

MLWLA July Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was opened at 6:10 on July 7th, 2022 by MLWLA President Paul Baer. Board Members in attendance were: Thor Tackett, Paul Baer, John Hoines, Sue Ackerman, Frank Smasal, Julie Teslow, Steve Schoeb, Bob Waldron, Jim Van Deusen, Gail Foley and Gary Schmidt.

Guest speaker Scott Salisbury, BEC -Property and Environmental Resources also attended.

Guest speaker Kim Musser, Water Resource Center, MN State Univ. Mankato was not able to attend.

The June Board meeting minutes were read. It was noted that the checking and savings balances in the June Board meeting minutes were reversed. The June minutes were then accepted.

Treasurer Jim Van Deusen reported \$35,553.39 in savings and \$6,979.55 in checking accounts.

The meeting was then moved to new business.

Also attending the meeting were: Matt & Lisa Brozik, Alyssa and Rick Hamman and Dan Sprage all Madison Lake residents who live on the East bay of Madison lake. They expressed to the Board their deep concerns over the problems that Curly Leaf Pondweed has created in East bay.

They stated that weeds washing ashore from boat/fishing activity out in the bay has required that multiple truck loads of weeds had to be removed by them to avoid weed accumulation and decay on the shoreline. Leaving the weeds decay causes muck, odor, green/blue algae and prevents them from otherwise using their beach areas. It was also stated that it is sometime very difficult to motor out of East bay to other parts of the lake. They came to inquire if the Lake Association could help them manage the weed problem by possibly looking into weed harvesting, chemical treatment or other means of weed control. They suggested that creating a channel through the bay running East and West would be helpful in mitigating part of the problem.

Discussion followed with Board members offering their opinions as to what options may be available which could significantly effect the lake weed situation particularly in East bay.

Scott Salisbury stated that Prior Lake has tried alum oxide(or something similar) for weed control but was not knowledgeable of the results. Scott also mentioned mechanical harvesters have been used in some areas, again not sure of the results. It was decided the Board would do some investigating of what the DNR and other lakes in the area may be doing to address the weed situation in local lakes.

President Paul Baer offered to contact the Duck Lake and Lake Washington lake associations to learn if they have been successful in managing lake weeds.

Treasurer Jim Van Deusen volunteered to contact the DNR to get information specific on Lake Madison as to what parts or percentages of the lake could be managed.

In old business Frank Smasal is working on an updated MLWLA membership list.

Frank is also working with BE county on a dock project for the Buckmeister Bridge area.

John Hoines has made arrangement for the MLWLA float in the Paddlefish Day parade.

Julie Teslow has continued working on Score Your Shore project to be developed on the West edge of North Shore Park. Julie reported that work will likely be started in September of this year.

It was decided that August 18th, 2022 would be the date of the of the MLWA annual meeting. The meeting will be held at Bray Park using the upper level pavilion. Frank Smasal is reserving the site. The event will consist of the required annual business meeting , Board Member elections and special guest speaker Craig Soupir from the DNR. Light food and refreshments will be served. All MLWLA members are encouraged to attend.

The next MLWLA meeting will be August 4, 2022 at 6:00PM , Madison Lake City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
Gary Schmidt
Secretary MLWLA