June 3rd 2022 MLWLA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:05 by MLWLA President Pau Baer

In attendance were: Thor Tackett, Paul Baer, John Hoines, Steve Schoeb, Julie Teslow, Frank Smasal and Gary Schmidt.

Absent were: Gail Foley, Sue Schwickert, Bob Waldron, Scott Quist and Sue Ackerman.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Treasure Jim Van Deusen** reported balances of $35,420.02 in checking and $6,978.44 in savings. Recent disbursements were:

$70.00 to purchase Post Office Box #105 in the name of MLWLA. Jim gave secretary Gary the extra key to the PO Box.

$376.00 to renew MLWLA blanket bond/liability insurance for one year

Membership dues of $80.00 were received. The Treasure’s report was accepted.

Treasurer Jim also reported the he had contributed a $50.00 donation to the MLWLA Facebook website. It appears that the website accounting is updated monthly rather than at the time of individual transactions. There is no charge to MLWLA for this service.

**Membership Chair Frank Smasal** reported he had problems with his computer program regarding an updated Membership roster. Frank will continue to work on the roster for next month’s meeting.

**Special Event Co/Chair John Hoines** reported that arrangements have been made for a MLWLA parade float to be included in the Paddle Fish Days parade. John will obtain 10-12 cases of bottled water along with ice packs, can- cozies and towels from the DNR to be passed out at the parade.

Discussion followed regarding the MLWLA annual meeting and a possible social gathering.

**President Paul** Baer emphasized that we need to get plans for this event finalized very soon. Paul mentioned DNR representative Frank Supier is scheduled to attend the event as guest speaker.

Locations to hold the event were discussed, including Marysburg Church Hall, The Landing on Madison, Bray Park, The Anchor Bar and Grille and Point Pleasant Resort. It was decided the gathering should be held in Madison Lake to support our local establishments. Gary Schmidt offered to contact Jim Sheppard at Point Pleasant to see of their dining hall may be available for our use in late August. Gary will report back to the Board by E mail before the next scheduled meeting.

**President Paul reported** that Kim Musser from the Water Resource Center, MN State University had contacted him saying she was unable to attend the meeting. Kim had been with us at the March, 2022 Board meeting to discuss a water testing program possibly utilizing the University’s expertise. Discussion followed around the issue that it is now June and nothing has progressed on the water testing program we had hoped to implement this summer. Steve Schoeb and Julie Teslow volunteered to try to set up a meeting with Kim Musser to hopefully move the project forward.

**Thor Tackett** reported no new happenings with Lake Management.

**Steve Schoeb** said that there has not been much activity with BWSR to report. He also reported that the Tri County Lake assoc. has not had a spring meeting.

**Julie Teslow** reported that the “Score Your Shore” project to be located at North Shore Park is moving along nicely! Julie stated that an area 10 ft by 38 ft has been staked out on the eastern edge of the park area. Julie also mentioned she has been able to enlist the help of 2 “Master Gardeners”, Marie Warner and Kimberly Neilson to **assist us** in getting the soil prepared and planting started.

**Steve Schoeb reported** that Sam Borneke has looked at the broken drain pipe at the Rain Garden and questioned weather the damage is having any effect on the performance of the rain garden. It was decided to table the issue until evidence is seen which would require us to take some action on the crushed pipe.

**Frank Smasal** reported that he had spoken with the DNR regarding an additional dock at Bray Park. Franks stated that any proposal/request would have to be placed on the DNR’s 5 year plan in order to be funded. Frank is going to follow up with the DNR to get the project on their 5 year plan.

**President Paul** mentioned there will be a Le Sueur Watershed District gathering at the Jack McGowen farm on June 7th. Also, a Minnesota River Congress meeting will be held at the Kato Ballroom on June 15th. **Steve Schoeb** will post the meeting notices on the MLWLA Facebook page.

**A thank you letter** composed by President Paul Baer to a number of generous doners to the Rain Garden project was approved and placed in envelopes for mailing.

**Frank Smasal** made a motion to adjourn at 7PM. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schmidt MLWA Sec.