

MWLA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2015
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Koller Library

Call to Order – 9:31 a.m.

Attendance – Karen Dixon, Bob Stowers, Bob Becker, Greg Holt, Jim Reichert, Jim Cagney, Paul Puccinelli, Marilyn Gabert, Eleanor butler, Tom Kramer.

Absent: Tom Joseph, Jody Miller, Barry Hopkins

Approve Agenda – Motion by Jim C., second by Bob B. to accept the agenda. Motion passed.

Approve Minutes of July 13, 2015, - Motion by Greg, second by Bob B. to accept the minutes with the correction of the spelling of one word. Motion passed. We reviewed the Annual Meeting minutes but they won't get approved until the next Annual Meeting in July. In regard to the last meeting minutes and the snail Jim C. found was identified as a Banded Mystery Snail.

Approve Financial Report - Motion by Jim R., second by Bob B. to accept the financial report. Motion passed. The actual numbers are correct, the budget numbers need some correcting within Quickbooks. We currently have 336 active members and 109 inactive members. A renewal reminder will be sent out with the September newsletter.

Committee Reports

Water Ecology and Safety/AIS

- TAISP – Anne sent a report and reminded everyone to turn in any AIS hours. Second planning meeting with Onterra will be September 14 in the afternoon right after our regular board meeting. Volunteer appreciation dinner is this Thursday at 5:00 pm. Spiny Water Fleas have not been found in Wild Rice Lake, but they do exist in the lakes upstream so we need to be on the lookout. Great Lakes and Wild Life Commission found some CLP fragments on Rest Lake. Anne and the interns have been clipping flower heads and disposing of the seeds in area Purple Loosestrife. August 17 is the interns last week. Huge thanks to all three for their help this summer.

World championship Musky Classic – September 12 – MW is hosting this year. Anne will set up an AIS info booth and Karen will help her man it.

- Fish Habitat Project – Fish Stick Grant Workshop is in Rhinelander on August 21, 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Tom K. said fish cribs were placed in the chain this year and they'll work on fish sticks for next year. Some coordinates are off on Little Star Lake, so Tom will go out and check those cribs and set new coordinates if needed. He will also get the gps coordinates for the Island Lake cribs.

- Walleyes for Tomorrow – Main chapter meeting is on Sept 5 and will work on funding for all the projects throughout the state.

Government Relations

- PC (next meeting Sept. 1, 7:00 p.m.); Greg attended. Lighting issue was brought up. Jim C. read NR115 and Motion 520 and said it's very specific as to the Shoreland Lighting and that there can be no regulations. We will put a little info in our next newsletter giving our members information on shoreland lighting and we'll post a link to "Sensible Shoreland Lighting" webpage.

- TB (next meeting Sept. 8, 7:00 p.m.) – Karen attended. Eric Behnke is head of water patrol safety. They will move buoys between Spider Lake and Manitowish Lake as there has been a lot of erosion by the Blue Bayou docks. They've been trying to give warnings to people that are making a wake through the channels. Rest Lake pavilion is coming along nicely and should be finished this fall. Some dead trees will be taken down at Little Star beach. There were complaints about mowing the grass down to the river at Papoose Bay.

- MCDF – Rest Lake Dam MOU – Ron Kuehn, lawyer for MCDF, had a conference call with Xcel to go over the MOU. They hope to finalize the whole thing in the next few weeks. The MOU will then become public when it gets finalized.

Public Communications

- Summer Newsletter and renewal reminder mailed on Monday, July 20. Fall newsletter should go out about mid- to late September.

- New brochure – This was discussed at last board meeting. Karen sent new pictures to Scott. Discussion on wording on the front of the brochure. Scott felt saying "Do you care", rather than "who cares?" would be better marketing. Jim C. will contact Tom J. about this. Karen will meet Scott next Wednesday, August 26 at Dixie's 10:30 about the brochure.

Community Outreach

- Annual Meeting review and suggestions – There were about 149 people in attendance. The raffle brought in \$1,090.00, AIS donations \$45.00, Fish Crib donation \$20.00, t-shirt sales \$115.00, membership dues (4 new) \$375.00, meals for extra guests \$55.00. Discussion on who can be a member. We read the bylaws and

basically anybody can be a member. We should think about our marketing and the changing demographics of the area.

- 8-10-15 call to Tim Winkle - Fish order for next July 4th – order 20# less? We had lots of fish left over so we're considering ordering fewer fish. He can't place the order until after January so Karen will call Tim at that time and order 75 lbs of fish rather than 95 lbs of fish.

- Highway K pickup – 2nd of 3 completed by Terry Theisen and Betty Forster

Administrative

- Review committee assignments – We went through the list of job descriptions/assignments to update the list.

- Discussion of filling leadership positions on the board for 2016 – Karen is not running for president next year but will stay on the board as past president. Tom J. and Marilyn are not running again next year so vice-president and secretary positions will need to be filled along with the president's position. Somebody on the current board will need to step up to fill those positions. Karen has done so much of the work that those duties now need to be delegated amongst the board. There was discussion on the terms of board positions and officer positions. The board will think about that and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Jim C. offered to draft a organizational chart for terms and term limits. Karen will look at the list of past board members to see if there is someone who may be willing to help serve a term.

Board committee assignments may need to be broken down and delegated out to board members.

- On a side note, Karen mentioned that she will email the member conflict of interest form to board members for their signature and will collect them at the next meeting. She will also email the updated board contact information form, and the updated Committee Assignments form.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Board emails – The board stays active with communication by email over the winter. Jim Cagney brought up the confusion of the subject of all these emails by people just clicking "reply all" and responding to the entire board with a different subject. He suggested that everyone make a MWLA Board "group" and if they want to communicate about a different subject, they should start a new email. If the emails start bouncing around on the subjects again, he suggested we have an "Issue Captain" that could announce they need the final word on a particular issue. He suggested the president be the one to name an "Issue Captain" if needed on a string of emails.

- Shoreland lighting ordinance – addressed above

- Slow-no-wake concerns – addressed above

- Dead Pike Lake – iron floc problem - A while back there were 17 miles of ditches put into the Powell marsh to grow crops for the geese, disturbing the soil pulled the iron out of the water and it's now flowing into Dead Pike lake. There was a study done, but no action taken on the study so the lake is in really bad shape. Dead Pike Lake residents are trying to get something done to get the DNR to clean this all up. They may ask us for a letter of support as they tackle this project.

- World Championship Musky Classic - Sept. 11, 12, 13 – Bob B. won a 1/8-page ad in the FYI and offered it to MWLA for any possible advertising for the Cran-a-rama MWLA pontoon tours.

- Items from the floor - none

Correspondence

8-4-15 received letter from Camp Jorn re: Pancake Breakfast and sponsorship request

8-8-15 sent letter to Camp Jorn with check for \$500

8-10-15 sent letter to Koller Library with check for \$150

8-10-15 sent letter to MW Skiing Skeeters with check for \$500

Next meeting date - Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. (plan for Cran-a-rama)

Since we'll have the Lakes Meeting with Onterra at Discovery Center in the afternoon, we'll try to have our MWLA meeting there in the morning rather than at the library. Karen will check into it and let us know.

Motion by Bob B. to adjourn, second by Greg to adjourn. Motion passed.

Adjourned – 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by Marilyn Gabert, Secretary