**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**September 14, 2021**

**6:00pm Gulliver’s Landing**

**Call to Order**

Rick Parkin called the meeting to order. Officers present were Rick Parkin, Danno Hoff, Holly Kohl, and Sherri Wagner. At-Large Members present were Doug Cheever, Denise Krueger, Peter Reineck and Nick Hebda. Scott Provost and Kolton from the DNR were present.

**Approval of Last Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the previous Board of Directors meeting on August 3 were reviewed. Holly made a motion to approve the minutes. Danno seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

As of Aug 31, 2021, we had an overall total of all accounts of $84,489.88. There was $8089.41 in general checking, $33,619.33 in money market, $1492.72 in savings, and $20,791.24 in a 15mo. CD at CoVantage. There was $20,497.18 in the TD Ameritrade account. Inflows were $26.18 in interest/dividend income, $600 in donations, $150 in membership dues, and $550 from Thirty-One bag and LWA tiles raffles/donations. This totaled $1326.18. Outflows were $25 for bank charges, $329.41 for buoy supplies, $214.12 for sweatshirts, $1193.45 for Thirty-One bags purchased, and $12,375.00 for weed harvesting. This totaled $14,136.98. The printed statements for June and July were available for review. A year to date cash flow comparison report was presented. Sherri motioned to accept the financial reports from June through August. Doug seconded the motion and it carried.

**Approval of Invoices/Receipts**

$219.58 to Rick Parkin for entertainment pontoon boat renovations. This was approved previously.

**Old Business**

* **Scott Provost, DNR –** He reported some new things on the horizon and answered some questions that we had:

The aquatic plant management codes are in the process of being updated. The biggest change is to combine the mechanical and chemical treatments into one category. There will be more requirements to management plans. Since LWA already has their plan we are good to go.

There were lots of blue green algae blooms in lakes that usually do not get them this year due to the crazy weather we had this year.

Our weed harvesting permit needs to be renewed. He asked if we needed to make any changes. If we don’t have changes, the renewal is an easy quick process. There needs to be 3 feet of water for weed harvesting. We will look at the map and see if we want to expand the harvesting area.

An aquatic plant survey should be done every 5 years. This will help us see how our efforts are affecting the plants. We should do this next year.

Scott talked about the use of chemical weed treatments and brought Kolton from the DNR who was a herbicide applicator before joining the DNR to give us information. Lake Kawaguesaga in Oneida county had good results with a new herbicide (ProcellaCOR) on the market that is very expensive. It was designed to target Eurasian milfoil but will get rid of other weeds also. This is still considered experimental so a new plant survey and an application plan are needed before it would be permitted. He talked about other cheaper products that are safer (Diquat) to use but these need to be timed correctly for the best results. This is best to be applied in early spring when there is not a lot of wind and the curly-leaf and milfoil are present and there is no rain in the forecast for a few days. We would need an applicator that would work with us to be ready to apply when the time is right. This could be difficult because they are very busy at this time. It is suggested that we get an estimate from an aquatic plant herbicide applicator. It would be of benefit to get a company out to the lake yet this year if possible.

We discussed bridges vs. culverts for water flow. The DNR prefers bridges because they allow the best water flow. Culverts are cheaper, however. New culverts that are bottomless and more oblong offer better water movement than standard culverts.

Dredging was discussed. Permits are needed and a good plan. A permit is good for 3 yrs. Sediment testing beforehand may be needed. There is mechanical or hydraulic dredging. Mechanical is cheaper. The dredged material is best to be field spread instead of going to a landfill. Permitting for dredging is possible on a river system. Aerial views would be used and old contour maps. These would use old depths and the effects that sediment deposit events and other non-natural events like bridge building have had to filled in areas. The dredging would be needed to restore the area back to its original state. We need to get Diane Hanson from Marathon County involved. Jared Mader, Water Resources Technician, from Marathon County Conservation, Planning, and Zoning dept. has reached out to us, too.

Plan Lake Wausau Days. This event will bring people to the lake and to buy in to what is happening. Have Marathon County Land and Water there, big businesses, and Channel 7 and 9 news to report it.

He suggested to apply for a Planning Education Grant to purchase placemats or shopping bags for businesses with something about Lake Wausau on it.

We are also eligible for federal grants since we are part of the TMDL. We have to work with the county for this.

Scott will call Diane Hanson and let her know that we would want to meet.

He suggested approaching the City Counsel, too.

We need to have a brand or marketing for Lake Wausau. We can get more merchandise out there. We can look at what Vilas County did to educate people about AIS.

* **Pamphlets for Surf Boats** – Danno presented another brochure for review with a map inside. We need a realtor drop box to stock the brochures at each boat landing. Email if anyone sees any typos. Holly motioned to spend $500 for brochure printing. Doug seconded the motion. This passed. We will have these at three boat landings: Eagle’s Club, Blue Gill Bay, and Kort Street.
* **Kayak Launch –** Rick is working on the paperwork.
* **LWA Website – Platform change**

The website platform migration still needs to be done. This will probably not get done till the end of the year. <https://lakewausauassociation.wordpress.com/>

* **No Wake Buoys/Trailer –** Everything is purchased for the buoys. These are in storage now for the winter. Instillation will happen in spring. We still need to look for a trailer.
* **Thirty-One Bags and Tile Fundraiser**

We will get 6 bags to the Wausau Country Club will ask for donations for them. We will ask for a $75 donation for each.

* **Self- Storage Rental**

We still need to look for a storage unit to rent for LWA supplies. We approved up to $1000 per year for storage which would be about $80 per month. This would cost about $50-$60 per month.

* **New Computer**

We are looking for a new computer.

**New Business**

* **Annual Meeting**

Three board member terms are expiring: Denise, Sherri, and Peter. Denise and Peter will run for another term. Sherri will not run for another term so one seat will be open. We need to decide if we would like a speaker. We could ask if Diane Hanson could talk for about 10 minutes. We will do this on Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm. We will do a mailing by October 4.

* **More Music on the Sandbar**

We can discuss this at the annual meeting to see if should sponsor more music on the sandbar next year.

**Calendar/Website Updates**

**Board of Directors Meeting -** The next meeting will beWednesday, October 20 at 5:30 pm. This will be at Trail’s End.

**Annual Meeting** – Wednesday, October 20 at 6:30 pm at Trail’s End.

**Meeting Adjournment –** at 8:25 pm.