

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE
ANNUAL MEETING
THIRSTY MOOSE RESTAURANT
AUGUST 27, 2016

Officers Present: Kirk Boehm, Ross Ament, Mark Taber

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

Members Present: Tony Antonelli, Sandra Boehm, Connie Ellis Ament, Bob Garrison, Bob Hunt, David Kell, Barb Kell, Tim Larson, Bill McInerney, Dean Schwarz, Marcia Schwarz, Ron Smith, Jeff Snyder, Cheri Snyder, Richard Snyder,

Guests Present: Dave Marshall, Nate Nye

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Call to order by President Kirk Boehm at 1:10 P.M.
- b. Kirk recognized board members and business partners.
- c. A quorum of members was noted to be met.

2. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. Ross Ament, chair of the nominating committee, presented the slate of members to be elected to the board for 3-year terms. Kirk asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made to close the nominations, and seconded. Kirk asked for a show of hands in favor of the slate of nominees. The slate was approved. The returning board members, all serving second terms, are Gary Sanders, Tina Sebold, Melissa Keenan, and Jeff Snyder will be serving his first term.
- b. Kirk noted that officers will be elected at the next regular board meeting.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. Mark Taber presented the finance committee and treasurer's report. He reviewed the account balance, expenses, and gave an update on the grants.
- b. Mark highlighted some of the projects completed by the association including the lake shore landowner mailing and the \$1000 donation towards constructing the handicap accessible fishing pier at the Merrimac Ferry Landing.
- c. A motion was made to approve the report, and seconded. Motion carried.

4. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. The membership committee report was presented by Ross.
- b. Membership term and status was reviewed. With members added today, LWA has a total of 199 members.
- c. Ross mentioned the education packets that were mailed out in January which helped boost membership.
- d. Ross handed out volunteer opportunity sign-up sheets and encouraged new members to join committees or volunteer their expertise with other efforts they have an interest in.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. The education committee report was presented by Melissa Keenan.
- b. Melissa discussed education events since the last annual meeting. The 2015-16 events have included September 2015: Shoreline Restoration Site Tour, November 2015: Pier Regulations, January 2016: Update on Near Shore Fishery Surveys, March 2016: Proposed Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Changes,

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May 2016: Near Shore Fishery Survey Demonstration. The next seminar is planned for September 13th and will feature a fish shocking demonstration.

- c. Melissa reported on the citizen lake monitoring. Monitoring is done by volunteers every 7-10 days and data is reported to WDNR. A map showing the monitoring locations was displayed and 2015 data is on display for review. We are looking for more volunteers for lake monitoring. Anyone interested please contact Melissa.

6. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. The communication committee report was presented by Dean Voeks.
- b. Dean discussed the website development and the latest additions including the events calendar and volunteer opportunities.
- c. One of the next goals for the communications committee is to expand to meet local municipal boards, service clubs, and politicians to make LWA more known locally.

7. Guest Speakers:

- a. Dave Marshall provided an update on the near shore fish survey project. The project was funded with a two year grant and a total of forty-one sites were surveyed. The lower half of the lake was surveyed in 2015 and the upper half was surveyed in 2016. Forty-one native species have been found including four rare species.
- b. Nate Nye presented on the State of Lake Wisconsin Walleye fishery. He talked about the annual fall recruitment surveys and the 2012 comprehensive fishery survey completed on Lake Wisconsin and how the results can help to determine populations within walleye and sauger age classes. The survey results from 2014 and 2015 revealed very good age classes that should be harvestable by late 2017 or 2018.

8. LEINENKUGELS FUND RAISER

- a. Kirk talked about the efforts by Frank Distributors and Canoes for Cause initiative from Leinenkugels Brewery. Frank Distributors set up promotions at establishments around the lake that provided donations to LWA. Kirk received a check for \$1,220 from the promotions.

9. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

- a. An invitation was given by the Town of West Point to have LWA at their September 8th meeting when the handicap accessible fishing pier will be dedicated.
- b. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried.
- c. The meeting adjourned at 2:24 P.M.

Submitted by: Melissa Keenan

Date Approved: September 29, 2016