MADISON LAKE WATERSHED AND LAKE ASSOC BOARD MEETNG MINUTES

 JANUARY 5, 2023

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by President Julie Teslow.

In attendance were: Matt Brozick, Lisa Haman, Sue Ackerman, Scott Quist, Paul Baer, Thor Tackett, Jim Van Deusen, Julie Teslow and Gary Schmidt.

The minutes of the December 2022 meeting were accepted with an addendum that a possible membership dues increase for 2023 was also discussed and tabled.

Treasurer Jim Van Duesen reported balances of $6,988.57 in the Rain Garden savings acct and $31, 802.15 in the checking acct. Jim stated that a VENMO acct has been established for MLWLA with the help of Jaci Sprague. That account has a balance of $5.00. The Facebook acct has a balance of $50.09. It was decided to delete past President Paul Baer’s signature from all MLWA accts and add current President Julie Teslow’s, signature to all accts.

Dr. Bryce Hoppe from MSU Mankato visited the meeting via ZOOM which was arranged by Lisa Haman. Dr. Hoppe told the group that there is equipment owned by MSU which could be used for study projects on the Madison Lake Watershed and lake proper. This equipment is available at no cost to MLWLA. Dr Hoppe mentioned that Madison Lake lends itself very well as a study site for MSU due to It’s size and close proximity to the University. Future contact with Ryan Wersal will by made by Dr. Hoppe as well as MLWLA Board member Thor Tacket, to explore having MSU students do studies on the watershed and lake. Dr Hoppe stated that accurate studies on phosphorus content and suspended solids are just a couple of topics which could be addressed. Thor is going to get more information from Ryan Sanders as to the cost of MSU students doing the testing for the MLWLA.

Dr. Hoppe agreed to attend the MLWLA February, 2023 meeting and discuss in more detail the abilities of the testing equipment MSU uses.

Lisa Haman reported she has seen the proposed graphics/sign to be attached to the trash dumpster at the public access near the Landing on Madison restaurant. Lisa stated she thought an MLWLA logo should be redesigned for use on the dumpster sign and elsewhere. Jim Van Deusen is going to check on any LOGO’s he may find in storage at the bank.

Al Doran, who has donated $1000.00 to MLWLA has recommended the monies be used toward a sign at the future “Score Your Shore” project at North Shore Park. Gary Schmidt said he has a file on signs that was created for the Rain Garden. Gary will bring updated sign information to a future Board meeting.

Sue Ackerman reported the membership committee received a quote from Paragon for the printing, folding and mailing of the annual letter to all MLWLA members. Cost will be approximately $500.00. Motion made and passed to contract with Pargon to do the work. Discussion followed on benefits of using virtual means to contact the membership rather than paper. It was agreed that will probably be the method we use in the near future. Lisa Haman volunteered to join the membership committee. Julie Teslow will draft the letter to the membership and send it to the Membership committee for their review. From there it will go to Paragon for processing.

Jim Van Deusen made a motion to amend a bylaw. 2nd by Gary Schmidt. Motion was to strike the first sentence of Article 3, Section 2, which address specific dollar amounts for member dues. Motion passed.

 Paul Baer made a motion to increase the membership fee to $25.00 per single and $50.00 per family effective January 1, 2023. Motion passed.

It was also noted in the by-laws, that attendance of a Board Meeting by electronic means is approved and vote worthy.

Lisa Haman gave an update on the Ice Breaker Banquet. Lisa has been very busy and has many of the details already in place. Lisa recommended a ticket price of $35.00 for adults and $15.00 per child. Julie Teslow reported that Legion Post #269 will be donating $300.00 to cover the cost of a gun/gift card at Scheels in Mankato to be used as an auction item at the banquet. Paul Baer agreed to gather the required materials for the “minnow races”, approximate cost $100.00. Motion made by Sue Ackerman, 2nd by Matt Brozik to have Paul purchase the equipment for $100.00. Motion passed. Thor Tackett offered to manage this children’s event.

Thor Tackett reported he is continuing to monitor MLWLA SOCIAL MEDIA sites.

Scott Quist shared that he is progressing on his weed harvesting project. Scott intends to have it operational by early Spring.

Meeting was adjourned at7:25PM

Respectfully submitted

Gary Schmidt, Secretary MLWLA