



**Manitowish Waters Lakes Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting and Breakfast
July 29, 2023
North Lakeland Discovery Center**

Meeting Summary

Call to Order and Welcome: President Greg Holt called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Introduction of Current Board of Directors: Greg Holt, President; Angela Dombrowicki, Vice President; Eleanor Butler, Treasurer; Karen Dixon, Secretary; Mary Bowlus; Carla Biwan Hameister (absent); Tom Kramer; Mike McKeon; Jody Miller; Paul Puccinelli (absent); Delp Schafer.

Approve agenda: Motion made by Tom Young, seconded by Marlene Desris, to approve the agenda. Motion approved.

Approve Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting: Motion made by Marilyn Sevey, seconded by Dan Lahart, to approve the minutes of the 2022 MWLA Annual Meeting. Motion Approved.

Financial Report: Motion made and seconded to approve the Financial Report. Motion approved.

Adoption of 2023-24 Budget: Questions asked by Ken Arvidson in regard to money for AIS and transfer of money from savings. Eleanor and Greg answered the questions to Ken's satisfaction. Motion made by Sue Austin, seconded by Carl Sevey, to approve the 2023-24 Budget. Motion approved.

Motion to Increase Annual MWLA Dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00: Discussion included question of when the increase would take place (2024-25) and suggestion that the increase be higher i.e., \$35 or \$40. Motion made by Tom Young, seconded by Kim Cagney, to increase the 2024-25 MWLA dues to \$30.00. Motion approved.

President's Report: President Greg Holt reported that the MWLA board is working on improving our website so that memberships and renewals can be paid online. Starting next spring, newsletters will be sent electronically only and if a member does not have access to a computer, they can request that their newsletter be mailed by calling the MLWA office. The MWLA board also approved guidelines for wake boats that are intended to be educational and are not enforceable. Greg thanked all the members for their involvement in protecting the waters of the MW Township.

Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors:

John Hanson nominated the following officers and directors for 2023-2024:

- Officers (1-year term ending July 2024)
Greg Holt, President; Angela Dombrowicki, Vice President; Eleanor Butler, Treasurer
- Directors (2-year terms ending July 2025)
Sue Austin; Tom Berhardt; Carla Biwan Hameister; Tom Kramer; Mike McKeon; Jody Miller

Nominations were closed after the membership was asked three times for other nominations from the floor. John Hanson moved to elect the slate of nominations for directors and officers. Jon Sevey seconded. Motion approved.

Recognition of Departing Board Member: Greg thanked Karen Dixon for her years of service to the MWLA. She is moving to Madison in September but will stay involved as a consultant.

Educational Program Presentations:

Mike McKeon, Rest Lake Property

Dan Perry, Water Safety Patrol

Tom Kramer, Headwaters Basin Chapter Chairmen; Walleyes for Tomorrow

Rylee Alden, Discovery Center Woods and Waters Technician; AIS

Ron Eckstein and Cathy Techtmann; Northwoods Land Trust

Comments/Questions/Concerns from the Membership: Each of the presenters addressed comments, questions, and concerns from the membership.

Door Prize Drawing: Charlie Ray won a \$100 gift certificate to Manny's Parkside Restaurant.

Acknowledgements and Words of Appreciation: Greg thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged all the volunteers and board members who helped to make the meeting a success.

The weather was perfect; breakfast of egg casserole, crullers, fruit, and beverage was delicious; and approximately 70 members were in attendance.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dixon, Secretary