

MWLA Board of Directors Meeting
July 15, 2019
Minutes

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

Board Members Present: Bob Becker, Greg Holt, Paul Puccinelli , Dennis Wilm, Karen Dixon, Delp Schafer, Angie Dombrowicki, Eleanor Butler, Tom Kramer, Jody Miller

Board Members Absent: Gale Wolf, Mary Bowlus

Jody moved to approve the agenda; Dennis seconded. The agenda was approved.

Angie moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting with the following change to the last sentence of page 1: Delete the sentence "A fish stick was placed on Crescent Island in Lake Minocqua by Chuck Kramer" and replace it with "Chuck Kramer enhanced walleye spawning areas by installing rocks to shorelines on Lake Minocqua."

Karen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with the change noted above.

Annual Meeting Committee-Karen Dixon

To Do List: Karen distributed a list of tasks that need to be completed as preparation for the annual meeting. The speakers' time frames for presentations were adjusted on the agenda. Several Board Members volunteered to help set-up for the meeting, for placing announcements at businesses, and for other tasks on the list. Karen will also continue to follow-up with volunteers from MWLA members who helped last year. All raffle prizes or donations from Board members should be given to Karen or dropped off at the Discovery Center. Dennis suggested that businesses who donated prizes be recognized at the annual meeting. Bob will announce those businesses at the annual meeting.

Food for the Annual Meeting: Ten breakfast casseroles with a variety of ingredients were ordered from Save More at \$22.95 per casserole. A fruit plate for \$62, 3 dozen sweet rolls, and 3 dozen muffins were ordered from Trigs. We will also ask someone to buy and cut-up a watermelon.

Board Officers and Members-Bob Becker

After some discussion, the Board approved the following changes to Board Members and Officers for approval at the annual meeting:

Recommend Mike McKeon to replace Bob Becker as a Director and Carla Biwan to replace Bob Stowers as a Director each for 2-year terms ending in July 2021.

Recommend Greg Holt as President and Dennis Wilm as Vice President each for a 1-year term expiring in July 2020 to replace Bob Becker and Paul Puccinelli, respectively. Paul would continue on the Board as a Director.

Recommend that Angela Dombrowicki continue as Secretary and Eleanor Butler as Treasurer with 1-year terms expiring in July 2020.

Recommend that Jody Miller, Tom Kramer, and Gale Wolf continue as Directors with 2-year terms expiring July 2021

The Board approved making these recommendations for Board Officers and Directors to the membership at the annual meeting.

Budget and Financial Report-Eleanor Butler

The Board reviewed the financial report and made the following changes to the Budget line items:

4023 Annual Meeting-Change the amount budgeted from \$900 to \$700.

5150 Water Ecology and Safety- Change the amount budgeted from \$7,500 to \$11,000 to meet the needs for AIS removal requested by Emily Heald.

Transfer the \$3,700 needed to meet these additional projected expenses from savings.

The total budgeted amount would be \$24,120. Paul motioned that the Board approve the budget with the changes noted above for presentation and approval by membership at the annual meeting; Dennis seconded. The motion was approved.

Lake Management Planning and AIS Update –Emily Heald

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Complete

- No CLP (or Eurasian water milfoil) on Little Star, Wild Rice, Alder, Clear or Manitowish Lakes
- CLP not found in new locations
- Rest has a single plant, Stone has several scattered single plants, Island has a small group of plants. Spider has scattered single plants; significantly fewer than in past years. All of these locations were hand pulled by NDC interns.
- Plant removal company pulled 158 cubic feet of CLP on Fawn Lake. NLDC is looking into the costs and benefits of using DASH (diver assisted suction) on Fawn next year.
- Given the needs for plant removal on Fawn Lake as well as other needs, Emily recommended that the MWLA budget \$11,000 next year for AIS removal vs the \$5,400 currently budgeted. (The Board approved that as part of its motion on the budget under the water ecology line item.)

NLDC staff are updating signage on boat landing kiosks (CLP alert signs). Rest Lake signs are in.

Beetle releasing is completed. Almost all of the beetles were released in Rice Creek, the Manitowish River and the wetland on Wild Rice Lake.

Purple Loosestrife (PL) is barely starting to bloom; monitoring will begin in a few weeks.

Emily reminded Board members to turn in their volunteer hours for lake monitoring. These hours are critical for grant funding.

Walleyes for Tomorrow-Tom Kramer

A study on the Manitowish Chain showed improvement in the walleye populations since 2004 on some lakes. Natural reproduction of walleye is especially poor on Wild Rice and Alder Lake and best on Clear, Rest and Island Lakes.

Tom is proposing to add fish sticks on the Manitowish Chain this winter on state land with funding from Walleyes for Tomorrow. There is also a proposal to increase the size of walleye that can be kept for anglers to 1 fish from 15-20" and 1 fish over 24".

Town Board-Bob Becker

There is a follow-up meeting to the July 12th meeting on no-wake zones on August 13th at 6:00 pm at the Community Center. The purpose of the August 13th meeting is for town residents to offer suggestions on how to enforce no-wake zones.

In June, 2018 the MWLA Board approved language regarding adherence to no-wake zones for approval by the Town Board. Bob will have signs made and distributed at the Manitowish Chain boat landings. Emily suggested that Onterra make a map of each lake to mark off no-wake zones at 100ft. from the shoreline as well as other no-wake zones. The maps could be posted at boat landings, placed in newsletters, distributed to landlords to use with seasonal renters.

A suggestion was made that Board members encourage interested people to attend the meeting on August 13th to express their concerns and ideas about no-wake zones.

Storm Sewers-Karen Dixon

Bob agreed to contact Vilas County and ask if there is a filter in the storm sewer in downtown Manitowish Waters and if there is a possibility of a retention pond.

July 4th Results and Suggestions-Karen Dixon

The MWLA made \$459 selling merchandise, \$131 in donations, and \$50 in memberships. Trout pond was popular as usual. A suggestion was made to allow one fish per child with additional fish allowed as the supply of trout dictates.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 am.

The next meeting is Monday, August 19, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Discovery Center,
Bobcat Cabin.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki,
Secretary