 for 2019. The annual Skeeters donation used to be \$500 including the ad price. The Board agreed to keep the donation at \$500 total with \$115 going for the ad and the remainder as a donation. Bob Stowers will ask the Skeeters to include notice of safe boat distances and AIS in their ads from the MWLA.

Karen Dixon moved to approve the financial report; Angela seconded. The Board approved the financial report.

Public communication-Karen Dixon

Karen noted the topics for the fall MWLA newsletter and noted that the newsletter will be mailed on September 23rd.

MWLA Board of Directors Meeting Dates for 2019-Karen Dixon

The 2019 meeting dates will be the third Monday of each month from May until October from 9:30-11:30 am in the Bobcat Cabin at the Discovery Center. The dates for 2019 are: May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 14th, if needed.

Community Outreach-Karen Dixon

Karen is looking for volunteers to help with Cran-o-Rama on October 6th. Several Board members signed-up and she is waiting to hear from other members. Bob Becker will handle organizing the pontoon boots and greeters. Karen will send out a final list of volunteers and assignments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

The next meeting is October 15, 2018. The main topic will be to finalize discussion/plans for I-LIDs.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki
Secretary