

## **MWLA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 16, 2002  
9:30 A.M. Discovery Center**

Present: Greg Holt, Jamie Vandenlangenberg, Karen Dixon, Delp Schafer, Jody Miller, Mary Bowlus, Mike McKeon, Carla Hameister, Tom Kramer, Angela Dombrowicki, Eleanor Butler; Via Phone – Paul Puccinelli. Absent: Lynn Schroeder

### Meeting Summary:

- Meeting called to order by Greg Holt at 9:30 a.m.; quorum present.
- Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Jody, seconded by Paul, motion unanimously approved.
- Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of February 21, 2022 meeting by Tom, seconded by Jody, motion unanimously approved

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Financial Report:**

- Clarification provided regarding Land Trust Donation; motion to approve financial statements was made by Karen, seconded by Jody; motion unanimously approved.

## **WATER ECOLOGY & SAFETY**

### **Fish Habitat – Tom Kramer**

- 750,000 walleye eggs were collected by Walleyes for Tomorrow; the portable hatchery was stationed at the docks by Blue Bayou.
- As the fry are born and when ready, they are placed in Alder Lake; looking to achieve ~ 1,500 fry per acre.
- With expected mortality as fish mature, expect ~ one-half percent to make it adulthood.
- Anyone interested in seeing the portable fish hatchery should contact Mike Kramer.

### **Dead Pike Lake – Greg Holt**

- Dead Pike Lake Association and Town again negotiating with DNR regarding the proposed dam structure on Lost Creek. Previously Town ceased negotiations, but attorney for Town and DNR again working on outstanding issues. Goal is coming up with a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) that meets the goals of the DNR and the Dead Pike Lake Association. The MOU process may include various stakeholder groups including the Dead Pike Lake Association, the Town, and the DNR; Town Chairperson John Hanson may ask for MWLA to take a role. Board directed Greg Holt to seek background documents from John Hanson prior to the MWLA taking a role.
- One of the continuing Dead Pike Lake issues is who will maintain and operate the dam.

### **2022 Grants & Chain Plans – Jamie Vandenlangenberg – Water Program Director**

- Discovery Center will have 5 interns working this summer with Jamie.

- 3 current DNR grants will provide funding for continued monitoring for AIS via point intercept surveys, vegetation analysis and for updating the MW Master Plan for Island, Spider and Rest Lakes with reporting by Onterra Environmental Consultants.
- There will be visual surveys of the other lakes covered by the Management plan with control practices as appropriate.
- AIS monitoring training will again be available this summer.
- Fawn Lake has had significant patches of Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP), now entering season where CLP will become visible; may require scuba or DASH harvesting.
- Grant monies will again cover Rest & Clear Lake boat landings for the Clean Boats Clean Waters efforts.
- All time spent monitoring for AIS counts toward grant hours—participants need to continue to log and report their hours.
- The Purple Loosestrife control program will continue this year; hoping for improved beetle harvesting over previous year when beetle populations were lower.

#### **Report on 2022 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Conference – Karen Dixon**

- Karen sent an email written report and commented on how valuable the experience is.
- Others are encouraged to consider attending; dates next year are 4/19/23-4/21/23, again in Stevens Point WI.

#### **Rice Creek Erosion Project (Island Lake to Big Lake to Wild Cat)**

- The project is funded through the DNR and administered through the Vilas County Land and Water Conversation Dept.
- The project covers the entire Rice Creek watershed and focuses on private properties.
- Multiple teams made up with 2 volunteers and 1 water professional surveyed the area looking for pollution and erosion issues.
- Possible remediation plans will be developed depending on what is found.
- The Board agreed to have Vilas County Land and Water present their findings at the MWLA Annual Meeting at the end of July.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **Newsletter:**

Items to include:

- Karen would like to include in the next newsletter: note from President (Greg); membership renewal form; annual meeting announcement (7/30/22); information from Jamie and water interns and report on grants; Rest Lake Property Report (Mike); Water Safety Committee report(Greg); Water Safety Patrol report (Dan Perry); Fisheries update(Tom); thank you for years of service by Gale Wolf; also possibly information on when ice came on and went off and on purple loosestrife program depending on room available in newsletter.
- Newsletters will go out electronically and through the mail again this year.
- Board to look into changing in the future from Mail Chimp to a software system that has capabilities for:
  - RSVP's online

- Online membership
- Volunteer opportunities.

## **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

### **Town Board & Planning Commission Meetings**

- Little recently at meetings that directly related to water issues since last Board meeting.
- Reminder that the Town previously approved \$38,000 for AIS

### **Town Water Safety Committee**

- Committee continues to work on community education and goals of responsible and courteous boating.
- One of Town Safety Committee's goals is to educate community on excessive wakes.
- Last Wilderness Alliance is hosting a meeting at the Discovery Center on June 30<sup>th</sup> open to the public regarding a scientific study related to wake issues; John Bates will be doing a book signing prior to the beginning of the wakes meeting.
- Concerns have been brought up regarding lake bed scouring due to wake boats.
- There has been a study indicating some bladder boats with non-solid bladders don't completely empty, question if this could be an issue related to AIS control.
- Also a question is where the Board should go to for guidance and who to interact with—groups like Last Wilderness Alliance, public officials, boating industry representatives?
- There will be a multi-county meeting on July 15<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. until noon at Nicolet College on wake issues; interested Board members are encouraged to attend.

### **DNR Rest Lake Dam MOU working group meeting**

- Greg stated the working group will meet 3 more times this year; a couple concerns were brought up at the previous meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - One item is to extend the draw down later in the year; John Hanson suggested 45 days instead of 30; also possibly beginning later than Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Another discussion item will be minimum flows during times of drought.
  - Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Opportunity to Join Committees**

- Limited responses received to membership-wide email request for folks to join committees; one response received. Email was wordy, too long.
- Discussion that help continues to be needed for membership recruitment, newsletter, website, etc. May want to send out shorter requests targeted for specific areas. Also Board members are encouraged to reach out to individuals; plan on putting a sign up at annual meeting encouraging participation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Committee Staffing**

- Board members were asked to review the MWLA standing committee descriptions and email Greg with committees they would like to work on or chair.
- Some Board members will be up for renewal at the next Annual meeting; will need to review if new Board members will need to be recruited. Gale Wolf's position is now vacant—decision reached for Board members to make informal contacts with others they know who might be interested in joining the Board and let the Board know of the results of those contacts. Potential new Board members could be offered the opportunity to sit in on a Board meeting to see if it is something they are interested in.

### **Rest Lake Property**

- Chuck Kramer plans on being done with the demolition work next week, including having the septic system pumped out and removed.
- After Chuck is done, there will need to be a cleanup day for miscellaneous smaller things left on site; Greg will put out a doodle poll for potential dates for Board members to assist with clean-up.
- An erosion barrier may be needed where the ground slopes where the old steps to the lake were. Those who help with the clean-up day can help evaluate this need during the clean-up. Reseeding or plantings may also need to be considered.
- There are trees that may need to be cut down as they are partially down; those partially in the water will be left.
- Remaining things that need to be done relative to the property: placement of signage; ongoing maintenance plan; possibly an audit of MWLA finances if property donation triggers it through the filing of the next Form 990.

### **Antique Car & Boat Show – May 28<sup>th</sup>**

- The show is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on the Little Bohemia grounds; MWLA will have a booth with the following:
  - Protect, maintain, enhance theme
  - Education on native plantings for shoreline restoration
  - Examples of several native plants
  - Secchi disc set-up to demonstrate water clarity testing
  - Educational information on enhancing the fishery
  - Water safety maps
  - Donation jar
  - Membership applications
- The Discovery Center have a booth next to the MWLA.

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Booth**

- Greg will contact Tim Winkle to order the trout for the pond and contact Bob Skrobot regarding setting up the pond.

- Board will address booth set-up/take down and staffing and trout pond staffing at the next meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. Bobcat Cabin Discovery Center**

Respectfully submitted Carla Biwan Hameister, edited Greg Holt.