

MLWLA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - JULY 2024

The July 11, 2024 Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Assoc. Board Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Treasurer Jim Van Deusen in the medical absence of President Julie Teslow.

In attendance were board members: Frank Smasal, David Lagerquist, Susan Ackerman, Steve Schoeb, Jim Van Deusen and Gary Schmidt. Also in attendance were Scott Salsbury from B.E. County and Jeffrey Flory from the MN DNR.

Jeffrey Flory led a discussion on lake weed management, in particular the use of several chemicals available to deal with the Eurasian Milfoil that is present in Madison Lake. Jeffrey explained there are now variants of the plant, some of which have developed resistance to some of the commonly used chemicals. Jeffrey is going to research what chemical has been used in Madison Lake for past treatments. Jeffrey will also determine what areas of the lake have had previous lake weed treatment. Knowing that information will help the Lake Association and the licensed treatment contractor decide which chemical would be the most effective for Milfoil treatment as well as provide a better estimate of costs for the project. Jeffrey will get back with that information in the near future.

The Meeting Minutes of the May 2024 Board meeting were then approved. (There are no minutes for June 2024 as a quorum was missing.)

The Treasurers report was read and accepted:

Rain Garden Savings acct. \$5,810.67, C.D. \$20,402.92, Checking Acct. \$20,228.11.

Expenditures: Blanket Bond \$396.00, PO Box \$72.00, website domain name 5 yrs \$131.97, food for rain garden workers \$84.71.

Income: Membership Dues payments \$3,320.00, Donations \$495.00, Pay Pal acct. \$144.01.

It was determined the Social Media team will consist of Susan Ackerman-Administrators, Michelle Behsman and Steve Schoeb. It was also mentioned that former Board Member Thor Tackett will continue to be involved with Social Media.

New member recruitment efforts were also discussed. Jim Van Deusen has decided to relinquish the treasurer's duties which he has performed for many years. Dave Lagerquist offered to become the new MLWLA treasurer.

Paddlefish days parade was discussed. Frank Smasal is looking into a float for MLWLA members to ride on. Frank will also line up water bottles to be handed out to parade viewers. Gary Schmidt will take care of the MLWLA parade registration.

Scott Salsbury will be contacting ISG Engineering in an effort to update the current Madison Lake Management Plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Gary Schmidt, Sec. MLWLA