

**Manitowish Waters Lakes Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, February 21, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom**

In attendance: Greg Holt, Mary Bowlus, Jody Miller, Delp Schafer, Paul Puccinelli, Lynn Schroeder, Angie Dombrowicki, Karen Dixon, Eleanor Butler
Excused: Mike McKeon, Carla Hameister

1. Approve agenda: Motion by Angie, second by Jody, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion approved.

2. Minutes: Motion by Jody, second by Mary, to approve the minutes of 11-12-21 board meeting. Motion approved.

3. Old Business

- Rest Lake property update: Greg reported that the property tax exclusion has been sent in and Xcel is supposed to disconnect the electricity. The boat house and pier have been removed by Chuck Kramer.

4. Committee Reports/New Business

- Jamie Vandengenberg has been hired by the Discovery Center to be their Water Program Manager. Her start date is March 21 and is she very qualified for the job. She is relocating from Genoa City, WI and needs time to find living arrangements in our area. She is married with two children.

- Patty Gauthier (Chamber) asked if the MWLA would be interested in having a booth at the Car and Boat Show in May. After discussion, we decided to move forward with the idea and discuss details at a future meeting.

- Discussion of possible new committees to address new opportunities/issues: The Planning Committee met on Jan. 21 and Greg reported the following in an email to the board members prior to the board meeting of Feb. 21.

“ In a nutshell, we would like to propose setting up 3 committees with participation from the Board of Directors who are interested and from the general membership. We would like to send out an email to all of our membership announcing the proposed three committees asking for folks to email us back if they are interested in participating. If we do not get sufficient participation from the membership and Board we will then send out follow-up emails again asking for participation, this time one proposed committee at a time. We would like to emphasize the approach that our waters are an unbelievable treasure and require our stewardship to preserve this asset into the future. We would like to supplement the membership-wide appeal with individual invitations to members who have indicated an interest in the past on the subject matter of the subcommittees.

The three proposed committees would deal with:

- 1. Shoreline Preservation/Restoration and Native Plantings*
- 2. Excessive Wake Concerns*
- 3. Membership and Marketing (including improving our on-line presence, ensuring our ability to continue our newsletters, updating our website, and looking at on-line membership). This may also blend into looking at our fund raising opportunities.”*

Discussion of the plan resulted in the following:

- Excessive wakes will remain the purview of the Town Water Safety Committee and the MWLA will continue to assist with public education. There was board consensus to develop goals and objectives for the other two committees

- Angie volunteered to chair the Membership and Marketing Committee, and Karen volunteered to chair the Shoreline Restoration Committee.

- The Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 1 by Zoom. Greg will set up the Zoom meeting and send the link. The committee will develop clear goals and objectives for the two proposed committees. When we send an eblast to our membership about joining a committee, they need to be informed of what each committee is responsible for.

Next MWLA board meeting is Monday, May 16, 2022, although we may have additional Zoom or phone meetings prior to May if needed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dixon