

Manitowish Waters Lakes Association, Inc.

Annual Meeting and Breakfast

July 27, 2024

North Lakeland Discovery Center

Call to Order and Welcome: President Greg Holt called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Introduction of Current Board Members: Greg Holt, President; Angela Dombrowicki, Vice President; Eleanor Butler, Treasurer; Mary Bowlus, Jody Miller, Carla Biwan -Hameister, Tom Bernhardt, Delp Schafer, Sue Austin (absent), Tom Kramer (absent), Mike McKeon, (absent).

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Paul Young to approve agenda; seconded by Janet Hawkinson. Motion approved.

Approve minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting: Motion made by Nancy Wenton, seconded by Dave Hamilton to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting. Motion approved.

Adoption of the 2024-25 Budget: Motion made by Jim Cagney to approve the 2024-25 Budget; Penny Benson seconded. The motion was approved.

President's Report: President Greg Holt reported on the success of native plantings on the shoreline of the Manitowish Waters Lakes Association (MWLA) Rest Lake property to control erosion and stabilize the shoreline. The MWLA, along with the Discovery Center, sponsored 4 AIS trainings on area lakes to increase membership and improve citizen monitoring and interest in AIS control. MWLA also updated its website, added an on-line enrollment system, increased its use of email communications with members, and used the Visitors Bureau's outreach capabilities to increase public awareness of MWLA activities. Greg also reported that the MWLA increased its membership over the previous year by 80 active members and 23 new members.

Election of Officers and Directors:

Officers: Greg Holt-President; Angela Dombrowicki-Vice President; and Eleanor Butler -Treasurer; were each elected unanimously for a one-year term as officers from July 2024- July 2025.

Directors: Delp Schafer and Mary Bowlus were elected unanimously as Directors for two-year terms from July 2024-July 2026.

Recognition of Departing Board Director: Greg thanked Paul Puccinelli for his years of service to the MWLA.

Educational Program Presentations:

Dan Perry- Manitowish Waters Water Safety Patrol

Jamie Van-Discovery Center Woods and Water Coordinator

Nick Johnson-Aquatic Plant Management, LLC

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

Door Prize Drawing: Alan K. won a \$200 gift certificate to the Blue Bayou Restaurant, courtesy of the MWLA and Rita Mazur, owner of Blue Bayou.

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

The weather was perfect; breakfast of eggs casserole, crullers, fruit, coffee, and orange juice was delicious; and approximately _____attended.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki,

Vice President