

# Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

## Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2024

Shawano Airport

6:30 pm

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**Meeting called by:** Todd Dobberstein

**Note taker:** Carla Osborne

**Attendance:** Todd Dobberstein, Bill Monfre, Paul Seidenstricker, Ron Schumacher, Jeff Puissant, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Jeff Brunson, Carla Osborne

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

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### *Minutes*

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

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**Agenda item:** Meeting minutes from November 9, 2023

**Conclusions:** Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Brunson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart DeFere, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Treasurer report

**Presenter:** Todd Dobberstein

**Discussion:**

- Depreciation amount has been recorded for the year and bank accounts have been reconciled.
- Cutting revenue down due to credits from previous year.
- Grant for the harvester was recorded in the DNR account.
- Spraying expense was down due to chemicals being purchased in the previous year.
- Drop in expense for water level project since most was paid in the prior year.
- Karen is working on being able to use Venmo to pay dues. There is a small fee. Will request fee to be paid as a donation since dues cannot be more than \$50.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to accept the treasurer report by Jeff Puissant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart DeFere, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Committee Updates

**Presenter:** Committee Chairs

**Discussion:**

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
  - Lake Studies (EWM & PI) results will be complete in March and will be presented to the BOD. Will invite Walleyes for Tomorrow.
  - Weed harvesters will be ready to go by 6/1 of every year.
  - New harvester and barge manufacturing is on track to be complete and ready for this year.
  - Bill and Todd are working on sale of old harvester and barge and diesel engine. Currently negotiating based on condition of engine.
  - Jeff K. and Todd are looking for a dump truck.
  - “Welcome to Lake” signs are done – will install in spring. Enter/Exit and No Wake signs are installed.
- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
  - Committee has a recommendation for a new logo. Committee went through several iterations to arrive at the final logo. Committee will develop a roll out plan.
  - Motion to approve the new logo by Jeff Puissant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.
  - Committee has a list of topics to be communicated to our membership through our weekly emails, social media, and website. Writers will be assigned to the topics.
  - SAWM will stay neutral on the wake surfing issue until the state legislation is complete.
  - Primal Eats has a DNR approved ice shack on the lake to put their ads on. They would like to be informed if anyone has any complaints. They are becoming a new member and paying for an ad. Their ad can be modified weekly to include pictures of their fishing contest. Bill suggested that one of their pictures include picking up litter.
  - Bill suggested to look into to adjusting ad costs based on placement in the newsletter.
  - Weed cutting process will follow a stricter schedule. Will have new weed cutting signs with new logo.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Bill Monfre
  - Anti-Litter signs are up.
  - Will try to do “Operation Clean Sweep” if ice conditions permit.
  - Shoreline restoration grant (with WAMSCO & DNR) has been submitted.
  - Application for 2024 CBCW grant has been submitted.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to approve the new logo by Jeff Puissant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** New Business/Additional items

**Presenter:**

**Discussion:**

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**Conclusions:**

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## ***Other Information***

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**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bart DeFere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Puissant, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.