

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
MERRIMAC VILLAGE HALL  
APRIL 28, 2016

Officers Present: Kirk Boehm, Tina Sebold, Mark Taber, Ross Ament

Directors Present: Bill Stehling, Dean Voeks, Melissa Keenan, Gary Sanders

Visitors: Donna Stehling, Ron Senger (Merrimac Village Administrator), Jim Owen

1. INTRODUCTION
  - a. Call to order by President Boehm at 6:40 P.M.
2. MEETING MINUTES
  - a. Minutes of the March meeting were opened for discussion. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and seconded. Motion carried.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
  - a. Mark indicated last DNR grant payment has been received. No other new information to report.
4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
  - a. The budget was finalized. Invoices for purchases should be given to Mark.
5. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT
  - a. Dean discussed his April 20<sup>th</sup> presentation to the Optimist Club. It took about 30 minutes. Dean said we have a great message to share with other groups and need to do more of this. **ACTION:** Dean volunteered to write an introductory letter to offer speaking to groups and suggested we form a speakers bureau to draw from for these talks.
  - b. Through this discussion, a 'frequently asked questions' section could be added to our website as well as links to similar items on other local websites. **ACTION:** All board members were asked to bring two basic questions/answers about Lake Wisconsin/area for consideration to put on the website. Send any ideas for groups we may want to speak to, to Dean.
  - c. Dean asked for access to the Facebook page to add information. **ACTION:** Kirk will coordinate.
6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
  - a. The education committee report was presented by Melissa.
  - b. The May educational meeting is on May 19<sup>th</sup> from about 6-8 pm near Camp Rest. It will involve the near shore fishery demonstration. The rain date is the following Tuesday.
  - c. Melissa will order the floating key chains. Gary will get the extra yard sticks to Melissa for the May educational event.
  - d. **ACTION:** She will send a letter to Alliant describing the education project the grant funds were used for.
  - e. Melissa has tried to contact Rachel Sabre at DNR regarding the citizen lake monitoring with no success. **ACTION:** Melissa will continue to try to reach Rachel.
  - f. The Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council is offering funds for outreach at the Moon Valley launch (and several others in southwest Wisconsin) and contacted us for interest. Discussion followed. Melissa will follow up to get more details on expectations.
  - g. It was decided to not have an educational meeting in July. The next educational meeting will be in September.

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7. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. The membership committee report was presented by Ross.
- b. A summary was provided that indicated we have a total of 174 members.
- c. We received correspondence from a person volunteering to assist with LWA activities.
- d. Recognition of business/organization members on the website was discussed. **ACTION:** Melissa will pursue options and costs for this with our website consultant.
- e. **ACTION:** Tina will make an updated business/organization poster for our educational events. Ross will provide an updated list to Tina.
- f. The write up of the generous contribution given by two parties that was distributed prior to the meeting was discussed. A motion was made to remove the individual dollar amounts and instead add the total 2016 donations received and appreciation of all contributions, and seconded. Motion failed. A second motion was made to keep the individual dollar amounts in the write up, and seconded. Motion carried.

8. DNR RIVER GRANT

- a. Kirk indicated the final payment has been received.

9. BY-LAWS AND QUORUM

- a. Ross led a discussion of the quorum requirements of bylaw article 3.5 and introduced examples for discussion. The example recommended required ten percent or 11 of the qualified members of the corporation for a quorum, whichever is less. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the change in Article 3.5 of the by-laws to require 10 percent of the members instead of 30 percent. Motion carried. Language proposed is as follows:

*Existing language:* Quorum for Member Meeting. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the presence in person of Members who have at least thirty percent (30%) of the total voting power of the Members constitutes a quorum at all meetings of the Members. However, for purposes of the initial meeting of the Members, a majority of Members present at the initial meeting shall constitute a quorum.

*New language:* Quorum for Member Meeting. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, the presence in person of **ten percent (10%) or 10 of the qualified Members of the Corporation, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for a membership meeting. The act of the majority of the Members present at a meeting at which time there is a quorum shall be the act of the membership.** However, for purposes of the initial meeting of the Members, a majority of Members present at the initial meeting shall constitute a quorum.

The language will be reviewed at the May board meeting.

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10. GRUBER'S GROVE DNR PRESENTATION
  - a. Kirk emailed a letter to the DNR requesting a public meeting regarding Gruber's Grove Bay. The DNR responded to the letter by email indicating a report is being prepared and a public meeting is planned for later this summer.
11. ANNUAL MEETING
  - a. We need to start thinking about this. Kirk will discuss the event with the Thirsty Moose. The tentative date is August 27th.
12. LEINIE'S FUND RAISER
  - a. Nick contacted Kirk and indicated the fund raiser will be conducted again this year. Cases sold are starting to be tracked this week. Establishments participating that have been added this year include A&W Porhouse, Hookers, The Pig, Main Street Liquor, Harmony Grove BP, and Lodi Mobil.
  - b. The donation by Leinies is \$1 for any Leinies package sold at any of these locations. There will be banners and advertising at these locations and sponsored events. We will continue to coordinate with them for events.
13. LAKE CLEAN UP
  - a. Kirk brought this up as an idea of another activity we could do. We will discuss more at the next meeting.
14. SAUK COUNTY CONSERVATION PARTY
  - a. Melissa and Bill/Donna will attend this event on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Devil's Lake. There is a planned presentation, hiking, and supper with other events.
15. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER
  - a. Tina reported on the follow up on the Alliant Grant for the Lake Wisconsin islands with Amanda Acton.
  - b. Gary said Lucky's has asked him to assist them with a walleye tournament this summer. Leinies is sponsoring the tournament.
  - c. The status of the new pier project at the ferry landing was discussed.
  - d. Kirk talked with Matt Kruger about the TAT goals/objectives. This will be the focus of the May meeting. **ACTION:** Kirk will send the TAT document to the board members. All board members are asked to review the list before the meeting to facilitate discussion and prioritization.
  - e. Melissa also asked all to think about how to get more community events on our website calendar.
16. NEXT MEETING
  - a. The next meeting date is May 26, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at location TBD.
  - b. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Submitted by: Tina Sebold

Date Approved: May 26, 2016