

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2023

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Bill Monfre

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Bill Monfre, Karen Monfre, Ron Schumacher, Jeff Knope, Paul Seidenstricker, Nitta Charnon, Carla Osborne
Guests: Grace (WAMSCO), John Wittman, Mike Powalish, Randy Baxter

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

Minutes

Agenda Item: There was a not quorum. 7 of 15 board members were present. There were 4 guests. Bill called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from July 13, 2023

Conclusions: Since there was not a quorum, the minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- Karen and Zach simplified the reserve accounts. Will make more generic in the future.
- Paid down payment on new harvester equipment – mostly from the DNR money.
- City of Shawano paid in August.
- Reminder letters have been sent and all municipalities have paid. Added budget reminder to letter.
- Recommendation to send invoice and budget letters together in May.
- Golf outing went well. Made about \$20,000.
- Money markets are generating more interest income.
- Paid Onterra for the Point Intercept Study.
- Didn't have to buy chemicals this year, but will for next year.
- Buoy expense down.
- County will put enter/exit & slow no wake signs on bridge. High school may make a welcome sign on their laser printers. May not have expense for signs.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
 - Water Level has been approved. Recommendation to inform municipalities on the successful outcome of the water level issue. Plan is to communicate with municipalities the next time we meet with them. Communication Committee will decide if a separate communication is needed.
 - On Aug. 24th a thank you letter will be presented by Todd to congressman Mike Gallager for helping assign resources to the water level project.
 - There will be some additional fees for the water level project for final documentation.
 - The motor from the big harvester was transferred to the river cutter. Cleaned up fuel lines. All first cuttings have been done, cleaning up Huckleberry Harbor. Starting on second cuttings – will do a second cutting for everyone.
 - Will try to clean up by Cecil. Might be able to Pickerel Creek.
 - Scope review with Aquarius on harvester is complete. Should have everything by June 1st. There is a possibility that we will be able to sell some of the old equipment. Building has begun. Will get status updates including photos every 2 weeks.

- Education and Communication Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - Paul confirmed with Brenda Nordin that weed cutting does not contribute to shorelines weeds. May be wild celery that dislodges easily.
 - Recommendation to video weed cutting operation to communicate the process to members.
 - 20 people have applied for grants for seawall removal and replacement with riprap and/or shoreline gardens. Need to continue to advertise the program.

- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Bill Monfre & Grace (WAMSCO)
 - Stream bank inventory is now under the same grant as seawall replacement. The stream bank inventory was completed by WAMSCO. Looked for erosion, potential nutrient input, etc. Identified 3 potential landowners that have the worst erosion, nutrient, and sedimentation input into Shawano Lake. They have been contacted. Most will participate but some are contingent on the budget. Will now work with stream biologist (Erik Evenston), Brenda Nordin (DNR), and the county to figure out the project details and submit them under the seawall grant to get funding for the projects.
 - Followed up on the Walleyes for Tomorrow concerns of the use of the 24D chemical for spraying. This chemical has not been used on Shawano Lake for a very long time. We have been using Diquat/Reward. Contacted Eddie at Onterra. Eddie will come back with information from the Lake Studies and present to SAWM and the fisheries and make recommendations for chemicals. Dave or Bill will follow up with Ken from Walleyes for Tomorrow with this information.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion:

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Conclusions:

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Other Information

Adjournment:

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