MLWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, DEC. 7TH, 2023

The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Assoc. December 2023 was opened at 6PM by President Julie Teslow.

In attendance were: David Lagerquist, Susan Ackerman, Paul Baer, Thor Tackett, Julie Teslow and Gary Schmidt.:

The minutes of the Nov. 3rd meeting were read and approved, pending one correction of adding David Lagerquist’s name to the attendees at the November Board meeting.

Treasurer Jim VanDeusen was unable to attend but did provide the current MLWLA financial information as follows:

 Savings Acct.----- $5,778.07

 Checking Acct-----$17,897.89

 C.D.------------------$20,000.00 (plus any accumulated interest)

A motion was made and passed to renew the CD at Corner Stone Bank in Madison Lake, Mn. The treasurer’s report was accepted.

Jim Van Deusen had reminded the Board via email that application for a Grant from the DNR to address Invasive Species and provide monies for lake weed control was required to be submitted by Dec. 11, 2023 by 6:00 pm. Gary Schmidt agreed to manage the Grant application process.

Paul Baer led a discussion on the upcoming Ice Breaker Banquet scheduled for March 8, 2024 at Point Pleasant Resort in Madison Lake. Gary Schmidt reported he had spoken to Jim Sheppard owner of Point Pleasant about hosting the banquet there. Jim told Gary there would be no charge to use the facility, but it is MLWLA’ s responsibility to provide for proper cleaning both before and after the event.

Paul Baer scheduled an Ice Breaker “planning meeting” at his home on January 11th at 6PM.

Brief discussion was had regarding the Lake Water Testing program. Gustavus College in St. Peter has been contacted by Dave Lagerquist. We are waiting for a reply from them to learn if they may be interested in working with MLWLA on water testing for 2024.

Thor Tackett stated there has been light activity on the Social Media site.

Dave Lagerquist continues to work with Michelle Behsman on the MLWLA website.

President Julie Teslow led a discussion on possibly providing a payment from MLWLA to the Master Gardener organization who helped with the North Shore Park ‘Score Your Shore” project. Julie mentioned that two Master Gardener’s, Marnie Werner and Kimberley Neilsen, donated many, many hours to MLWA’s project to help make it successful. A motion was made, seconded an passed for MLWLA to make a $500.00 contribution to their organization.

The annual letter to MLWLA members will be composed by President Julie Teslow and forwarded to Jim Van Deusen for mailing in mid January of 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schmidt

 Secretary Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Assoc.