



Minutes of Annual Meeting and Picnic  
July 28, 2012, 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.  
MW Community Center Pavilion

**Call to Order and Welcome** - The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Manitowish Waters Lakes Association was called to order by President Karen Dixon at 4:05 p.m.

#### **Introduction of Current Board of Directors**

Directors present:

President: Karen Dixon, Vice President: Tom Joseph, Treasurer: Eleanor Butler, Secretary: Marilyn Gabert, Jim Reichert, Greg Holt, Fred Theisen, Bob Becker, Tom Kramer, Barry Hopkins.

Directors absent: Jim Banovetz, Merry Perkins, Bob Stowers.

Motion made by Vern Lahart, second by Deane Galloway to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Motion made by Tom Young, second by Bob Becker to approve the minutes from 2011 Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Bob Becker, second by Greg Holt to approve the financial report. Motion passed.

Motion made by Fred Theisen, second by Bob Becker to approve the 2012-2013 budget. Motion passed.

Copies of the agenda, 2011 minutes and financial reports were available to all attendees.

#### **President's report**

Karen read our mission statement and reported that our #1 goal for next year is to continue to work in partnership with North Lakeland Discovery Center and the Town of Manitowish Waters to protect our area waters from Aquatic Invasive Species.

The MWLA keeps you informed through our web site, email alerts, and newsletter. Board members attend lakes conferences and workshops, and board representatives attend Town Board and Plan Commission meetings to keep abreast of zoning issues that may affect the lakes.

Membership dues allow us to fund the water ecology field trips for the NL seventh grade students, and for the third year, members of the DC and LA worked with the NLES students and Science teacher, Leif Williams on the purple loosestrife beetle project.

The MWLA also helps to support educational programs at the Discovery Center and Camp Jorn that emphasize stewardship of our lakes and rivers. We also support the Town AIS Partnership; we sponsor the trout pond on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and we provide free pontoon cruises for Colorama.

Fish Crib report – Tom Kramer reported that after sitting out all winter, the fish cribs were too dry to put in place. They are now soaking in the lake until they are waterlogged enough to take out and sink. Once they are in place, the GPS coordinates for each fish crib will be posted on our web site. The 34 new cribs will be placed on Alder, Manitowish and Little Star lakes.

#### **Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors**

Motion by Vern Lahart, second by Fred Theisen to nominate the following people for a one-year term as officers and two-year terms as directors: President: Karen Dixon, Vice President: Tom Joseph, Treasurer: Eleanor Butler, Secretary: Marilyn Gabert, continuing directors Jim Banovetz, Greg Holt, Barry Hopkins, Tom Kramer, Merry Perkins. Motion passed.

### **Presentation by Tim Hoyman of Onterra LLC – 4:15 pm**

Just prior to our Annual Meeting, Tim held a kick-off meeting for all Lake Captains for the Management Planning Project. We want to make sure we have an effective Lake Management Plan and Onterra will put together a realistic plan to assist us.

For the Annual Meeting, Tim discussed the background of Onterra LLC and what they do and how they operate. Phase I has started on Rest, Spider and Island Lakes. They have completed the Point Intercept Study on Rice Creek, Island Lake, Spider Lake, Rest Lake and Papoose Creek.

A written Stakeholders Survey will be sent out to all property owners in spring of 2014. Onterra will then process and catalog all the information.

Last year Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) was discovered in Rice Creek, Island Lake and the Spider Island Channel. Onterra did treat the CLP this spring but the treatment did not work real well this year. They prefer to start conservatively so as to not kill off native plants. They will treat it again next spring. Rice Creek was not allowed to be treated this year because of the Wild Rice that is growing there. There are two meetings planned to go out and map the wild rice.

Tim had posters and maps on the wall for people to see the different phases for the next few years. The MWLA will keep information posted on their webpage.

### **Acknowledgements and Announcements – 5:23 p.m.**

Karen thanked our presenter, Tim Hoyman; Leif Williams for helping with food service; Lions Club for use of their grills; Town and Lions for use of the pavilion; Board members and volunteers for set up, food and raffles; Sarah Johnson at Discovery Center for use of their sound system; Barry & Lisa Hopkins of the Pea Patch for donating the brats and hot dogs; Fred & Terry Theisen for ordering, cooking and organizing all the food, beverages and dessert; Joel Schroeder and Kevin Theisen of the Aurora Borealis for donating the beer; Marilyn Gabert for organizing the raffle and door prizes; all the people and businesses that donated raffle and door prizes; volunteers, Ticki Lambrecht, Betsy & Eric Matz, Penny Benson, Nancy Wenton, Mike Dixon, Nancy Hanson, Bill Gabert, JoAnn Klug, Art Eichenberger, and Jean Clack; and Anne Kretschmann and Scott Blado of the DC for organizing the AIS materials.

### **Adjourn to Picnic**

Motion by Fred Theisen, second by Bob Becker, to adjourn to the picnic. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Gabert, Secretary