MLWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AUG 3,2023

The Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association August, 2023 Board meeting was opened at 6:10 PM by President Julie Teslow.

In attendance were Julie Teslow, Jim Van Deusen, John Hoines, Lisa Hamann, David Lagerquist, Thor Tackett, Scott Salsbury, Sue Ackerman and Gary Schmidt.

The June and July Board meeting minutes were approved.

 Treasurer Jim VanDeusen reported a $20,000 CD yielding 4.75% has been purchased by MLWLA with available funds. Current checking acct balance is $17,732.13. Current savings acct balance is $5,763.

The Treasure’s report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Sue Ackerman is continuing to work on the master membership list. She has made great progress in making the list more current and more useful. Sue mentioned that several people have commented to her that they are unaware of what MLWLA is doing and thus hesitant to join the organization or invest their monies. Sue suggested we be more proactive in getting the word out about the good things MLWLA is promoting. As an example she spoke to the water well testing program that Blue Earth County offers. Guest Scott Salsbury representing Blue Earth County told the Board that testing of well water is available to residents in the MLWLA district at a very reasonable cost.

 Jim Van Deusen mentioned he had printed some updated MLWLA brochures for use at Paddle Fish days. Jim suggested that the entire brochure be looked at and some more updates made.

SPECIAL EVENTS: John Hoines reported that the MLWLA parade float was a great success. They distributed 750 bottles of water to Paddlefish days participants.

LAKE MANAGEMENT: Thor Tackett reported that he continues to work with Dr. Hoppe and others at MSU regarding the water testing program. He is scheduled to meet again with people at MSU on August 15 or 16th.

Guest Lisa Hamann suggested that MSU faculty start recruiting students right away this Fall when classes resume, who would then be ready to work on a water testing program next Spring and Summer.

RAIN GARDEN: JulieTeslow reported the Raingarden has an abundance of thistles and willows that need removal. Nothing scheduled.

SOCIAL MEDIA: no report

OLD BUSINESS: Julie Teslow reported that the Score your Shore project at North Shore park is doing very well

NEW BUSINESS: The MLWLA annual meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2023 at Bray Park. Food and equipment needs were discussed and arranged. Social hour begins at 5:00PM with the meeting start at 6:00PM. There are a total of 5 people leaving the Board. Election of new Board members will be held at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Schmidt

Secretary MLWLA