

MWLA Board of Directors Meeting
August 20, 2018
Minutes

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

Board Members Present: Jody Miller, Paul Puccinelli, Gale Wolf, Angela Dombrowicki, Bob Stowers, Delp Schafer, Greg Holt, Eleanor Butler, Karen Dixon

Board Members Absent: Mary Bowlus, Dennis Wilm, Tom Kramer

Jody moved to approve the agenda and Paul seconded the motion. Agenda was approved.

Paul moved to approve the July minutes; Gale seconded. The July minutes were approved.

Dead Pike Lake - Gale Wolf

Gale reported that the Dead Pike Lake Association is working on several efforts to improve water quality and to study needs for funding. Affiliation with the MWLA is helping efforts to improve quality of water.

Financial Report-Eleanor Butler

Eleanor presented the financial report for June -August 2018. Paul Puccinelli asked whether members paid and Bob noted that some still needed to pay. Several questions were asked about the revenues for the annual meeting. Gale moved to approve the financial report and Paul second the motion. The Board approved the financial report.

Water Safety and AIS--Emily Heald

- Many people have contacted Emily with plant ID questions since the annual meeting
- All but 1 AIS training this year booked to capacity; have also done several private training as requested
- Several new water-related interpretive signs on NLDC Campus
- Onterra Phase 5 meeting Wednesday, August 22, 9-noon
- Interns last day August 24
- Interns talked to over 600 people and 300 + boats at Rest and Clear Lake landings about clean boats.

Purple Loosestrife

- Beetles released on Rice Creek, the Manitowish River flowing into Island lake, Manitowish River below the dam (mostly on Vance lake) Stepping Stones (far east), Wild Rice Lake
- PL on Stepping Stones, Wild Rice, Manitowish River below the dam (mostly Vance, some on Sturgeon) Manitowish River flowing into Island Lake, Rice Creek and wetland near Rest lake, Spider Island Channel, Rest Lake near Tom Joseph's, Greer's Peer, and Stone bogmat.

Purple loosestrife is thriving this year due to warm weather. Should lakes association do something to help? Emily noted that manpower would be most helpful in clipping and monitoring purple loosestrife.

Beetles help to eradicate as does pulling the plant. Board could help in recruiting volunteers to clip purple loosestrife.

I-LID Device-Paul Puccinelli/Bob Becker

Bob received lots of questions about the I-LID device at the annual meeting. Most thought it was a good idea.

Bob asked whether we should try to get one. Cost of device is \$8,000; 50% of the cost could be paid for by a grant from DNR. Grants are due in February. Costs \$350 a month maintenance when its in operation (3 months for the summer) Can monitor day and/or night. Maintenance fee would allow us to monitor device on line and is vandal -resistant and solar-powered. Would have to get town approval to install on Rest Lake. Device should be removed in the winter. Use of the LID on Fence Lake has reduced the amount of weeds from 10% to 2 %.

Paul asked if the Board would like further action on this device. Board members discussed the pros and cons of the MWLA purchasing one or more devices.

Board members decided to obtain more information about the LID device before making a motion to purchase one or more of them. Paul will check with Fence Lake participants about their experiences with the device and ask Tom to talk to the Greer's Pier owner/manager as well as Celeste Hawkins, Lac Du Flambeau Water Coordinator. Installing a device at Greer's and on Rest Lake at Kohler Park would take care of about 70% of the boat traffic on the lake.

Also, the Board will include an article in the September newsletter about the LID and ask for donations. The Board will discuss purchasing one or more devices at the September Board Meeting.

Government Relations—Greg Holt

Town Board

- Water Patrol Report: 20 verbal, 6 written warnings, and 1 citation for the month of July.
- Town board discussed the Discovery Center request to DNR to turn Statehouse Lake into a non-motorized lake.
- Alder Culver Project done after Labor Day.
- Docks on Rest Lake. Kohler Park still in planning. May have volunteers work in the winter on more pontoon -size slips for Kohler Park.

Public Communication

Fall newsletter will contain an article and request for donations for the I-LID device.

Bob received lots of comments at the Annual Meeting for the Fire Wise Program. Bob will follow-up with Laura regarding the MWLA working with the Fire Wise Program.

Community Outreach

Annual Meeting: Total attendance was 74 people. Board decided to keep the July date and the morning meeting at 9:00 am. The Board should consider making a few changes to the breakfast menu. Board will discuss more at future meetings.

New Business

Fire Wise Program - discussed under "public communication" above.

Cran-a-rama

Date of Cran-a-rama is October 6, 2018.

Bob will obtain volunteers for pontoon boats and drivers.

Other Business

MWLA annual donations

Karen asked who on the Board will take charge of these donations. Bob and Eleanor will follow-up with checks and letters to the school, Discovery Center for use of the meeting room, Camp Jorn, and the Skeeters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Angie Dombrowicki, Secretary