

# Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

## Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024

Shawano Airport

6:30 pm

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**Meeting called by:** Bill Monfre

**Note taker:** Carla Osborne

**Attendance:** Karen Monfre, Bill Monfre, Paul Seidenstricker, Ron Schumacher, Nitta Charnon, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Jeff Brunson, Dave Zelinger, Carla Osborne  
Guest: Mayor Bruce Milavitz

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

### *Minutes*

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**Agenda Item:** There was a quorum of 10 of 15 board members present.  
Bill called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

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**Agenda item:** Meeting minutes from January 11, 2024

**Conclusions:** Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Brunson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart DeFere, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Treasurer report

**Presenter:** Karen Monfre

**Discussion:**

- The cash position is strong as of January, however, \$360,000 will be due for the new Harvester around May.
- Now have 2 reserve accounts: Equipment and Board Appropriations
- There is \$15,000 in Miscellaneous Income from sale of the old Lake Harvester and Barge. This will be changed on the next financial statement to reflect the fixed asset being sold and a gain or loss on the sale.
- Town of Washington paid their 2024 contribution.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to accept the treasurer report by Bart DeFere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Committee Updates

**Presenter:** Committee Chairs

**Discussion:**

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
  - Jeff K. and Todd are looking for a dump truck.
  - Bart is going to try to use the barge for spraying this year. Will need new holes on the river barge. Will not need a new boat. Can still use the Fire Dept. Boat if needed.
  - Lake Studies (EWM & PI) results will be complete in March. Will invite Eddie from Onterra to present the results and make recommendations at the March Board Meeting. Will also invite Walleyes for Tomorrow. Will publish a meeting notice in the newsletter.
  - BOD position on Wake Boat restrictions was completed at last meeting.
  - The Old Lake Harvester and Barge have been sold. Because we received a grant for the River unit, we need to keep that for a period of time or pay back part of the grant.
  - Bart is recommending purchasing a little over a year's worth of supply of chemicals – 150 gallons. Cost will be \$13,800. Price increased \$50/gal since May 2022.
  
- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
  - Committee had another monthly meeting.
  - Committee has a list of topics to be communicated to our membership through our weekly emails, social media, and website. Topics have been scheduled and writers have been assigned to the topics.
  - Will put a reminder in the newsletter to call the Sherriff Dept. for stranded boaters. Will ask Clark to update the list of volunteer assistants at the annual meeting.
  - Need to have a presentation ready for “100+ Women Who Care” in case picked to present.
  - Will send a mid-summer mailing/reminder to non-member/non-donators.
  - Would like to become a charity partner for a fishing tournament.
  - Will get new signs for cutting and for membership.
  - Karen is looking into being able to purchase SAWM merchandise on demand through Heyrman.
  - Annual report is in process and a draft is being reviewed by the committee.
  - Nitta is working on maintaining our own master list for mailing but still get updates from the County list.
  - Suggestion to check with Green Lake to see how they get new owner information quickly.
  - Karen has updated the master list to be able to sort by street name.
  
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
  - Clean Boat/Clean Waters grant was approved.
  - WAMSCO was approved for the stream bank remediation and seawall replacement grant.
  - Permanent anti-litter signs were put out at landings that did not yet have them.
  - Will have a committee meeting in March with the fisheries' biologist assistant to talk about the hatchery and fish monitoring and how we can assist with volunteers.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item:** New Business/Additional items

**Presenter:** Mayor Bruce Milavitz

**Discussion:**

- Mayor Bruce Milavitz gave an update on the current and possible future updates to Huckleberry Harbor. Going forward he would like to be more involved with what the lake, channel, and river have to offer the community and team up with SAWM. The city sees the value in the lake being an asset. SAWM will continue to help with the Veterans fishing event. SAWM would like to be involved in the Outdoor Comprehensive Rec plan.

**Conclusions:**

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***Other Information***

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**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ron Schumacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.