

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2011 Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order 9:37 a.m..

Members present: Karen Dixon, Jim Banovetz, Eleanor Butler, Tom Joseph Jim Reichert, Tom Kramer, Bob Becker,

Members absent: Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Barry Hopkins, Fred Theisen, Merry Perkins, Bob Stowers

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Bob B., second by Jim R. to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Tom J, second by Bob B. to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting. Motion passed.

There was no financial report. Eleanor was requested to email it to board members when it is finalized.

Correspondence

6-18-11 sent letter and check for \$45 to Skiing Skeeters for ¼ page ad in their summer program

7-7-11 sent \$60 and copy of our logo to Musky Classic for ad in their program

7-26-11 sent \$1000 to Discovery Center for Voyageur membership

7-26-11 sent cover letter and check for \$500 to Camp Jorn

7-27-11 sent letter and check for \$150 to Relay for Life

7-27-11 sent letter and check for \$150 to Koller Library

7-27-11 sent emails and cards of thanks to all the volunteers and to those who donated for the Annual Meeting

7-29-11 sent letter to Charlie Spencer, BJ Town Chairman re: request for money for treatment of AIS in Rice Creek and offer to have reps from MWLA and DC give a presentation to their Town board. *Jim Banovetz volunteered to be a presenter as he is a resident of Boulder Junction*

7-29-11 received invitation from Liz Uihlein to attend social and dinner with presentation by Chad Pergracke

8-5-11 received thank you from Camp Jorn re: donation

8-8-11 sent letter to MW Town Board re: water safety on the Chain with offer to work with Town and DNR on this issue

8-20-11 received letter of thanks from Rita Mazur (Relay for Life)

Old Business

- Tim Hoyman sent in the application for the Lake Management Grant for Rest Lake by August 1 deadline. He is hoping to get us a proposal for the entire Chain by Sept. 16. This proposal will be reviewed by the board via email.

New Business

- Reviewed minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting with a suggestion made about creating another paragraph in the president's report section. Karen will make suggested change. They will be offered for approval at our next Annual Meeting in July 2012.

- Karen passed around the 2011-12 Board of Directors information sheet for any corrections.

- Karen asked if anyone wanted to change their committee assignments. All seemed fine with current status. She will ask absent members to let her know if they want a change of committee assignments.

- Musky Classic is Sept. 9-11 - Karen will work with Anne Kretschmann of the DC to set up the AIS table on Thursday afternoon of Sept. 8. Karen and Bob B. will man the table from 8:30 to 11:30 on Friday the 9th. Anne will be asked if she will be available to take it down on Sunday.

- Concerns about Tom McGinnis' tournament (Pro Mac Musky Tournament) were discussed. Tom K. will talk to participants to see if they had an inservice on AIS and if there were boat inspections for AIS. Karen will talk to Anne K. to see what she found out when she monitored Island Lake landing. We will try to be more proactive about these tournaments by making sure that the landings are covered by CBCW volunteers.

Committee Reports:

Water Ecology and Safety

- Tom J. reported that he has been out clipping purple loosestrife flowers, he would like to be informed of locations of purple loosestrife, and mentioned that more beetles may be needed next year. Jim B. also clipped purple loosestrife flowers on Wild Rice Lake.

The Town Budget Committee is meeting on Sept. 13. Both Karen and Tom will be out of town so Tom will ask Sarah Johnson of the DC to present AIS budget information. Tom asked that lake captains contact their deck hands to remind them to hand in their monitoring hours to the DC ASAP. This information will help Sarah with her presentation when she requests an increase in the Town's funding for AIS.

There will be a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at the DC on Monday Aug. 29 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Rusty Crayfish Boil – If you can't beat 'em, eat 'em. All are welcome to attend – it is free. Tell your deck hands about it.

Public Communications

- An article about our Annual Meeting was printed in the Lakeland Times, FYI Northwoods and on the MWLA web site.
- Karen will work with Eleanor to get the membership renewal reminder letters out ASAP. Eleanor has been trying to straighten out the membership money taken in at the Annual Meeting as there was a disparity between number of memberships and amount of money. Membership totals should be available soon.
- Fall Newsletter – ideas for topics (Annual Meeting date for next year, safety issues on the Chain, AIS, grant applications, bylaws on web site, end-of-season report from Jack Arndt, fish cribs, Colorama – if timely. Jim B. volunteered to write a short summary of the DNR report on the Rest Lake Dam for the Newsletter.

Community Outreach

- Roadside pick-up – Karen will contact Fred to see if he needs help with this.
- Ideas for our 20th anniversary Annual Meeting (July 28, 2012) - Karen asked for ideas. We discussed having a number of high-value raffle prizes by contacting area businesses for donated items. Bob B. suggested a St. Croix rod and reel, and there was a suggestion made to design a 20th anniversary t-shirt. We could have people bring in a bucket of aquatic plants to be identified with a free raffle ticket given for doing so.
- Preliminary planning for Colorama and pontoon tours (Sat. Sept. 24) – Bob B. and Jim R. volunteered their pontoons. Pat Becker will help with greeting people. Karen contacted Jack and Julie who said they will be happy to help out with the pontoon tours.

The suggestion was made that we also sell merchandise at the Blue Bayou dock. We will try it on a limited basis to gauge its success. Karen will contact Rita to see if we can use her dock and if she is okay with us selling merchandise. People will be needed Saturday morning to help set up one tent and bring up merchandise. We will need people to man the booth and help put everything away at the end of the day. Karen will email the board for volunteers.

Government

- No one attended the 8-2-11 Plan Commission meeting - no one knew about it.
- TB meeting report from 8-9-11 – new dock built a Koller Park, letters and an application will go out to people violating the white arrow sign ordinance.
- Special TB/PC meeting is August 23, at 6:00 p.m. to consider Baer's re-zoning request.
- MW budget workshop is set for 6:00 p.m. Sept 13.

Administrative

- Karen handed out hard copies of the amended bylaws.
- WAL insurance application will be sent in ASAP with a check for \$550.00.
- MW Alliance – Jim R. reported that the Alliance will make \$3500 in donations to a number of local organizations who sent in letters requesting funds for specific purposes. They are also in the process of reviewing and revising their mission statement.
- MCDF update – Jim R. reported that the MCDF Executive Committee consists of John McGraw, president; Jim Reichert, vice president; Eleanor Butler, treasurer; John Hanson, secretary. They will be sending out correspondence to the membership soon informing them of the change in the operating orders of the MCDF and updating them on the Rest Lake Dam.

Set next meeting date – the board decided that a meeting in Sept. and/or Oct. was not needed. Board business will be done by email. Karen start a long-term substitute teaching job on Sept. 12 and will be leaving MW on Sat. Sept. 10. She will be back to help out with Colorama.

Motion made by Tom J, second by Bob B. to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Dixon (with the help of Jim Banovetz)