

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2022

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Karen Monfre

Attendance: Nitta Charnon, Jeff Brunson, Paul Seidenstricker, Todd Dobberstein, Bill Monfre, Jeff Knope, Karen Monfre

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: A guest, Annette Klose was introduced. She lives on the west shore and her seawall is deteriorating. She would like to remove it and put in a natural shoreline. Todd will have Dave Zelinger follow up – anneteklose52@gmail.com/715-584-5080

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from August 11, 2022

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the minutes by Paul Seidenstricker, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- Karen presented the July financials.
- Town of Richmond has not paid and Zach has sent a reminder.
- Higher spraying expense because had to buy chemicals this year. Used leftovers last year. Will probably have enough for next year.
- Paid lake studies invoice (NEW Hydro).
- Received buoy grant funds.
- Zach separated out water level expenses from lake studies.
- Gain on sale of asset is from two trailers sold for \$6,000. They were purchased for \$4,000.
- Karen suggested a higher reserve be allocated to the equipment replacement due to the final quote of \$606,200. This request was tabled until the later discussion on weed harvesting equipment.

Conclusions:

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

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre/Jeff Knope
 - A draft of the water level application has been submitted to WI DNR for comment and review. Plan is to submit the final by 12/31.

- The new motor is in and they are working on getting it started and broken in. They will do some cutting next week to make sure it works. They plan to take the lake unit out in the near future.
 - A first cutting was completed for all applicable residences on the lake but not the 2nd cutting. About 60%-70% first cutting was completed on the river and channel. A discussion ensued on an email communication to members to roll over the uncut payments to next year with refund upon request.
 - Bill requested Jeff provide him the cut harvest report.
 - Buoys will be pulled end of September.
 - Onterra has been retained to complete two studies in 2023; a point intercept (\$11,750) and Eurasian watermilfoil mapping (\$11,050). When it is done he requested the Communication Committee distribute to all riparian landowners, not just SAWM members. Onterra is assisting in completing a DNR grant for funding assistance of 67% of the project. SAWM would be responsible for \$7,913. If volunteer in-kind work is done then it would reduce SAWM's cost to \$6,833.
 - Bill requested the board review the Comprehensive Plan before the next meeting to ensure the committees are on pace with the plan. Paul recommended Bill send it to the board via email.
 - The new cutter (\$228,370), transport barge (\$223,250) and trailers (\$19,400 and \$24,500, respectively) have been initiated. Paul assisted Bill in reviewing and negotiating the contract. A downpayment will be made once we receive word on the grant funding. The grant application for 50% of the total \$606,200 has been submitted to WI DNR and we should know by 11/1 whether it was approved. Aquarius Systems has agreed to hold the price as long as we make the deposit by 1/31/2023. The proposal is contingent on SAWM receiving the Surface Water Grant.
 - Based upon the above, Bill made a motion to move \$50,000 that had been set aside in the Lake Study reserve to the Reserve for Equipment Replacement, leaving about \$15,000, which should be sufficient to cover the lake studies. Karen Monfre 2nd, motion carried.
- Education and Communication Committee – Jeff Brunson
 - There was a motion last meeting to join the Chamber, however, SAWM already is a member. Jeff would like to look into an event the Chamber could sponsor. Nitta suggested looking at Shawano Pathways event – bike trails around the lake that the chamber sponsors. He will send the list of services and associated cost to the board for input and then discuss at the committee level.
 - The committee is working on a letter to non-members. Carla has reached out to non-renewing members. The committee will meet to discuss the list of non-members. Karen drafted a letter which the committee approved. Nitta volunteered to do the mail merge.
 - Jeff and Todd continue to work on getting a meeting with the County regarding our request for ARPA funding. Nitta will assist in getting a meeting. They are on the agenda to meet with City of Shawano this month.
 - A discussion ensued on preparation of an Annual Report. Karen will reach out to Sherri Valitchka, a marketing and graphic design specialist for a quote to assist.
 - The committee will talk with Carla about an email communication on cutting. The suggestion was made to offer three options: roll over to next year, donate to new cutter fund, request a refund.
 - Jeff will send an email to the board requesting any ideas/feedback on addition items for the committee meeting.
 - Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Todd Dobberstein for Dave Zelinger
 - Dave has a rough plan on the stream assessment and will report on it at next month's board meeting.
 - We need to reapply for Clean Boats Clean Waters for next year. Pam Anholt has again agreed to lead the program. Bill made a motion to approve Dave applying for the grant, 2nd Paul Seidenstricker, motion carried.

Conclusions:

- Bill requested Jeff provide him the cut weed harvest report.
- Bill requested the board review the Comprehensive Lake Plan before the next meeting to ensure the committees are on pace with the plan.
- Motion by Bill Monfre to move \$50,000 that had been set aside in the Lake Study reserve to the Reserve for Equipment Replacement, leaving about \$15,000, which should be sufficient to cover the lake studies. Karen Monfre 2nd, motion carried.
- Jeff will send an email to the board requesting any ideas/feedback on addition items for the upcoming Communications Committee meeting.
- Motion by Bill Monfre to approve Dave applying for CBCW grant, 2nd Paul Seidenstricker, motion carried.

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion: No items

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Brunson, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.