

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025

Airport

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Karen Monfre

Attendance: Paul Seidenstricker, Bill Monfre, Mike Stupecky, Jeff Puissant, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Karen Monfre, Nitta Charnon
Guests: None

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There is a quorum of 8 board members. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from September 11, 2025

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

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- Karen presented the financial statements as of September 30 and for the period January 1 through September 30, 2025.
- The cash position is strong. We need to move some cash from the checking to the equipment reserve/higher yielding cash account. Jeff Puissant made a motion to move up to \$25,000 to the equipment reserve. Nitta seconded. Motion carried.
- Karen was asked to work with Zach to investigate alternative banks. BMO doesn't do anything with SAWM whereas Abby Bank and CoVantage have been supporters.
- A discussion ensued regarding whether there is something more we should be doing for weed control; expanding the acres we can chemically treat, treating a second time, or doing more harvesting on the lake. There were 25.7% more weeds harvested this year over last year. We are permitted to spray 52 acres. Bill noted we are one of very few lakes still permitted to chemically treat weeds. Bill will talk to Onterra to see what they advise.
- Karen will be sending out the fall budget letters next week.
- We haven't received the Town of Washington's support this year. Karen noted they changed Treasurers. Bill will call the President Dave Korth.
- Karen will be completing the CBCW grant reimbursement and also requesting next year's grant.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Bill, 2nd by Bart, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee –Bill Monfre/Bart DeFere
 - The mechanical weed harvesting permit expires 12/31/2025. To renew it, we need to do a Point Intercept Study. Onterra has been engaged and our grant has been approved.
 - Bill plans to update the last Comprehensive Lake Management Plan on what was accomplished to keep us moving forward toward the next Plan.
- Navigation and Safety – Todd Dobberstein
 - The bouy's are out. They purchased tools needed to be more organized for next year. They also have extra lights, bouy's and a new GPS unit so should be set for next year.
 - The fire department boat we use had to be fixed. There will be an invoice submitted to Zach.
- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - The committee did not meet this month. Our regular recurring activities (newsletter, social, website) are continuing with no problems. The Annual Report will be started in Q1 2026 after the year end financials are done. Karen was asked to have a QR code to the report on our webpage.
 - Jeff Puissant asked the committee to consider putting a separate line on our annual dues invoice to give to the fireworks in an effort to improve the quality. The committee will discuss and bring back a recommendation to the board before spring.
 - Nitta asked if we could put SAWM's name on the buoy's. Paul and Todd will investigate that.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Bill Monfre
 - The pan fish limit is going down from 25 to 10.
 - The board previously approved spending up to \$10,000 to the Sherriff's office for extra hours on the lake to Clark from the DNR can spend more time on the lake and at boat launches checking livewells for fish limit infractions. He inquired when and where do we want them. He will create a subcommittee to discuss. If interested in joining the subcommittee, please let Bill know or it can be covered at a future board meeting. He needs board participation.
 - Walleys for Tomorrow had a record season. The hatchery in Wild Rose will allocation 32,000 walley fingerlings and 2,700 musky fingerlings to Shawano Lake next year.
 - A question was asked about the ice fishing signs and plans to have the fishing clubs do a sweep of the lake in spring. Bill will follow up.

Conclusions:

- The minutes were approved.
- A resolution to move up to \$25,000 from general checking to equipment reserve was approved.
- The treasurer's report was approved.
- Committee reports were provided.

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter: Bill/Todd

Discussion: Bill gave an update on WAMSCO. They have a grant to test for nitrates in well water and are promoting it. Bill has requested someone else be the SAWM representative on the board. Todd will follow up on that.

Todd offered to host the board Christmas Party this year. The party will take the place of the November board meeting. He is working on a virtual option for the winter board meetings for those out of town.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Nitta, 2nd by Bart, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.