

**Manitowish Waters Lakes Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, July 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

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

Approve agenda: Motion by Mary, second by Angie, to approve the agenda as amended to change the order of the agenda items as described by Greg. Motion approved.

Minutes: Motion by Karen, second by Lynn, to approve the minutes of 5-16-22 board meeting. Motion approved.

**Old Business**

- Annual Meeting: Greg reviewed the list of 'To Do's' for the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting Committee has taken care of the breakfast and will set up the raffle items; Eleanor will print the reports and membership lists; Jamie will set up the AIS trifold (Summer Water staff will not be available); Karen will take care of the money box and volunteers; volunteers to come on Friday at 1:00 p.m. to help set up and arrive by 8:00 Saturday morning. The meeting agenda was discussed along with method of selling raffle tickets. Raffle items donated by board members should be dropped off at the Discovery Center in Beaver Cabin starting next Wednesday and no later than Thursday.
- Annual meeting flyers were distributed with assignments for board members. Karen will contact Jody.
- Board of Directors terms: Lynn will not run for another term. **Motion by Mike, second by Lynn, to approve the slate of board nominees: Officers – Greg Holt, President; Angie Dombrowicki, Vice President; Eleanor Butler, Treasurer; Karen Dixon, Secretary and Directors – Delp Schafer, Mary Bowlus, Mike McKeon, Tom Kramer, Paul, Puccinelli, Jody Miller, and Carla Hameister. Motion approved.**

**New Business**

- Budget: Greg, Eleanor, and Carla met to adjust the budget for 2022-23. The board reviewed the draft budget and made a few suggestion for changes i.e. workshops, fish stocking & habitat, etc. Carla and Eleanor will incorporate the suggested revisions into the draft budget and email a copy to board members. **Motion made by Lynn, second by Karen, to recommend the revised draft 2022-23 budget to the membership for approval at the Annual Meeting. Motion approved.**
- There was consensus to add a category to the membership form for donations to Shoreland Stewardship.
- Suggestion made that our organization look into acquiring a credit card and also investigate the Clover to Go app through Associated Bank so we can accept credit cards for memberships and purchase of merchandise. Eleanor will check with the bank; Angie volunteered to help after the Annual Meeting.

**Committee Reports**

- Water Ecology and Safety
- Dead Pike Lake: Greg reported that he has been invited to be a representative on the Dead Pike Lake Committee by Town Chair, John Hanson to "join the working group that will discuss developing a Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) for the Dead Pike Lake water level control device. Members

will include representatives from the DNR, the president of the Dead Pike Lake Association Wendy Gehlhoff, John Hanson, Gale Wolf, and presumably me.” **Motion made by Karen, second by Angie, to approve Greg as a representative of the MLWA on the Dead Pike Lake/Powell Marsh Committee. Motion approved.**

- AIS: Jamie reported that CLP was found in the same places as last year, but that Onterra did not find what Jamie and the summer water staff found. A cubic yard was pulled where Onterra reported only a few plants. Jamie plans to talk to Tim Hoyman (Onterra) about this discrepancy. No new infestations were found, just a few sprigs on Spider by Benson’s. Fawn Lake had the most CLP. Aquatic Plant Management helped remove the CLP either via snorkeling or scuba diving.. Overall the CLP is no worse than in the past and maybe a bit better.
- Purple Loosestrife: Beetles were released in areas of Rice Creek, Wild Rice Lake, Vance, and wetlands on Rest Lake by Tom Joseph’s property. Jamie and summer staff have also been clipping PL flower heads.
- Jamie reminded us to report our AIS monitoring hours. She will have forms available at the Annual Meeting.
- AIS and CBCW trainings on Aug. 4 from 10:00 to noon and noon to 2:00.
- Snapshot Day is August 20. Volunteers meet and break into groups to look for AIS where there has been no infestations in the past.
- Greg asked Jamie to let us know if we are “missing the boat” on anything that we should be doing.
- Fish Habitat: No report.
- Rest Lake Property: The group met and discussed how to promote our land acquisition. Karen will put an article in the Summer Newsletter and on Facebook, Jody will put an article in the Lakeland Times and the Chamber Newsletter. They also discussed doing a segment on Channel 12’s Northwoods at 4.
- Jamie is working on a plan to restore areas of the property and has already installed an erosion mat where the cement stairs to the lake were removed.

#### Administration

- Finance report: **Motion made by Greg, second by Angie, to approve the finance report. Motion approved.**

#### Public Communications

- Summer Newsletter: Karen reported that she is working on the newsletter and will get the draft to Eleanor this week for printing. A group will meet at the library on Friday, July 22 to do the mailing.

#### Community Outreach

- July 4<sup>th</sup> wrap-up: We made \$673 in sales; \$120 in donations to the trout pond; \$10 misc.; and \$75 in membership renewals. Despite the rain, it was a good day.

#### Government Relations – Town Board Meeting of July 12 (from Greg’s email report)

- \_ At the Town Board meeting, Lynn, as an audience member, spoke of the need for life jackets to be worn by anyone being towed by a boat while riding on a water flotation device, skiing, or surf boarding. There will be a public hearing regarding this issue on Wednesday, August 10.
- Upgrading of the facilities at Little Star Lake Beach. John Hanson is working with the DNR to make the current agreement with the DNR a longer term agreement to facilitate upgrading the electric, septic and toilet facilities at the park. More discussions with the DNR will be necessary.

Draft summary of MWLA board meeting 7-18-22 revised

- Discussion on Hazardous Wakes: This was on the agenda but tabled until the August 10 meeting. This tabling happened after a very lengthy discussion on the ATV issue related to the old recreational plan provided by the Town to the County showing ATV routes in town. (End result of that discussion was the updating of the Recreational Plan to remove the ATV routes—passed by a motion of 2:1).

Next MWLA board meeting is Monday, August 15, at 9:30 in Bobcat Cabin at the Discovery Center. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dixon