

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Todd Dobberstein, Karen Monfre, Dave Zelinger, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Paul Seidenstricker, Nitta Charnon, Carla Osborne
Guests: Randy Baxter

Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer Report, Committee Updates, New Business, Additional Topics

Minutes

Agenda Item: There was a quorum of 8 of 15 board members present. There was 1 guest.
Todd called the meeting to order at 6:34.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from July 13, 2023 and August 10, 2023

Conclusions: Motion to accept the minutes by Bart DeFere, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- We are in a good cash position.
- Paid down payment on new harvester equipment – mostly from the DNR money.
- All the municipalities have paid.
- Less revenue from cutting due to refunds.
- Money for a new truck is in the equipment reserve. May be able to use current truck longer.
- Dues are down about \$2000, donations down about \$1000.
- Interest income is \$4720 compared to \$50 last year due to money markets.
- Bart recommended keeping members who have moved off of the waterfront properties. Could also consider non-property owners who use the lake. Paul will look at bylaws to review membership rules.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Paul Seidenstricker, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bart DeFere, Jeff Knope, Todd Dobberstein
 - Weed spraying went well. Weeds reacted slower because weeds were thick and algae on top.
 - Will need to order more chemicals –usually order enough for 2 years.
 - Cutting went well after the motor from the big harvester was transferred to the river cutter.
 - Need to verify cuttings with Zach. Will refund anyone that could not be cut (Nabor Rd).
 - Need to track cutting and provide updates better next year. Should have meeting in March/April with all the people involved. Also, should improve signage.
 - Buoys have been taken out. A few were missing. Should be good for next year, but may need to start replacing some that are getting waterlogged.
 - Enter & Exit signs have been put on the new bridge.

- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker, Karen Monfre
 - Committee members will meet and review list of ideas.
 - Committee should review LMP for items that the committee should be doing.
 - Will start working on the annual report. Need items to highlight. There were requests to publish priorities for next year. Recommendations to include Lake Studies and WAMSCO.
 - Karen attended a non-profit road show at NWTC. There may be opportunities in the future to apply for environmental grants.

- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - WAMSCO is now in the process of writing grants for 2 sites of stream runoff and to help owners replace seawalls with riprap. There are 11 owners interested in the seawall replacement.
 - The grant will be for \$200,000. Will need a letter of support with a pledge of financial support from SAWM by November.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion:

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Conclusions:

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Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.