**Madison Lake Watershed and Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** December 5, 2024  
**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 PM  
**Location:** The Landing on Madison Lake

**1. Call to Order**

**Chairperson:** Lisa Haman

**2. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:**

* Lisa Haman
* Scot Quist
* Rich Lund
* Christy Eichers
* Julie Teslow
* Frank Smasal
* Steve Schoeb (virtual)
* Dave Lagerquist
* Lisa Brozik
* Jaci Sprague

**Board Members Absent:**

* Bonnie Hemish
* Mike Sheehy
* Dave Knutson

**Guests/Non-Board Members Present:** None

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

* **Motion to Approve:** Rich
* **Seconded by:** Frank
* **Approved with no amendments.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

**Account balances** (there was no significant activity for any of the accounts):

* Checking (x5477): $17,693.59
* Savings (x9269): $5,821.65
* CD (x0291): $21,052.37
  + Issue Date: 8/14/24
  + Maturity Date: 4/14/25
* Sweep Checking (x1725): $309.45
* Sweep Savings (x4930): $5.18

**Other topics to note**

Venmo business accounts:

* According to the Venmo Business profile site, MLWA would be charged $1.05 on a family membership renewal of $50.  Therefore, either the member pays $51.05 or MLWLA "eats" the $1.05 transaction fee.  The transaction fee calculation is below: **the seller transaction fee is a standard rate of 1.9% + $0.10 of the payment total**
* We can look at other e-payment options such as Zelle but we should keep this simple.  Most of our members have paid by check in the past.
* The fee will be continued to be absorbed by MLWLA.
* It was recommended to review if we can make fee optional if the member will pay when we update our website.
* **Motion to Approve Financial Report:** Scot Quist
* **Seconded by:** Frank
* **Motion approved.**

**5. Guest Speaker**

No guest speaker today.

**6. Old Business**

**Bylaw Updates:**

* Language will be updated based on discussion of minor changes to complete the approval process of bylaws.

* **Motion to Approve:** Scot Quist
* **Seconded by:** Dave
* **Motion approved.**

**Term Limits:**

* Membership team will review term limits to their agenda- so exit strategy of members are not happening all at the same time.

**Committees:**

* Lisa shared committee roster with board. No further discussion.

**8. New Business**

**Grant Applications:**

* + **Grant Details:**
    - The Invasive Aquatic Plant Management Grants will range from $2,500 to $12,500. Applications are due by December 17 was submitted by Dave.
  + Other Grants:
    - DNR Land and Water Conservation Fund
    - LCCMR
    - Blue Earth County Grant
    - Family Foundations and sponsorships
    - Score the Shore Rain Garden will look at plants and grants for pollinator grants.

**MSU relationship:**

Lisa B. mentioned a discussion on prior relationship with MSU. It was discussed to re-establish a plan to re-engage, but establish a plan of what we want to do as an association. Scot will bring this to Lake Management Committee.

Steve was involved in Tri-cola, was a lake association group with approximately 30 other associations. Steve was going to look into the cost of this and if this group is still active.

Mike will look into when the 2025 annual participation of Future of Southern Minnesota Lakes ISG event will be held.

**Insurance:**

* Insurance is strictly a liability insurance. I have a copy of the MLWLA policy from EMC Insurance.  I need to receive clarification on one question that I have for them.
* $400 additional to increase policy coverage. Indemnity- we need to have policy to cover our bylaws for 14 members.
* Frank will bring back numbers for board to discuss

**9. Committee Reports**

**Membership Committee (Frank, Christy, Jaci, Lisa H.):**

* Membership committee will be meeting again before the next meeting and will discuss term limits at this.

**Event Committee (Christy, Lisa B., Bonnie, Jaci, Lisa H.):**

* Christy indicated a possible date change with annual event and potentially looking at a September event. Adding food trucks and BYOC to this event.
* Annual fundraiser: Christy recommended a new event in 2026 and taking a break from the Ice Breaker.
* Paddle Fish Days: where is the best place for the association to be involved such as the Boat Parade with prizes, sponsors, viewing stations etc.
* Ice Out Clean up and Bray Park Clean up are continuing to be a priority.
* Julie reminded the group that MSU has a group that previously volunteered for clean-up.
* Christy will share where and how she got signed up for the city-wide texts.
* Jaci will send out a MLWLA group text for all of us to easily use.

**Lake Management Committee:**

* Next step will be to get DNR involved with plans.

**Guest Speakers:**

* Steve will wait until February to schedule first speaker.

**Communications with Members (Rich Lund, Jaci Sprague, Christy Eichers, Mike Sheehy and guest Michelle Behsman:**

* Website information is out of date on the website, will lean on lake management for support. Mike S. can be that bridge since he is on both committee’s.
* Google non-profit workplace is still a works in progress.
* Google Business has been updated.
* Door Hangers will fall under communications budget
* Jaci will look for design files.
* Scot will help scan in old documents to help us digitize.

**Score the Shore / Rain Garden:**

* Drummers will be coming in to evaluate the rain garden.

**10. Next Meeting Date**

* **Date and Time:** January 9, 2025 at Noon (Reminder – 2 hour meeting to work on budgets)
  + **July Meeting will be July 10.**
* **Location:** The Landing on Madison Lake

**11. Adjournment**

* **Motion to Adjourn:** Frank
* **Seconded by:** Scot
* **Meeting adjourned at 1:22PM**

**Minutes submitted by:**  
Jaci Sprague  
12.5.2024