**MLWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, July 6, 2023**

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

In attendance were: Jim VanDeusen, Sue Schwickert, Scott Quist, Paul Baer, Julie Teslow, Susan Ackerman, Thor Thackett, Matt Brozik, Frank Smasal, John Hoines, and MLWLA member Lisa Haman and Bonnie Hemish. Scott Salsbury, BEC-Property and Environmental Resources was also present to speak.

Minutes from June 2023 meeting were not approved as Secretary Gary Schmidt was not present with the updated June meeting minutes.

Treasurer Jim VanDuesen reported $5767.63 in savings account and $37,691.02 in the checking account. Income for the month included $50.00 in memberships and a $70.00 memorial gift in memory of Cindy Vogelgesang. Disbursements were $350.09 for fencing for the Northshore garden.

Guest Scott Salsbury from, BEC reminded us that next spring we should consider projects that can utilize the $10,000 available from the State for lakeshore restoration and improvement. Julie stated the Northshore garden cannot expand. It was suggested to use the money for signage, but that would not be allowable. Also suggested was using the money to pay for the rain garden maintenance. Discussion was tabled for future discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Paddlefish Days – July 22,2023

 John Hoines offered to drive his Jeep with a trailer for the Saturday parade. Will add banner, swag (towels and koozies), water in a cooler. Need 4-6 volunteers to walk and hand out above items. Thor will put ask out on Facebook.

Information Tent 10:00 – 2:00. Thor will provide tent. Need 4-6 volunteers to tend the table.

Lake Management – Thor is meeting with MSU reps to get a plan and timeline for water sampling.

Rain Garden – Julie indicated the rain garden is looking good and taking care of itself.

Northshore Garden – Placards will be installed next spring with a QR code included that links users to a list of plants in the garden. Julie has been watering and will send out volunteer requests to help with the watering as needed.

Website – Committee discussed that volunteer and association member Michelle Beshman has been editing and updating the MLWLA website for many years. Since there is currently no active board member that has the website credentials, Susan Ackerman will ask Michelle to share that administrative access with one other current board member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott Quist reported he started weed removal through East Bay. Curly Pond comes out well, but the FGA (filamentous green algae) requires more hand pulling. He has not used all of the $1000.00 designated for removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Brozik requested a date and time change for future board meetings. Decision was tabled until new board members are elected in August.

Discussion about how to spend the memorial money. A paver path leading to the raingarden was considered. Decision was tabled.

Lisa Haman asked Scott Salbury for watershed map to understand what is draining into Madison Lake and how to better manage the lake weeds. Scott will bring map to next meeting and continue discussion.

Matt discussed putting some money from checking account into a CD with higher yield. After discussion, a motion to put $20,000 from checking into a 5-month, 4.75% CD was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm by Thor, second by Paul.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schwickert,

Acting Secretary for Gary Schmidt

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