

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SAUK CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 31, 2016

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

Directors Present: Bill Stehling, Melissa Keenan

Visitors: Donna Stehling, Bill Roark

1. INTRODUCTIONS
 - a. Call to order by Vice President Ament at 6:01 P.M.
2. MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Minutes of the February meeting were opened for discussion. A motion was made to approve the minutes, and seconded. Motion carried.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Mark provided the report and current account balance.
 - b. Mark filed the 990N form with the IRS today.
 - c. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report, and seconded. Motion carried.
4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Mark handed out a copy of the 2016 budget and it was discussed.
 - b. The near shore fish survey payments are being made directly from the grant to the staff doing the work.
 - c. Setting aside one year of operating budget was discussed as a goal.
 - d. Ross expressed interest in exploring membership software but does not envision expenses for it this year.
 - e. The possibility of doing an annual mailing was discussed to continue to engage membership. We estimate \$2,500 should be added to the budget for this.
 - f. A motion was made to approve the budget with \$2,500 added to do a mailing in the fall, and seconded. Motion carried.
5. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Kirk reported for Dean. News releases were sent out for the March educational event. Dean will work with Melissa for a press release for the May 24th educational session. Dean will be speaking at the Optimist Club in Prairie du Sac on April 20th.
6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. The education committee report was presented by Melissa.
 - b. The March educational meeting was held on March 10 from 6-8 pm at the Lodi Library. The topic was shoreland zoning ordinance changes and the impact to Lake WI residents. About 13 people attended.
 - c. The May educational meeting is tentatively set for May 19th from about 6-8 pm near Camp Rest. It will include the near shore fishery demonstration.
7. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. The membership committee report was presented by Ross.

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- b. A summary was provided that indicated we have a total of 165 members.
 - c. Ross presented the potential for different membership fees for different types of organizations. Discussion followed. A motion was made to make the membership fee for nonprofit organizations without staff \$25/year, and seconded; motion carried.
 - d. Husband-wife membership and potential impacts (i.e. voting, quorum) was discussed.
8. ALLIANT GRANT UPDATE
- a. Melissa provided a report. Econoprint will reimburse us for the extra costs of the mailing.
9. DNR RIVER GRANT
- a. **ACTION:** Kirk is working on getting the rest of the grant dollars from the DNR.
10. ALLIANT GRANT – SMALL FISH SURVEY
- a. Kirk indicated the invoices for the 2015 work have been paid.
11. BY-LAWS AND QUORUM
- a. Ross led a discussion of the quorum requirements of bylaw article 3.5.
 - b. **ACTION:** Ross will look into examples of language used by other organizations and will draft alternative language for review by the Board.
12. FRONTAGE ON LAKE WISCONSIN FOR SALE
- a. Bill Roark talked about a large parcel he has for sale on Lake Wisconsin. It is a unique parcel and most of the property is permanent conservancy.
 - b. He also discussed the history of his property and observations of the water quality over the years.
13. GRUBER'S GROVE DNR PRESENTATION
- a. Kirk had forwarded an email from Laura Olah, Executive Director of Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB) to all board members for review prior to the meeting. Content of the email was discussed.
 - b. A motion was made to write a letter to Mark Aquino of the WDNR in support of the CSWAB request for a public informational meeting that would be an opportunity for our membership to learn more about the situation and future actions related to Gruber's Grove Bay, and seconded. Motion passed.
ACTION: Tina will draft a letter in the next couple of days for Board review.
14. PRESENTATION TO WEST POINT TOWNSHIP
- a. Kirk made a presentation to the West Point Town Board regarding the Lake Wisconsin Alliance.
15. ACCESSIBLE PIER AT THE FERRY LANDING
- a. This issue remained from the last meeting.
 - b. Kirk presented more recent information on the status of the pier. Drawings have been done and they are waiting for bids. The plans may be adjusted depending on the actual bid amounts. The status of the fundraising for the pier was discussed. This item will be tabled until more information can be obtained regarding the pier plans and the fundraising status.
16. LAKE LEADERS INSTITUTE
- a. Kirk requested \$175 to attend the Lake Leaders Institute as discussed at previous meetings. Two hundred dollars (\$200) was included in the budget for this use. At a previous meeting a motion was made and seconded to fund this request but the amount not specified. A motion was made to provide \$200 from the LWA to Kirk for the Lake Leader Institute, and seconded. Motion carried.

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17. BOD TASKS/GOALS

- a. Kirk asked if there were any questions about the tasks for the board members discussed at the last meeting. Discussion followed.

18. NEW BUSINESS/OTHER

- a. Notice was received today that the Alliant Grant for the Lake Wisconsin islands was not approved. **ACTION:** Tina will follow up with Alliant for comments on the submittal.
- b. Nick representing Leinenkugels contacted Kirk to find out if we were interested in doing fundraisers again this year. We are and more information will be forthcoming.
- c. Melissa discussed Sauk County's intent to purchase a rainfall simulator. The County is asking for contributions toward this purchase. It would be used for workshops with farmers and others to educate about land management. **ACTION:** Melissa will forward an email with details on the simulator. The County is looking for a contribution of \$600. We will discuss this topic again at the next meeting.
- d. Kirk asked Matt Kruger to have the TAT meet and revisit our goals.
- e. Kirk talked about having an educational meeting on soil health and cover crops (see last meeting). We will continue to pursue this and talk to other organizations to partner.

19. NEXT MEETING

- a. The next meeting date is April 28, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at the Merrimac Village Hall.
- b. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Submitted by: Tina Sebold

Date Approved: April 28, 2016