

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

Jan 12, 2023

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Bill Monfre, Jeff Brunson, Dave Zelinger, Paul Seidenstricker, Todd Dobberstein, Jeff Puissant, Zach Pedersen, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Karen Monfre, Carla Osborne, David Enright (guest/committee member)

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There is a quorum of 11 of 15 board members. Todd called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from November 10, 2022

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

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- All municipalities have paid.
- DNR income is up due to reimbursements.
- Less cutting reimbursements this year.
- Revenue and expenses are fairly comparable except for grant revenue and water level project.
- Overall net income is up \$16,000 compared to last year.
- Karen and Zach are looking into other places with higher interest rates to put money.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Dave Zelinger, 2nd by Paul Seidenstricker, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre/Jeff Puissant
 - Eagle Creek has submitted the final amendment application regarding the water level to FERC. FERC has the comment period open starting Jan. 4th for 30 days. There is a possibility that FERC may ask for more information after the comment period. After the comment period is over, FERC will complete their review and issue their decision.
 - Even though we will be purchasing new harvesting equipment, it won't be available this year so our existing equipment must be repaired as necessary and operational.
 - The DNR grant application was approved. Purchase of the new equipment has been initiated.

- Inland (another equipment provider) also gave scope recommendations and a quote.
 - Aquarius Systems was asked to update their quote with the scope changes. Aquarius requested a meeting to review the scope of the equipment. That meeting will be on Feb. 6th. The committee will come back to the board with a recommendation for supplier and scope after this meeting.
 - The grant applications for Lake Studies with Onterra have been submitted and we are waiting on approval.
 - Bart will start working on the spraying permits and they will be completed in February.
 - There won't be any buoy expense this year since not many were damaged and we have a few extra.
- Education and Communication Committee – Jeff Brunson, Karen Monfre
 - Nitta is working on making a Master mailing list that we will keep updated rather than starting over every year with the list from the county.
 - Would like to have volunteers to keep municipalities updated on SAWM activities. Committee will provide the format with a unified message. Jeff B (County, City, Wescott), Todd (Richmond), Washington (Karen, Bill), Cecil (Karen, Bill)
 - Will continue to increase communication with the county to try to get more support.
 - We are working with Sherri Valitchka Consulting to create a professional annual report that highlights our accomplishments. A draft will be complete in January. Goal is to have it completed in March. In the future may have a one-page handout. Will be able to give the annual report to municipalities, the Chamber, and have available at our annual meeting. It will include a president's letter, financials, and other performance data.
 - Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - Posters are up at bars, bait shops, and landings for the anti-litter campaign. Banner is up at the Bamboo (donated by Twiggs).
 - The cost for the posters/banner was \$356. The Figure 8 Muskie club and Walleyes for Tomorrow are each contributing \$100.
 - Stream bank inventory will be done in March.
 - Bethanie Ebben is leaving WAMSCO so they will be hiring someone else.
 - Operation Clean Sweep – The WIAA Ice Fishing teams from Oconto Falls HS and Bonduel HS practice on Shawano Lake and this year the State Tournament will be held in Feb. on Shawano Lake. Bill spoke with the coordinators of the Oconto Falls and Bonduel teams about our litter problem. They agreed to clean up the lake after the ice shacks are removed (or sooner depending on ice conditions). Bamboo Bar agreed to have dumpster placed at its location. Could also reimburse Bamboo Bar for use of its dumpster. Motion for Bill to give fishing teams up to \$1000 (\$500 each) and for Jeff P. to spend up to \$250 for dumpster expense by Jeff Brunson, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
 - Project to work with DNR & WAMSCO to replace concrete seawalls with other materials may not be feasible due to cost.

Conclusions:

- Motion for Bill to give fishing teams up to \$1000 (\$500 each) and for Jeff P. to spend up to \$250 for dumpster expense by Jeff Brunson, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion:

- Board should continue to think of other ways to raise money.
- Suggestion place membership forms at other locations and include with Annual Report.
- Suggestion to raise fee from \$25 to \$50 for advertising in the weekly email newsletter. Motion to increase advertising fee from \$25 to \$50 by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Conclusions:

- Motion to increase advertising fee from \$25 to \$50 by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by, Bart DeFere, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.