

SAWM Meeting Minutes – December 9th, 2021

Attendance:

Todd Dobberstein
Dave Zelinger
Nitta Charnon
Randy Baxter (guest)
Bill Monfre
Jeff Puissant
Paul Seidenstricker
Zach Pedersen
Jeff Brunson
Jeff Knope

Todd called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Vote to approve previous meeting minutes. Motion by Zach. Second by Jeff. Motion approved.

Vote to approve fund reallocations as proposed by Zach and Karen. Motion by Jeff. Second by Nitta. Motion approved.

Vote to approve Treasurer's report. Motion by Jeff. Second by Dave. Motion approved.

Water Level update provided by Jeff. Eagle Creek submitted all required documentation to FERC by the deadline required. Nothing else to report at this time. Carla will be sending out Eagle Creek's operational plan to our membership. Jeff agreed to establish an invoice approval system with Eagle Creek to assist Zach with making the correct payments in a timely manner. Jeff and Bill will create a communication plan to share with all the municipalities that could be impacted by elements of the permanent amendment process. Jeff will get all of the contacts for these in-person meetings. The meetings will occur in the first quarter of 2022. The communication plan will include the SAWM membership map Carla provided previously.

Todd will be getting a new phone number for SAWM. He'll add it to the plan at Hometown Insurance. More to come on this including communicating/advertising the number, reimbursing Hometown for the phone cost, who's going to keep/answer the phone, etc...

Weed Cutting plans and equipment status were discussed extensively. At the end of the discussion, the following conclusions were made:

1. We will “stay the course” for 2022 for private and public weed cutting.
2. Our equipment will not be replaced. We will invest in the equipment as required to maintain its functionality.
3. Randy Baxter and Bill Monfre will help with modest equipment repairs as necessary.
4. We will survey our current members that pay for private cuttings to gauge any implications regarding future decisions we need to make with the program. The survey will touch on costs/affordability, PR implications if the program is discontinued, etc...
5. A more detailed analysis of cutting costs needs to be completed including provisions for long term equipment replacement funding.

Paul shared the status of the By-Laws review. Paul said things are pretty straight forward and he’s comfortable any changes we adopt can easily be added to the By-Laws and approved at our annual meeting. Paul will meet with Nitta and Karen to red-line and edit the By-Laws as necessary. Paul challenged the board to think about the right number of board members to have. Less means more people would be assigned to committees. More means more committee work for the board members. More discussion is required on this topic. Jeff inquired as to creating emeritus status board members that can maintain their association with SAWM, but not be voting members as that would impact whatever number of board members the group decides is appropriate. Paul agreed to look into this further.

Todd brought up the issue of finalizing committee membership of the board members. Paul suggested that Finance and Administrative is really what the board does and that having a separate committee for this is unnecessary and redundant. The following committees are adopted as standing committees that will report their progress back to the board on a monthly basis:

1. Education and Communication
2. Lake Quality
3. Fishery and Wildlife

The following committees are our current ad hoc committees:

1. Navigation and Safety
2. By-Laws Review/Update

Board member committee assignments are as follows:

Education and Communication:

Jeff Brunson – Chair

Carla Osborne

Karen Monfre

Nitta Charnon

Tony Zelinski

Chuck Schreiter

Todd Dobberstein

Lake Quality (includes Navigation and Safety ad hoc committee):

Bill Monfre – Chair

Jeff Puissant

Jeff Knope

Zach Pedersen

Bart DeFere

Randy Baxter

Fishery and Wildlife:

Dave Zelinger – Chair

Bill Monfre

Dave Enright

Ken Vandenplas

Joe Lemmerand

By-Laws:

Paul Seidenstricker – Chair

Nitta Charnon

Karen Monfre

Each committee chair is to provide a listing of activities and proposed execution timing to the next board meeting for populating the Gantt chart.

Todd confirmed the board does have D&O insurance

Motion to adjourn was made by Dave. Second by Nitta. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.