MLWLA BOARD MINUTES, JUNE 2, 2023

The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association was opened by President Julie Teslow at 6:00PM MEETING

In attendance were: Thor Tackett, Scott Quist, Frank Smasal, Julie Teslow, Sue Schwickert, Sue Ackerman and Gary Schmidt.

The meeting minutes from both the April and May Board meetings were approved.

Julie Teslow provided the Treasurer’s report in Jim VanDeusen’s absence.

In May $877.46 was transferred from saving to checking to cover the cost of flowers at the North Shore Score Your Shore project.

New Balances: Savings-$6,117.97, Checking-$37,525.79.

Deposits of $75.00 –memberships, withdrawals of $388.00 bond insurance, $877.46 flowers at North Shore.

Matt Brozik’s request to consider changing the day or time of the monthly Board Meeting was tabled in Matt’s absence.

Sue Ackerman distributed her latest MLWLA membership roster. She is continuing to update membership information including names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. MLWLA currently has 197 members listed.

Special Events: it was noted that Paddlefish Days is approaching. Securing the sidewalk tent, bottles of water for the parade, and a possible parade float were discussed. Gary is going to contact Jim V to determine how many B.E. County can coolers, towels etc are available and then contact Scott Salsbury BEC if more items are needed.

Thor Tackett reported that he was asked to be a member of the Water Resource Center Board at MSU. He has accepted the position.

Thor also mentioned that while Dr. Hoppe and MSU are interested in helping MLWLA develop and administer at water testing plan for Lake Madison, little progress has been made to date. Some MSU testing equipment first needs to be repaired. Thor was hopeful that testing may be accomplished in 2024. Gary Schmidt expressed some frustration that the testing arrangement with MSU has been in the discussion stage for well over two years with little progress made to date. Thor responded by saying the MLWLA project is probably quite low on the MSU list of priorities.

Julie Teslow stated that the RainGarden near the Church is in need of attention. Paul Baer mentioned he has spent some time at the garden dealing with weeds etc. A Rain Garden Clean Up is scheduled for Thursday June 8th at 6:00PM. Everyone is encouraged to help. Please bring along some garden tools, particularly saws to cut small trees.

The annual photo contest will have a deadline of Thursday Aug 17th.

Thursday August 17th is also the date of MLWLA’s annual meeting. The meeting will be held at Bray Park, upper pavilion starting at 5:00PM.

Scott Quist provided more detail on his weed removal machine and his planned operation of it. Scott has offered a discounted rate of $75.00/hr for it’s use in removing weeds on behalf of MLWLA. A motion was made and passed (6 for 1 against) that MLWLA authorize $1000.00 toward trying the machine/process in the East bay of Lake Madison, starting approximately near the DNR landing and progressing toward and near the culvert at the East end of East bay. A path of about 15ft wide will be attempted. This is a work in progress for both Scott and MLWA to become more familiar with the operation and it’s usefulness.

Sue Schwickert is continuing the updates on our Website with the most current MLWLA news.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Schmidt

Secretary, MLWLA