MLWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCT. 5, 2023

The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association Oct. 2023 Board Meeting was opened at 6:00PM at the Madison Lake Community Center by President Julie Teslow.

In attendance were: Paul Baer, Julie Teslow, Jim Van Deusen, Frank Smasal, Dave Lagerquist and Gary Schmidt.

The minutes of the Sept, 2023 Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer Jim Van Deusen reported Sept, 2023 balances of:

Rain garden savings acct: $5,778.07

C.D. $20,000.00 (will be renewed in Dec. 2023)

Checking acct: $17,925.46

Expenditures: $57.54 for food at the Annual MLWLA meeting.

The Treasurer’s report was then received.

It was noted that a Money Order in the amount of $50.00 is to be presented to MLWLA member Tom Woodside for his award winning photo chosen at the Annual Meeting. Jim Van Deusen will arrange.

Several MSU and Blue Earth County staff members have been added to the email list.

Michelle Behsman is also to be included in the Agenda and Meeting Minutes emails.

The Rain Garden was discussed. A gathering to do some clean up and weeding will be scheduled for some time in November following a good frost!

Julie Teslow reported the Score Your Shore project at North Shore Park has done very well. The vast majority of the plants are flourishing and will be well established for next season. Julie stated that the plants were selected for their ability to withstand the Minnesota climate and few or no steps need to be taken to help them through the Winter. It was decided to wait another year before investing in a permanent sign at the site.

Officers for 2024 were then elected as follows:

President: Julie Teslow

Vice President: Thor Tackett

Treasurer: Jim Van Deusen

Secretary: Gary Schmidt

ALL OF THE ABOVE OFFICES ARE A ONE YEAR TERM

COMMITTEE POSITIONS: (One year terms)

Membership-Sue Ackerman & Frank Smasal

Special Events- Paul Baer ( also accepted Ice-Breaker Chair)

Lake Management- Thor Tackett

Rain Garden Management-Julie Teslow

Key Contacts, ie: BWSR – Thor Tackett

Website- Julie Behsman. ( Dave Lagerquist will be assisting)

Jim Van Duesen mentioned we should be looking into a “3rd Party” Consulting firm to study the lake weed issue. A recommendation/study by this 3rd party is now required by the MINN DNR in order to apply for state money grants for lake weed control measures. Frank Smasal agreed to take the lead on this. ( Jim Van Deusen does have a contact we can consider to do the study.)

Paul Baer suggested we contact B.E. County staff for an update on what is happening in our watershed area concerning “buffer strips” “settling ponds” etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectively Submitted, Gary Schmidt, Secretary MLWLA.