

LAKE WISCONSIN ALLIANCE
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Via Zoom
December 9, 2021

Officers Present: Mike Gleason, Tina Sebold

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

Visitors: None

A quorum was present.

1. Call to order by President Gleason at 6:32.
2. MEETING MINUTES
 - a. A motion was made to approve the October 28, 2021, meeting minutes, and seconded. Motion carried.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
 - a. Mike reported. Brandon emailed his report to the board members. There were two additional membership fees collected.
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. There are no new items at this time.
6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Jenny attended and reported on a meeting she attended sponsored by Wisconsin Lakes (wisconsinlakes.org). There are over 200 member organizations and they sponsor Wisconsin Water Week in April each year. They reminded attendees to contact local representatives for water issues. They also discussed a project they have been working on where they took video using drones overhead above the water and underwater on lakes to show how boats impact habitat for fish. They intend to make recommendations on lake carrying capacity for boats, speed boats, wakeboarding, etc. Jenny will send the organization's information to the board for review and further discussion on if LWA wishes to join.
 - b. Jenny said a demonstration for lake monitoring techniques for citizen monitoring will be held in April.
7. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
 - a. Mike reported. We have 423 members with 20 businesses.
 - b. Mike is working on a letter to the community for the spring membership drive mailing. A draft of the letter will be distributed to the board for review and discussion at the January or February board meeting.
8. KILLFISH RESEARCH GRANT
 - a. Mike summarized his discussion with Dave Marshall regarding the grant they presented at our last meeting. There was a misunderstanding by Dave's group on the process for the LWA board to approve sponsoring the grant. As a result of that and the grant application being due soon, they requested sponsorship from Friends of Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW) since our last meeting. After Dave understood our position and thoughts on the

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grant he offered LWA a co-sponsorship with FLOW if we are still interested. Discussion followed.

- b. A motion was made to co-sponsor the killifish survey on Lake Wisconsin project grant application to the Alliant-sponsored grant program, and seconded. Motion carried.

9. OTHER PROJECT GRANT SPONSOR OPPORTUNITY

- a. Mike described another project Dave Marshall and his group (Underwater Habitat Investigations, LLC) are working on to introduce lake chubsuckers to Lake Wisconsin. If we wish to sponsor the project, we have a short timeframe to respond so voting will need to be by email.
- b. Mike will distribute information on the project to the board of directors (BOD) after the meeting. Board members were asked to respond by close of business, Monday, December 13, with their vote, yes or no, to co-sponsor this grant application.

10. ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT

- a. Brandon sent information from the 2021 event to the BOD. Lucky's will sponsor the event and it is scheduled for February 12, 2022. Brandon will proceed with planning for the event.
- b. Brandon has handled the raffle license in the past and should verify our license is current.

11. LION'S ESKIMO OPEN

- a. This is the Lion's club annual fundraiser on the lake near the Thirsty Moose. We have historically sponsored a hole for this event and manned a corn hole game using frozen fish. This event is the weekend after the ice fishing tournament, February 19.
- b. A motion was made to sponsor a hole at the Lion's Eskimo Open charity event at a cost of \$150, and seconded. Motion carried.

12. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mike provided an update and additional information regarding the stump removal potential project. WDNR and Alliant responded to Mike with comments for our consideration. If we want to consider this project, there is a lot more research to be done to define it and address details.
- b. Some of the considerations discussed were:
 - i. The river could/would wash in more stumps without our knowledge.
 - ii. Is there a liability if we "miss" a stump and people think it is safe to boat the area?
 - iii. Work with Grade Boat Club to partner on project.
 - iv. Do we consider specific stumps or areas to improve navigation?
 - v. Poll membership to gain understanding of desire to cut some stumps 'x' ft below the water surface.
 - vi. It is too late to consider this project for a grant application this year.
 - vii. Alliant Energy said they would approve the project with some additional details.
 - viii. DNR noted some reservations in their response.

13. Next board meeting will be held Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 6:30 pm, location TBD.

14. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, and seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

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Submitted by: Tina Sebold

Date approved: January XX, 2022