

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2022

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Karen Monfre

Attendance: Nitta Charnon, Paul Seidenstricker,
Todd Dobberstein, Jeff Puissant, Zach
Pedersen, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere,
Karen Monfre

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There is a quorum of 8 of 15 board members. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:37.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from October 13, 2022

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

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- Zach presented the September financial statements.
- \$50,000 has been moved to the equipment reserve per the last meeting.
- Total cash and reserves are at \$452,715.
- Revenue and expenses are fairly comparable except for grant revenue and water level project.
- Grant revenue is higher this year by approximately \$30,000 due to reimbursements (buoy, lake studies).
- The water level expenses are higher, grant expenses lower, and spraying expense higher due to having to purchase chemicals this year.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Nitta Charnon, 2nd by Jeff Puissant, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Karen for Bill Monfre/Jeff Knope/Todd Dobberstein
 - Eagle Creek is pursuing submission of the final amendment application regarding the water level. Due date is 12/31/22. Everything appears to be on track.
 - Final submission for the lake studies grants will be completed by 11/15 at the latest. Municipality support documentation was added to the application to garner more points as the grant application field is rather extensive. Eddie is confident we will get the funding.
 - The DNR grant application was approved. Because of the size of the grant it now goes to the Joint Finance Committee for final approval. Once secured officially, Aquarius will meet with Bill, Jeff and the

rest of his “cutting team” to finalize design parameters, features and options before beginning fabrication.

- A discussion ensued regarding declining steel prices, the adjustable height feature, and another party that came forward with a less expensive option. Todd suggested a meeting to hear them out. Jeff and Bill were also asked to follow up and discuss the features with Aquarius Systems.
 - Todd discussed a special trailer conveyor that converts to a barge trailer. It is specifically designed for hauling weeds and is towed behind a pickup truck. It also converts to a trailer to haul the barge by pulling the sides off. Todd and Bill are in favor of pursuing it. The committee will follow up on it.
 - We need someone to attend the WI Lakes Conference in April (19-21) in addition to Dave. Jeff Brunson indicated he was interested and available. Todd will follow up with him to confirm he will register.
- Education and Communication Committee – Todd and committee members for Jeff Brunson
 - Todd received many calls (20 at least) on the letter we sent out requesting non-members to join. There were several households that received the letter but are members (situations where the home is held in trust or in a different name). The callers were very upset. Todd recommends we don’t send out in the future or do a better job on culling the list. Several people reviewed the list and it is difficult get accurate data due to County records having limited data. A discussion ensued on whether we should maintain our own list vs getting it every year from the County. There was significant caution on the difficulty in maintaining an offline list and syncing with County records for purchases and sales. The consensus was to look at the viability of a master list and if not use the county list and recognize it isn’t perfect. There were more than 10 new members resulting from the letter so it was beneficial to send.
 - Todd asked whether an email was sent to members that paid but didn’t get their weeds cut. Nitta and Todd will follow up and draft it due to Jeff’s unavailability as he focuses on a family matter.
 - There was a discussion on the original membership list. Zach will send to Nitta and Karen so we evaluate whether there is a better way to get the list into workable form. Nitta volunteered to look at it.
 - Karen will work on the Annual Report. Zach has cut a check to initiate the contract with Sherri Valitchka Consulting. Karen asked Todd to look at Green Lake’s President’s Letter and start thinking about what he wants to say in his letter. The report will use the outline provided by Jeff.
 - Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Todd Dobberstein for Dave Zelinger
 - No property owners requested SAWM not go on their property so the committee is going to start working on testing and stream bank monitoring.
 - They are working on options to reduce the amount of garbage on the lake in winter. There was a request to buy a sign or two that could be placed at main areas. Board members also offered to police and pick up by their homes; some have already been doing that. Jeff also suggested we talk to the fishing tournament leaders to provide to participants.

Conclusions:

- The minutes were approved.
- The board went through and updated the gantt chart.
- The lake quality committee will have further discussion on the equipment to be purchased.
- Todd will follow up with Jeff Brunson to attend the Lake Leaders conference.
- Nitta and Todd will draft and send a letter to members who paid for cutting and didn’t receive it.
- Nitta and Karen will review the raw property owner data we receive from the County and discuss with Zach.
- Karen will begin work on the Annual Report.
- From new business, below, it was determined not to have a December board meeting and to have a January meeting followed by a social. Nitta volunteered to have it at her house.

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion: Bill asked if we wanted to have a Christmas Party. Jeff inquired whether we needed a December meeting. The consensus was to cancel December and have a social after the January meeting. Nitta volunteered to host it.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Zach Pedersen, 2nd by, Bart DeFere, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.