

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025

Airport

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Bill Monfre

Note taker: Karen Monfre

Attendance: Paul Seidenstricker, Dave Zelinger,
Jeff Puissant, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere,
Karen Monfre, Ron Schumacher, Nitta
Charnon
Guests: Randy Baxter, Sandy and Jim
Bachman

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There is a quorum of 8 board members. Bill called the meeting to order at 6:34.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from January 9, 2025

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

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- Karen presented the financial statements as of April 10 and for the period January 1 through April 10, 2025.
- The cash position is strong. Our fixed assets increased roughly \$500,000 for the new equipment. Revenue has been minimal to date. The annual invoice and report will be going out by the end of April. We will be sending out invoices to the municipal partners in late April/early May. Expenses have also been minimal, including accounting fees, and marketing for the Website rebranding. We will be spending \$35,000 on buoys, lights and markers in the near future but will apply for a DNR grant to assist with the cost. We also have chemicals to purchase this year and will be doing our comprehensive lake management plan.
- Jeff Puissant inquired regarding interest on our reserve account balances. Karen will check with Zach to see what the current rate is. Jeff noted it should be around 4%.
- Karen read the resolution required to apply for the buoy grant. Motion to adopt the resolution made by Ron Schumacher, second by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

Conclusions:

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

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee –Bill Monfre
 - The permanent signs to pick up your litter were out this winter.

- Dave and Bill are working on transitioning Dave's role. He leaves in June. Bart is taking over chair as the Lake Quality Committee
- There is some minor maintenance but absent that, the weed harvester is ready to go for the season.
- The mechanical weed harvesting permit is good for this season but needs to be renewed for 2026.
- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - The monthly committee meeting was held Monday of this week. The Annual Report is in process. We are waiting on one change to the golf flyer and then it will be ready to go. It should be out to all members by the end of April.
 - The newsletter is going well. An outside local historian has agreed to submit articles about monthly. The first one in March was about ice harvesting. We also have links to additional relevant digital sites and permission to use the content. We continue to look for additional content and ask members for their feedback. We discussed an article about the dates of ice out. Paul will follow up with Todd
 - A discussion ensued on the membership list. It continues to be refined and we will continue to work with the County to receive changes in property ownership.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - Clean Boats Clean Waters grant has been approved and the initial payment received for 2025. We will be doing Swan Acres and Cecil this year. Karen will take over the grant correspondence. Bill or Karen will need to set up an account through Brenda Nordin to the SWIMS database. Whoever does the water quality testing will need the account. Pam Anholt also has an account and enters all the applicable data for the grant
 - Bill will be taking over as chair of the Fishery and Wildlife Committee.

Conclusions:

- The minutes were approved.
- The resolution for Karen to apply for the buoy grant was approved.
- Dave's transition is in process.
- Cutter is essentially ready for the season
- Chemicals and buoy's will be purchased in the near future

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion: Guest Sandy heard people are renting out their Ice Shanty. She was wondering if SAWM could charge a fee or make some money on it. The board responded a permit is likely required for that kind of activity and SAWM has no ownership or jurisdiction over the lake. Consider contacting the DNR if interested in obtaining a permit. She also inquired regarding notification of when their weeds will be cut. Randy inquired regarding weed spraying.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by, Dave Zellinger, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.