

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2023

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Bill Monfre, Karen Monfre, Jeff Brunson, Zach Pedersen, Todd Dobberstein, Dave Zelinger, Ron Schumacher, Jeff Puissant, Paul Seidenstricker, Nitta Charnon, Carla Osborne

Guests: Joe Lemerond, Gary Yakoubek, Sue Yakoubek, Paul Batley, Becky Batley, Randy Baxter

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There was a quorum of 11 of 15 board members. There were 6 guests. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from May 18, 2023

Conclusions: Motion to accept the minutes by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- Income is higher than last year due to DNR grant income for cutter equipment.
- Golf outing revenue will be \$20,000-\$21,000 after all expenses are paid.
- New harvester payments will be a capital expenditure.
- Money markets are generating more interest income.
- Took the option to receive some of DNR grant upfront which also helps interest income.
- Cutting income is down because deposits are not in yet and also had some rollover from last year.
- Insurance expense is negative due to a premium refund. Payment just went out so next month will be positive.
- Karen and Zach will send out letters to municipalities that have not yet paid. Todd will reach out to Shawano.
- Checking account looks high but will drop once Aquarius Systems and golf outing expenses are paid.
- \$100,000 of checking account will be moved to reserve accounts.
- Karen and Zach will simplify the reserve accounts.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
 - No update on water level. Waiting on reply from FERC.
 - River cutter was put in on time. Had motor problems so transferred the motor from the big harvester to the river cutter. River cutting will be done this week and then will move to the lake. All of the first cuttings should be done by July 21-26. Will then wait a while to begin 2nd cuttings. Only one harvester is working. Will get the other motor working so we have a backup.
 - Bill will follow up with Jeff on cutting permits.
 - Will add June 1st to start cutting as a critical date on the spreadsheet.
 - Scope review with Aquarius on harvester will be next week.
 - Lake Studies have started. Point Intercept will be finishing up this week. EWM will be done in September.
 - Spraying has been completed.
 - Need to be safe around the buoys.
 - Todd will order signs for bridge.

- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - Committee will meet and update activities on spreadsheet.
 - Carla will send an email reminder for dues payments.
 - Have more followers on Facebook and Instagram.
 - Membership list should not be made public.
 - Zach and Karen will look into an electronic way to pay dues.

- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - Dave had 12 permanent Litter signs made. Need to place at boat landings. Dave will contact Town of Washington, Village of Cecil, County Park, and Park Department for Huckleberry Harbor. Carla will contact Town of Wescott. May also put at Sand Bar and Bamboo.
 - Fyke Netting and Electrofishing results won't be done until next year but will be done before the annual meeting. Put tags on 1300 walleyes, northern pikes, & muskies. Next spring tracking will be put in tributaries. Pan fish numbers are about the same or a little down but sizes are bigger. Largemouth bass might be down a little.
 - Stream bank inventory was completed by WAMSCO. Chantelle from WAMSCO will be at the next board meeting to give an update.
 - Project to replace concrete seawalls with riprap is continuing. There is one property owner that is interested in participating. Brenda Nordin provided a letter that we can email to all members to see if there is any additional interest. DNR has grants to help offset the cost. Dave will send an email and attach the letter. Carla and Nitta will send it to members.
 - Ken Vanderplast from Walleyes for Tomorrow was at the committee meeting. He shared a presentation on wake boats and a paper on the effect of 24D used for weed control on fish population. The board should read the documents.

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 Jeff Brunson, 2nd by, Bill Monfre, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.