

# Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

## Annual Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2024

Smalley Park

9:00 am

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**Meeting called by:** Todd Dobberstein

**Note taker:** Carla Osborne

**Attendance:** 35 SAWM members including board members: Todd Dobberstein, Carla Osborne, Karen Monfre, Bill Monfre, Bart DeFere, Zach Pedersen, Wanitta Charnon, Dave Zelinger, Ron Schumacher, Jeff Brunson, Paul Seidenstricker, Jeff Puissant, Jeff Knope

**Agenda:** DNR Update, Water Level Finalization, Minutes, Treasurer Report, Re-election of board members, New Logo & Bridge signs, Weed Spraying Update, Weed Cutting Update, Weed Survey Results, New Member signs & merchandise, Q & A

### *Minutes*

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**Agenda item:** DNR Update

**Presenter:** Warden Clark Delzer

**Discussion:**

- There are not any new rule changes for this year.
- Focus on OWI enforcement (limit 0.08). Everyone on a vessel needs a wearable PFD on board.
- Best way to contact the DNR is through the tip line.
- Will update the contact list to help assist boaters when they are not available. This would be to help boaters that have run out of gas or broken down, not in a law enforcement capacity. List is available to the dispatch.
- List will have location of volunteers and their availability.

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**Agenda item:** Water Level Finalization

**Presenter:** Jeff Puissant

**Discussion:**

- A final ruling was received from FERC for NEW Hydro to operate the dam at the historical level of 802.9 feet msl. Since November, the dam has been maintaining this water level. This will continue year-round. Any water level changes are now due to mother nature. The dam does not hold any water back.

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**Agenda item:** Meeting minutes from June 3, 2023

**Presenter:** Todd Dobberstein

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to accept the minutes by Mike McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart DeFere, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Treasurer report

**Presenter:** Karen Monfre  
Zach Pedersen

**Discussion:**

- In 2023, a grant was received for the new harvesting equipment for \$151,550. The downpayment of \$145,000 does not show up in the expenses until it is depreciated. The rest of the payment will be done in 2024.
- Golf outing in 2023 was successful.
- Member donations were \$31,000.
- Cash position is good. Will have about \$250,000 after harvesting equipment has been paid for.
- Will not have immediate actions needed from lake studies report.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to accept the Treasurer report by Mike McNamara, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Re-election of Board Members

**Presenter:** Todd Dobberstein

**Discussion:**

- Todd introduced and thanked all board members.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to re-elect Ron Schumacher, Tony Zielinski, Paul Seidenstricker, Jeff Brunson, and Todd Dobberstein for another 3-year term by Gary VanEffen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Bowman, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** New Logo & Bridge signs

**Presenter:** Todd Dobberstein

**Discussion:**

- SAWM has a new logo that will be used on all our handouts and merchandise.
- SAWM sponsored new welcome signs on the new bridge on Airport Rd.

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**Agenda item:** Weed Spraying Update

**Presenter:** Bart DeFere

**Discussion:**

- Chemical treatment has been done. This treatment was done about one month earlier than normal due to the Curly Leaf Pond weed being bad. Probably caused by the warm spring.
- Cost was about \$11,700 for the chemicals. Have a little left over for next year.

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**Agenda item:** Weed Cutting Update

**Presenter:** Jeff Knope

**Discussion:**

- Will have new harvesting equipment and a new truck this year. Will be flexible. Call if you have any questions.
- Will have a new weed cutting sign for everyone who has purchased cutting.

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**Agenda item:** Weed Survey Results

**Presenter:** Bill Monfre

**Discussion:**

- AIS survey was completed last year. Results show that the lake is in a healthy position. EWM is not causing impacts to navigation or recreation or ecological function. No targeted management activities are warranted.
- The lake will be surveyed again in 2026.

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**Agenda item:** New Member signs / merchandise

**Presenter:** Paul Seidenstricker

**Discussion:**

- New logo is being used everywhere we can.
- A new member sign to be displayed on member's property will be available to all members at no cost.
- Will have flags, clothing, and other merchandise available in an online store.

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### ***Other Information***

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**Discussion:**

- Todd recognized Joanie DeFere, the wife of the late Gary DeFere who was a long-time board member and president of SAWM.
- Todd thanked board member Carla Osborne for her SAWM volunteer work.

**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bart DeFere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.