

Manitowish Water Lake Association (MWLA)

Board of Directors Meeting

May 19, 2025

Minutes

President Greg Holt called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

**Members Present:** Greg Holt, Mary Bowlus, Jody Miller, Carla Biwan-Hameister, Eleanor Butler, Angela Dombrowicki, Sue Austin, Tom Bernhardt, Sue Kapal

**Members Absent:** Delp Schafer, Tom Kramer, Mike McKeon

**Agenda:** Carla motioned to approve the agenda; Jody seconded. The agenda was approved with the following additions: Rest Lake Property Update and By-laws

**Minutes:** Sue Austin moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2025 MWLA Board meeting; Mary seconded. The minutes were approved.

**Reports**

**AIS-Jamie VandenLangenberg/MWLA Board Members**

Early Detection Grants

- Grants of up to \$25,000 are available from the Department of Natural Resources for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) control and monitoring per water body. The grants require a 75/25 cost share and may be spent over a three-year period.
- Motion: Angela moved that the MWLA Sponsor Early Detection Grants covering Stone, Fawn, and Spider Lakes and the Trout River. The motion was seconded and approved.

DASH boat

- The boat is being outfitted for DASH and permits obtained.
- \$20,000 is needed to completely outfit the DASH boat; \$17,000 has been raised to date. Jamie is seeking the additional funds.
- The Boat should be ready to use for DASH in the early fall, pending receipt of the additional funding needed.

Surveys

- Discovery Center (DC) staff will begin surveying for EWM and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) next week, weather permitting.

Decontamination of Boats

- There was discussion of ways to encourage boaters to decontaminate their boats to help prevent the spread of AIS, including EWM.
- In addition to two AIS trainings already scheduled, additional options discussed included: promotion of existing Clean Boats/Clean Waters trainings, pursue obtaining a mobile decontamination device at boat landings where there is major traffic like Rest and Clear, use of Facebook to promote training and education
- Carla will look into decontamination options and Sue Austin will talk to Karen about Facebook.

**Fisheries-Greg Holt**

- The eggs in the fish hatchery on Manitowish Lake are doing well and appear to be able to hatch more fingerlings than last year.

**Financial Report-Sue Kapal, Eleanor Butler**

- The Board discussed segregating the Save the Chain funds from the MWLA funds.

- There was a motion to change the balance sheet to segregate Save the Chain funds from MWLA funds. Angela motioned to change the balance sheet as noted; Carla seconded. The motion was approved.

### **Outreach**

April 17 EWM Informational Meeting

- Video on YouTube received lots of hits

Wheels, Wings, and Water-9am-2pm May 24

- MWLA will have one booth for merchandise and one booth for membership and Save the Chain
- Volunteers: Jody Miller, Sue Kapal, Angela Dombrowicki, Greg Holt, Dawn Holt, Mary Bowlus

June 11 AIS Identification Training

- Contact Angela if you want to help with logistics at the training.

Newsletter

- Angela will contact LPi Communities to see if interested in handling the MWLA newsletter.

### **Old Business**

Membership-Greg

- Renewals are behind last year but it is still early in the season for some members to renew.

### **New Business**

Budget Planning

- Fiscal year ends May 31, 2025
- Volunteers for budget planning: Tom Bernhardt, Greg Holt, Eleanor Butler, Sue Kapal, Carl Biwan-Hameister, Angela Dombrowicki
- Budget Planning Meeting: June 10, 2025 10:00 am-location to be determined

Long Range MWLA Planning

- Will meet after budget planning meeting with the same volunteers

Succession Planning-MWLA Officers and Directors

- Discuss at the Annual Meeting with the full membership the need to recruit directors based on needs and willingness to volunteer and learn new tasks as well as interests.

### **Updates**

Rest Lake Park -Greg Holt

- Trees and shrubs look healthy.

By-laws Angie

- Angela highlighted the changes to the by-laws and prepared a summary of those changes for the Board's review. Greg will send those out. Changes to the by-laws will need to be approved by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am by President Greg Holt. The next meeting will be Monday, June 16, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Discovery Center. Jody Miller will take minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki,  
Vice President