

## Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, June 17, 2013

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Karen Dixon, Tom Kramer, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Tom Joseph, Barry Hopkins, Merry Perkins, Fred Theisen, Jim Banovetz, Bob Stowers

Members absent: Jim Reichert, Bob Becker, Eleanor Butler

Guest: Anne Kretschmann

### Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Merry, second by Jim B. to approve the agenda, as written. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Tom J., second by Greg to accept the minutes of the May 20, 2013 meeting. Motion passed.

### Approval of Financial Report

Eleanor was absent so we had no financial report this meeting.

### Correspondence

5-22-13 received from MW Chamber our entry acceptance for July 4 and Colorama. There will be no booth fee for those events since we donate the trout pond for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and we offer free pontoon rides at Colorama.

### Old Business

Scratch pads – Karen showed us the draft of the MWLA scratch pad. It was approved and she will order 1,500 notepads for \$390 plus tax. They will be used as promotional items on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

ATV's – Vilas County recently voted to stay with the existing resolution of no ATV's on County roads in Vilas County.

### New Business

High Capacity Wells The Assembly will vote this week on the issue of citizens not being able to challenge high capacity wells. If you have a concern with this you should quickly write a letter to them.

Fireworks – Somebody voiced a concern to Karen about noise pollution from fireworks being used late at night. There was an article in the May MW Chamber mailing addressing this issue. While it is not directly a MWLA issue, we may add something to our next newsletter about being considerate when lighting off fireworks.

### Committee Reports

#### Public Communications

Spring Newsletter – The spring newsletter was mailed on 5-31-2013 along with a membership renewal notice. We are getting renewal forms back in the mail.

Summer Newsletter – Karen hopes to get the next newsletter out during the first week of July 8 and asked everyone to think of any topics we would like to address in this next issue.

MWLA Facebook Page – We now have our own Facebook page to help distribute MWLA information. We will see how effective it is and reevaluate over the summer. Go to our Facebook page and “like” us!

### Community Outreach

4<sup>th</sup> of July – The planning sheet was gone over and work slots were filled in for set-up, booth shifts, trout pond shifts, and tear down. We have a couple empty shifts yet, but Karen has a few people to call that may be willing to help. The MWLA will also still judge at the parade for the Pete Rasey Whimsey Award.

Annual Meeting – The planning sheet was looked at for our annual meeting. Next week Karen and Marilyn will meet with Lynn at Discovery Center to go over details of holding our meeting at this new location. The board recommended

that Karen purchase a Kindle Fire for the raffle using funds set aside for that purpose. Karen requested that board members consider donating an item for the raffle.

Road-side pickup – Fred and Terry have accomplished the first of three road-side pickups for the MWLA.

### **Government Relations**

Rest Lake Dam – There will be a public hearing in July on the issues of the Rest Lake Dam. The DNR has not set the exact date yet.

Town Board – Greg reported that there will be new picnic tables put in at Rest Lake Park, and the older picnic tables will be moved to Little Star Beach. A sprinkler will be installed on the infield of the baseball diamond. The Discovery Center was denied a boat slip at Koller Park for their Aquatic Invasive Species Pontoon. Vilas County approved permits for bathrooms to be put in at Koller Park.

On Tuesday, June 18, there will be a special Town Board meeting along with a Plan Commission meeting to make some decisions about the makeup and power of the Economic Development Committee.

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 pm there will be a Town Social at the Wine Barn. This is a follow up meeting to the initial meeting with Roger Brooks on the economic development of Manitowish Waters. The meeting is setup for citizen input.

Next Plan Commission meeting is July 2; next Town Board meeting is July 9.

Alliance – Saturday, July 6 will be the Alliance Annual Meeting and member appreciation social at the Community Building. As a fundraiser, the Alliance will be selling brats in town on July 13 and August 17. Joann Klug is still president, but the new secretary will be Wendy McGee and the new Treasurer will be Barb Kramer.

### **Administration**

Computer program – Eleanor will still try to work on setting up a computer program to automatically print names on the membership renewal forms.

Elections – Bob S., Bob B, Jim R. and Fred will all run again for a two-year seat on the board of the MWLA. All the officers will run again for a one-year term, Karen as president, Tom J. as vice-president, Eleanor as treasurer, Marilyn as secretary.

Conflict of Interest – Karen handed out a copy for each board member to sign for the Conflict of Interest Statement. Marilyn will keep these signed copies in the secretary folder. They will need to be resigned every year.

Exempt Status – Our 501(c)(3) papers have been filed, but we owe another \$100. Eleanor has written a check for Tom J. to mail in.

2013-14 Budget – The draft budget was handed out and discussed. Karen will ask Eleanor to send us last year's actuals before our July 8 board meeting so we can look them over before we recommend the draft budget for approval at our Annual Meeting. Barry will talk to the Skiing Skeeters about their needs and whether they will be requesting a donation from the MWLA. Last year they provided public service announcements at the ski shows concerning water safety and AIS information. Karen will contact Leif Williams at NLES to see if they are going to request funding for their Outdoor Science Program.

### **Water Ecology and Safety**

TAISP –

June 14 VCLRA Annual Meeting at Conserve School – Karen and Anne attended this meeting and came back with lots of information. One idea was to develop a packet of information that realtors would give out to new property owners. There was discussion about putting together a packet of information about the MWLA; water and lake issues, notice of general zoning rules and where to find them, etc. Jim B suggested getting a list of all the new property owners in the past year and sending out a packet. Karen will talk to David Karaffa at the Chamber to see if he any ideas and whether they would like to work together with us.

June 17 Purple Loosestrife beetle collection

June 18 is AIS Deckhand Training from 1-3

June 19 is Invasive Species Education Summit from 9-4 in Eagle River. Karen, Anne and Tom J., and Tim Dobbins will attend.

June 20 is the Aquatic Vegetation Workshop at the Discovery Center from 10-4 including lunch.

Fish Cribs – the logs get delivered today for the new fish cribs.

Fish Stocking – Tom K. has made several phone calls to Steve Gilbert, but has not had the calls returned yet. He will continue to look into information on fish stocking.

AIS – Anne Kretschmann came to talk to the board and show samples of AIS as compared to the native variety of plants in our lakes.

In regard to getting a permit to treat the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in Rice Creek where there is also wild rice, we had two choices. One option was to pull our permit request to treat the CLP that is in Rice Creek. The other option was to advance our permit request and make the DNR deny the permit at which time we could appeal the process (which would take a lot of time). It was recommended to go with option one, to pull the permit request.

The DNR needs a plan of mitigation for potential damage to the wild rice. Anne and others spent a lot of time gathering information to start a file on the treatment of CLP. After the last herbicide treatment, inspections and water samples were taken after 2 hours, 4 hours, 6 hours, 8 hours, 1 day, 2 days, up to a week. They also noted the wind speed and water temperature at the time the samples were taken. Onterra will come out within the next two weeks for a survey of the treated area.

There was discussion on trying to approach neighbors at the edge of the Rice Creek Channel to see if we could put up big signs warning people of the hazards of spreading the CLP by motoring in the channel. No definite decision was made about who would do this. The DNR has not been supportive in the past about allowing signs in the water at the entrance of Rice Creek.

Anne handed out a new simplified volunteer monitoring form. We should all log in any time spent looking for AIS, attending meetings, and talking about AIS.

There were strands of CLP discovered floating on Rest Lake and in the channel between Stone and Rest Lake. We are not sure where it is coming from. If you see any CLP, pick it up and call Anne. Last year, CLP started to die off in mid-July. With our late summer this year, we are not sure if the timing will be the same. But the next few weeks should be the critical time to go out and look for any new infestations of CLP or any loose-floating CLP.

Next meeting for the MWLA will be Monday, July 8, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koller Library meeting room.

Motion made by Greg, second by Fred to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary