

Agenda/ Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 07Dec2023

Topic: Lake Wisconsin Alliance Annual Meeting

Board Meeting Attendees:

Forrest, Deanna	X	Murray, Andrea	NP	Zumm, Rob	X
Gleason, Mike	X	Neander, Steve	NP		
Herbert, Brandon	X	Ray, Kauhanae	NP		
Kell, David	X	Stowe, Amy	X		
Kidd, Sarah	X	Zumm, Jenny	X		

Agenda/Meeting Discussion:

This was the annual meeting of all LWA members (see list of attendees below).

1&2. Meeting Administration

- David called the meeting to order.
- The meeting minutes of 26Oct2023 were approved. It was agreed that future meeting minutes will not include attachments unless specified during the topic discussion during the meeting.

3. Treasurer's Financial Report

- Brandon reviewed the Treasurer's Report.
- The current CD expires on January 5. The Board agreed to a motion to renew for the 7-month CD being offered at the current bank. (Motion made by: Jenny & Mike. All approved.) Brandon will follow-up with the bank and renew the CD.

4. Communication

- Website support continues to be an issue. Mike is working to identify someone local that can provide support. He will reach out to Kauhane to understand what support/advice he can offer.

5. Membership

- Andrea provided an update on membership to David prior to the meeting.
 - Current Members: 471 members
 - Business Members: 29 businesses

6. Education

- Jenny is looking at March for additional educational opportunities.
- Discussed the information sent by Rob regarding the proposed legislation on wakeboarding. Rob will draft a brief summary of the legislation and the potential effects of wakeboarding that can be sent to all LWA members.
 - **Post Meeting Note:** Rob drafted a summary and posted it to Facebook.

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- State legislators have until December 14 to co-sponsor this bill.

7. New Business

❖ Lake Wisconsin Watershed Meet & Greet

- Proposed date: Feb 24, 2024
- David and Mike met with Arthur Watkinson and Nathan Nye from the DNR. Proposed bringing a few groups from the Lake Wisconsin watershed together to explore opportunities where we could work together. (Motion made by: David & Sarah. All approved.)
- The LWA will host the meeting at the Lodi Town Hall, from 9am-12pm.
- Potential invitees: Grade Boat Club, Okee Bay Association, Farmers group
- David will send the invitations. Amy will bring donuts and coffee.

❖ Chubsucker Stocking & Minnow Research in Lake Wisconsin

- David sent information on both topics prior to the meeting.
- The Board agreed to support both studies.
- It is noted that this is non-financial support.

❖ LWA Newsletter

- Discussed the focus/expectations of a periodic newsletter.
- The board discussed to the following:
 - Frequency: 3 times per year
 - LWA Board members would write the articles and provide to Michelle Gilliland, who would develop it into a newsletter.
 - Topic Ideas:
 - LWA Activities
 - Fishing News
 - Invasive Species
 - Lake History
 - Other topics: wildlife, responsible lawn maintenance, shoreline plants

❖ Ice Fishing Tournament: The 2024 Ice Fishing Tournament @ Lucky's will be held 2nd Saturday in February (Feb 10)

- Brandon continues to work on getting items that can be raffled as prizes. Mike will draft a letter to introduce the fundraising tournament to local merchants. He will circulate for review via email.
- We need volunteers to work the event. Volunteers to date:
 - David Kell

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- Amy Stowe
- Mike Gleason
- Sarah & Brian Kidd
- ❖ 2024 Eskimo Open: Will be held on February 17.
 - Suggest to add a copy of the QR code on the LWA table to encourage donations.
 - We need volunteers to work the event. Volunteers to date:
 - David Kell
 - Mike Gleason
 - Sarah & Brian Kidd
- ❖ 2024 Membership Drive
 - Will begin in January with emails going out to all people on the current list.

8. Prior Business

- ❖ Update from Okee Bay Association
 - They submitted their grant application and will be informed of approval status in February.
 - The LWA and Town of Lodi were grant supporters.
- ❖ Native Plants Initiative
 - Amy & Sarah provide an update on their plans.
 - An initial communication will be emailed to all LWA members in early January informing them of the initiative and the deadline for the Healthy Lakes grant.
 - The Broad approved a matching grant of \$250 per individual for those who obtain a Healthy Lakes grant. We will offer the \$250 grants, not to exceed \$5000.
 - Jenny and David agreed to review the draft materials prior to sending out.
 - **Fish sticks update:** Continue to wait for approval from Alliant Energy

Next Meeting: January 25, 2024

Action Items

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No	Item	Responsible	Status
1	Renew invested funds in a 7-month CD.	Brandon	
2	Improve functionality of the LWA website. Connect with Kauhane Ray to understand what support/advice he can offer.	Mike	
3	Draft brief summary of the proposed wakeboarding legislation	Rob	COMPLETED
4	Send invitations for the Lake Wisconsin Watershed Meet & Greet	David	
5	Draft a letter to introduce the fundraising fishing tournament to local merchants and circulate for review via email.	Mike	COMPLETED
6	Draft introductory communication for the Native Plants Initiative and inform about the Healthy Lakes grant.	Sarah Amy Kauhanae	
7	Follow-up after the first of the new year to remind people of the change in PayPal accounts and what that means for the renewing member.	Andrea	
8	Obtain raffle prizes for the Ice Fishing Tournament and coordinate with Brandon	All Board Members	
6	Explore future dates for educational presentation on invasive species	Jenny & Dede	Continue to follow
8	Contact Arthur Watkinson to discuss stump removal issue	Mike	Continue to follow
9	Continue to follow Alliant Energy for approval of fish stick placement..	Mike	Continue to follow