

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lodi Town Hall
October 28, 2021

Officers Present: Mike Gleason, Tina Sebold

Directors Present: David Kell, Jenny Zumm, Rob Zumm, Andrea Murray, Bob Hunt, Steve Neander

Visitors: Mike Sorge-WDNR Fitchburg, Art Watkinson-WDNR Lakes Biologist, Dave Marshall, Tim Larson, and John Lyons

A quorum was present.

1. Call to order by President Gleason at 6:30.
2. MEETING MINUTES
 - a. A motion was made to approve the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes, and seconded. Motion carried.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Brandon emailed his report to the board members. Our account balance is \$39,069 after reimbursements were made for the annual meeting expenses.
4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. See Treasurer's report.
5. COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Get Mike any items you would like posted on the website.
 - b. Mike will put the Sauk Co film festival information on our website.
 - c. Nothing else new at this time.
6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Jenny discussed a push for citizen monitoring in the spring. Mike suggested talking to Chris Arnold, Water Quality specialist for Columbia County, as another possibility for educational presentations. Possible options discussed in the past included Amanda Blank on the Dam. Ron Schoepp on farming/crop rotations, etc., and Verlyn Mueller, archivist at the Badger Historical Group Museum possibly on the Dam or Badger Army Ammunition Plant History.
7. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. David reported. We have 422 members with 20 businesses.
8. WDNR AREA BIOLOGIST
 - a. Mike Sorge (WDNR) introduced Arthur Watkinson (WDNR) to the group. Art covers the southern district area from the Fitchburg WDNR office. Art was previously in the WDNR Waukesha office.
 - b. Art and Mike discussed some of the lake projects they are working on, i.e. Mirror Lake, etc.
 - c. Farmers for Lake Wisconsin is a group in this area that is embracing conservation. There are several others nearby including Dodge County, PACRS-Petenwell, and others.
 - d. Nathan Nye is the WDNR fish manager for Lake Wisconsin. He works from the Poynette office.
9. SMALL FISH STUDY
 - a. Dave Marshall talked about the previous two small fish surveys that were done for the Lake Wisconsin area. Lake Wisconsin is very diverse compared to other lakes in the area.
 - b. John Lyons talked about a finding of the small fish studies showing an abundance of the banded killifish in Lake Wisconsin, which is unusual for the area. Many area lakes have very

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few of this species. The project they are proposing is to focus on a study of the banded killifish in Lake Wisconsin, and also develop a management plan for the lake to maintain the species.

- c. They requested that LWA sponsor a grant for the project under the Prairie du Sac Resources program. They will prepare the application and it is due January 5. If funded, LWA must provide a 50-50 match in funds or labor. However, they will cover the match with their resources.
- d. A motion was made to sponsor the killifish survey project on Lake Wisconsin and submit the application, after review by the board, to the Alliant-sponsored grant program, and seconded. Motion carried. Dave, Tim, and John were asked to submit the proposal/application to the board for review prior to the December 9 meeting to allow time for questions to be addressed before the meeting. The intent is for the board to vote on approval of the application for submittal to the Alliant program at the December 9 meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Stump cutting project status and situation will be covered at a later meeting, possibly December.

11. Next board meeting will be held Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 6:30 pm, location TBD.

12. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Submitted by: Tina Sebold

Date approved: December 9, 2021