

Minutes of Manitowish Waters Lakes Association Board Meeting

Monday, June 18, 2012

Koller Library

Karen Dixon, President, called the meeting of the MWLA Board to order at 9:35 a.m..

Members present: Karen Dixon, Eleanor Butler, Tom Joseph, Tom Kramer, Merry Perkins, Bob Stowers, Marilyn Gabert, Greg Holt, Barry Hopkins, Fred Theisen, Bob Becker.

Members absent: Jim Banovetz, Jim Reichert

Guest: Anne Kretschmann, Discovery Center AIS Coordinator

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Bob B., second by Merry to approve the agenda with a couple additions. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Merry, second by Bob B. to accept the minutes of the May 24, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

Approval of Financial Report

Motion made by Merry, second by Bob B. to accept the financial report. Motion passed. To date we have 272 membership renewals.

Correspondence

6-1-12 received from Discovery Center information re: Family Play Day and other special events.

6-4-12 received information from Lakes Distributing in Hurley, WI. They are a master distributor for paper, bulk food items, industrial products, and janitorial supplies.

6-4-12 gave check for \$45 to Linda Wohleber for ad in Skiing Skeeters program.

6-5-12 corresponded with Andy Stowers re: Skiing Skeeters request for funds.

6-7-12 received information from Beth Kebl re: Musky Classic program ad.

6-7-12 contacted Dennis Lipp (Camp Jorn) and Leif Williams (NLES) re: June 15 due date for request for funds.

6-9-12 received from Discovery Center information re: annual summer events

6-11-12 received request for funds from Leif Williams (NLES)

6-16-12 received request for funds from Dennis Lipp (Camp Jorn)

Committee Reports:

Water Ecology and Safety

- Anne Kretschmann, AIS coordinator at Discovery Center gave an update on Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).

Our Lake Captain and Deckhand numbers look good. There are 30 potted Purple Loosestrife plants at Discovery Center that are netted and have beetles added to them.

On April 12 and May 2, Onterra treated the areas of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) on Island Lake and the Island/Spider Lakes Channel. On May 29 -31 they did a survey of the treated areas and found that the treatment did not satisfy expectations. Each lake and situation for treatment is different and the DNR likes to start with a conservative approach. Water levels and flow played a large part in the treatment not being successful. A team will go out this week to hand-pull the small patches of CLP. Next spring Onterra will again do a treatment and 1) increase the area of treatment, 2) increase the parts per million of solution and 3) do multiple treatments instead of just one treatment.

We need more than ever to be on the lookout for loose traveling CLP or patches of rooted CLP. Anyone out on the lake should monitor, particularly in about 6-8' of water, weedy areas, and in channels. There is a Deckhand training this week on June 19 and another on July 17 at the Discovery Center.

Fish Cribs – Tom K. and volunteers will start putting in the fish cribs next week. They had to reband all the cribs to make them stronger since they are floating them out to their position.

Tom K. has a list of Boulder Junction and Manitowish Waters fishing guides and is assembling a list of Mercer and Minocqua guides. Since area guides spend so much time on our lakes, they plan to initiate "Guides on Guard" and have a training session for them so they will be able to identify any Aquatic Invasive Species.

Boating Safety – Mary Propernick has resigned as the area trainer of the boating safety class. She wants to know if anyone on our board knows of someone who might be interested in teaching the class. Merry may know of someone who would be interested, and will contact the person, then get back to Mary Propernick.

Public Communications

- Spring newsletter – Karen had quite a list of possible topics for our next newsletter. It was suggested to add pictures of the team putting the fish cribs out in position on the lakes. A display of pictures for 4th of July and pictures in the Lakeland Times and FYI would also be great.

Community Outreach

- 4th of July – Planning sheets were handed out and board members signed up for shifts and jobs for our booth and trout pond. **We still need workers for the trout pond from 11:00-1:00 and from 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

We touched on the planning for our July 28 Annual Meeting. Fred will again take care of all the food. Marilyn and Karen will take care of raffles, paper goods and set up. Any board member that has something to donate to the raffle or has a connection to someone who could donate, please bring your item to the next board meeting.

Government

- Town Board meetings – Greg reported that the Water Patrol boat will again be kept in the bay across from Voss's Resort on Spider Lake. At Koller Park, there will be dock extensions added and the port-a-potty's will be moved to a new location. At Little Star Beach there was some vandalism done by somebody with a 22 pistol.

- Rest Lake Dam – There will be a big meeting in town on July 12 in regard to Rest Lake Dam. Also, the Defense Fund has filed an amicus brief against the DNR because they didn't consider the economic effects of the water levels when making their decision.

- MW Alliance – next meeting is Saturday, July 7 from 4:00-7:00 pm. JoAnn Klug is the new president.

Administrative

- A draft budget was put together by the executive committee and was handed out at the meeting. Motion by Fred, second by Tom K. to recommend the budget for adoption at our annual meeting. Motion passed.

501(c)(3) - Motion by Fred, second by Barry to pursue getting our 501(c)(3) tax exempt designation. Tom J. has met with Dan Johns for preliminary information on obtaining our 501(c)(3) status. We would need to redo parts of our by-laws. Karen contacted Karen Von Huene, Executive Director of WAL, for sample by laws.

Elections – Merry will let Karen know if she will renew her term on the board, otherwise all other board members are renewing their terms.

Goals – Karen handed out some information from the convention she attended. At our fall meetings we will start to discuss our goals, particularly on grants and AIS.

Old Business

- An updated Board of Directors information sheet and committee assignment was handed out. A revised membership form was handed out and Karen was given one change for the form.

Conference – Karen handed out her notes from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Conference for us to review.

Skiing Skeeters – sent us a request for funds. Motion by Barry, second by Bob S. to give \$750 to the Skiing Skeeters to help them promote safety on our lakes. We would like them to make announcements about water safety and AIS at their waterski shows. They were willing to do this if we would write up cards with the exact information we want announced.

Musky Classic – We will place an ad for \$60 in the Musky Classic program.

Colorama – Eleanor was going to talk to Scott Bertz about the fee charged for our booth at Colorama, but she has not yet had time to contact him.

Workshop – Karen attended the North Central County Lakes Association Workshop on June 15 and they had some important information. There is also a Blue Heron Award for shoreline restoration if we know of anyone we would like to nominate. Dr. Ben Beardmore reported that research indicates property values DO go down with the introduction of AIS.

New Business

NLES - A request for funds for the Outdoor Education Program at NLES was received from Leif Williams. Motion by Marilyn, second by Barry to give \$840 for the Stream ecology study field trip, the ice fishing/fish identification tournament and the Manitowish River canoe trip all for area 7th graders. Motion passed.

Camp Jorn - A request for funds was received from Camp Jorn to help with programs and presentors that fit well with our mission statement. Motion by Bob B., second by Tom J. to give \$500 to Camp Jorn. Motion passed.

Wisconsin Lakes – copies of the Wisconsin Lakes draft budget was passed around. We will look it over and discuss at our next meeting.

Next meeting – Monday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m. at the **MW Community Center. (Note change in meeting place.)**

Motion made by Fred, second by Greg. to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary