

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2024

Shawano Airport

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

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

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There was a quorum of 9 of 15 board members present.
Todd called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from May 9, 2024

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

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- Second invoice for the cutter was received. Karen will apply for the grant when the check clears.
- New equipment has been paid for and capitalized.
- Karen sent invoice reminder to Cecil and Shawano.
- Karen will send out budget reminder letters to municipalities in September.
- Cutting fees are back to normal.
- Dues are down so will do a second mailing reminder.
- Have Other Income from sale of old equipment.

Conclusions:

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

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
 - A Grant application will be submitted in September for Aquatic Plant Management Plan Development (Surveys) to be done in 2026.
 - APM surveys will be done in 2026.
 - By March, 2027 a plan will be completed based on the result of the surveys.

- In March of 2026 a Mechanical Weed Harvesting Permit will be secured for 2026.
 - In March of 2027, a 5-year Mechanical Weed Harvesting Permit will be secured.
 - Weed cutting has been going well.
 - The prop shaft on the cutter was bent when something was hit during cutting. Aquarius Systems has been contacted to get a replacement part.
 - May need to get more weed cutting and membership signs.
 - Some buoy lights have been damaged.
 - DNR has contacted Todd about extending the “slow no wake” from Huckleberry Harbor to the trestle bridge towards the lake.
 - Need an “end slow no wake” sign by Lighthouse going towards the river.
- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - Town of Wescott update went well. They liked the substantive content of email newsletters. Will add their email addresses to the list. Liked the annual reports and would like some copies.
 - Committee discussed putting the bylaws on the website. Will add a copy of the bylaws to the website.
 - Committee has additional topics for the newsletters. Would like to include the economic impact of the airport (Jeff B.).
 - The idea of a kids’ fishing contest was discussed. We don’t want to compete with Walleyes for Tomorrow so maybe we can help sponsor their event.
 - Would like an article about Clean Boats/Clean Waters (Dave Z). Could also feature one of the workers in the article.
 - Will ask for more volunteers for additional articles.
 - Website has been updated.
 - Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - One seawall replacement was reimbursed.
 - Another seawall replacement was just completed.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter: Paul Hendricks

Discussion:

- Paul Hendricks, a guest from the Clover Leaf Lakes area visited the meeting to learn about our organization and to find out ways to help his lake association. We recommended the he also contact WAMSCO. He also discussed a riparian rights issue that he is having. Paul gave him a contact for a lawyer that was at the WI Lakes and Rivers Convention that deals with riparian rights.

Conclusions:

Other Information

Adjournment:

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