

Manitowish Waters Lakes Association, Inc.

Annual Meeting and Breakfast

July 26, 2025

North Lakeland Discovery Center

Call to Order and Welcome: President Greg Holt called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.

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

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Sue Austin to approve the agenda; seconded by Marilyn Sevey. The motion was approved.

Approved Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting: Motion made by Kim Hanke to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting; seconded by Mary Bowlus. The motion was approved.

Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget: Tom Kramer moved to approve the 2025-2026 Budget; Rich Lepping seconded. The motion was approved.

Recognition of Persons: Greg Holt recognized the contribution of the North Lakeland Discovery Woods and Water staff and interns: Jamie Van, NLDC Woods and Water Director, Abby Vogt, AIS Coordinator; Sabrina Avila, Ecological Restoration Technician; Koen Schultz, Conservation Technician; Lily Grisbacher, Conservation Technician; Luke Bolander, Conservation Technician; Katie Wright, Ecological Restoration Technician; and Janelle Lekies, Conservation Technician. Greg also recognized Sue Kepal for her invaluable accounting expertise to the MWLA on updating the MWLA's membership and payment systems.

President's Report: President Holt reported on the major activities and accomplishments of the Manitowish Water Lakes Association (MWLA) in the past year. The MWLA served as the fiscal agent and participated in the Save the Chain Campaign, which raised close to \$200,000 to help manage the spread of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM). The MWLA also sponsored two Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Planning grants for EWM, participated on the Town of Manitowish Water Safety Committee on the wake surfing issue, increased its use of Facebook, maintained its newsletter publication after a Board member moved and resigned from the Board, and conducted two AIS training with the North Lakeland Discovery Center staff this summer.

Plans for the coming year include a greater emphasis on fund-raising and increasing membership, work on additional DNR AIS control grants, and becoming more active in the Citizens Monitoring Network.

Nomination of Officers and Directors:

Officers: Greg Holt President; Angela Dombrowicki, Vice President and Secretary; Eleanor Butler, Treasurer; were nominated for a one-year term as officers from July 2025-July 2026.

Directors: Sue Austin, Tom Bernhardt, Carla Biwa-Hameister, Tom Kramer, Mike McKeon, and Jody Miller were nominated for a two-year term as directors from July 2025-July 2027.

John Hanson moved to nominate the above officers for a one-year term beginning July 2025 and the above directors for a two-year term beginning July 2025. Paul Culler seconded the motion.

The election of the officers and directors was approved unanimously.

Educational Program Presentations:

Dan Perry-Manitowich Waters Safety Patrol

Jamie Van-Discovery Center Woods and Water Coordinator

Tom Kramer and Al Luke-Walleyes for Tomorrow and Headquarters Fisheries, Inc.

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

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

The weather was perfect: breakfast of egg casserole, crullers, fruit, coffee, and orange juice was delicious; and approximately _____ people attended.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Dombrowicki,

Vice President