

MWLA Board of Directors Meeting  
June 17, 2019  
Minutes

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

Board Members Present: Bob Becker, Greg Holt, Mary Bowlus , Dennis Wilm, Karen Dixon. Delp Schafer, Angela Dombrowicki, Tom Kramer, Jody Miller

Board Members Absent: Gayle Wolf, Eleanor Butler, Paul Puccinelli

Discovery Center Interns

Emily Heald introduced the Discovery Center Interns for the 2019 season: Eric Curtis. Jarod Scheff, and Nicole Spears.

Agenda

There were two additions to the agenda: 1) Storm sewers and 2) No-wake zones from Fawn to Stone Lakes and in Spider Bay

Greg moved to approve the agenda with the two additions noted above. Jody seconded. The agenda was approved.

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Jody moved to approve the minutes; Delp seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Water Ecology and Safety**

TAISP-Emily Heald

New AIS, natural shoreline, and TAISP signs for Rest Lake printed.

Curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) -CLP season is upon us, but monitoring has been difficult due to weather (rain and wind) . Discovery Center staff and interns will monitor AIS beginning this week with Onterra staff.

CLP found on Fawn, Spider-Island Channel, Rice Creek so far (nothing new yet).

Purple loosestrife(PL)- PL beetles are here early! They are in their netted homes reproducing for us at this time.

Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW)-Interns have been very busy at Clear and Rest Lakes for CBCW inspections. So far, boaters have been receptive to their efforts.

Walleyes for Tomorrow-Tom Kramer

There was a banquet on Thursday June 20, 2019 at the Whitetail Inn in St. Germain.

Chuck Kramer enhanced walleye spawning areas by installing rocks to shorelines on Lake Minocqua.

There was a walleye study this spring on the Manitowish Chain of Lakes. There is no information about the study results yet. There will be a meeting on June 25, 2019 at the Manitowish Waters Town Hall about the study and related issues. There has been some discussion about changing the minimum size of walleye that can be kept by anglers to 15"-20". About one-third of the walleyes caught on the chain are tagged fish. There is also some interest in doing the same study of walleyes currently underway at Big Trout Lake where an intern is stationed daily to survey anglers about their walleye catches.

#### Government Relations-Bob Becker and Greg Holt

Rest Lake Park-The Manitowish Waters Town Board installed a new board at Rest Lake Park to accommodate signs and announcements.

Koller Park Bandstand- Bob suggested that the MWLA donate \$500 toward the construction of the roof at the Koller Park bandstand. Greg suggested using the donation for dock installation on Rest Lake. Dennis moved to donate \$500 toward the roof construction of the bandstand in Koller Park. Mary Bowlus seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Board.

Other News from the Town Board-The extension of the Rest Lake dock was postponed; waiting for contractor to get back to the Town Board.

There will be a Town Board meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the library and town hall expansion estimates.

#### **Public Communication- Karen Dixon**

Spring Newsletter- The newsletter was mailed on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Karen sent out an AIS training announcement and reminder to members. Emily noted that there was a good response to this mailing and her AIS training sessions this summer are full.

Summer Newsletter- Karen has begun working on it.

#### **Community Outreach**

##### July 4<sup>th</sup> Planning

Karen handed out a checklist of planning tasks and asked for Board volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and staffing the MWLA Booth and Trout Pond. Karen will send out a list of assignments for the volunteers. The Discovery Center Interns will also help. Jody will be the Judge for the Pete Rasey Whimsy Award. The Board decided that the Pete Rasey Whimsy Award will be changed to the MWLA Pete Rasey Award.

##### Annual Meeting Planning

There will be a subcommittee of Delp Schafer, Dennis Wilm, Karen Dixon, Mary Bowlus and Angela Dombrowicki to plan the details of the annual meeting. The first meeting of this subcommittee will be at the Koller Library on Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am. Speakers have been arranged for the annual meeting and there are some raffle prizes donated. Board members are asked to donate a prize or money and bring either to the Board meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup> or drop off the donations at the Discovery Center . Mary will check with Trig's and Save More on a menu of breakfast casseroles, juice, coffee, fruit and something sweet. The subcommittee will report back to the Board as details of the annual meeting are arranged.

#### Administrative Nominating Committee-Bob Becker

The Board discussed a possible nomination of Carla Biwan to replace Bob Stowers' position. Carla is interested in serving on the Board. Another possible member may be Mike McKeon. Angela will stay on as Secretary for one more year and Eleanor as Treasurer. Greg is considering being nominated for President while Dennis is interested in the Vice President position. Bob asked Board members to think about the nominations for further discussion at the July meeting.

#### Golf Shirts-Bob Becker

The shirts with the MWLA name printed on them have been ordered and will be sold at the Nines and Dixie's, both in downtown Manitowish Waters. As noted in the May minutes, the MWLA will receive \$5 per shirt sold.

#### No-Wake Zones-Bob Becker and Dennis Wilm

The Board discussed recommending extending the no wake zone from Fawn to Stone Lake. Dennis also recommended that the no wake zone in the Spider Lake Bay be extended. No further action was taken at the meeting.

#### Storm Sewers- Greg Holt

There is a storm sewer at the end of the parking lot directly across from the Wine Barn in downtown Manitowish Waters. Bob will ask the Town Board to contact Vilas County to see if there is a filter in that storm sewer and/or if there are others in our area and how often are they changed.

#### Float Your Boat-Karen Dixon and Dennis Wilm

Karen, Dennis, Mary, and Eleanor will represent the MWLA at the Discovery Center Float your Boat Trivia contest on June 22, 2019. Dennis is donating the use of his pontoon boat.

An agenda item for the next meeting is to discuss having coasters made with the MWLA website and logo on them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am by Bob Becker. Board members stayed to attend AIS training by Emily Heald.

The next meeting is Monday, July 15, 2019 at 9:30 am at the Discovery Center, Bobcat Cabin.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki,  
Secretary