

MWA NOTES JULY 13, 2022

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Present: Officers- Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Mary Pat Goulding (Vice President); Board members: Marnie MacKenzie. Staff - Bevin Barber-Campbell. We met in person (Work Commons) and via ZOOM.

As there was no quorum, no business could be conducted, the meeting was held for informational purposes only.

Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes – 6/1/22

Looks good. No quorum to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Financials for 6/30/22

Jennifer stated that there is not much new. Reimbursements will be coming in for Prouty Beach and Riparian. We see continuing losses due to staffing costs. Membership brought in \$800 this month; it usually runs at \$5000 annually, and is now at \$2000.

Executive Director's Report:

Bevin reported that YDP finished up in early June and went smoothly but took up a lot of her time. She is still working on the follow up; we are under budget for the grant we received for the program. She sent out three June e-newsletters and an early July e-newsletter just went out. She is creating regular social media posts. She spent considerable time this month working on signs for Prouty. Another big project was writing a Lake Wise success story, which was a deliverable for the FY22 TBP Workplan grant. She also participated in planning for the Tactical Basin Workplan for FY23 grant. We submitted a press release about our scholarship recipients this month. Bevin is working on outreach, meeting with community members, like Phil White of Kingdom Games. We are signed up to host an activity table at the summer Lunchbox program hosted by Farm to School. She attended the MCI annual meeting. And recently had a meeting with the strategic communications person for the Nature Conservancy for tips on communications.

Committee Reports/ Other Activities Updates:

Partnership Updates:

MCI update – No update; Doug not present.

MCM update – Their summer youth programming started today; Train the Trainer session on July 20.

Membership –

Marnie and Bevin worked on an email request for renewals. They are now finalizing a letter for a membership plea to Lake Memph residents. Marnie is willing to lead the mailing effort and we are looking for other board members to help stuff envelopes and add personal notes. Insert Mary Pat's signature. Patrick can guide us on mail merge. Scan list to remove known members. \$200 postage, \$60 in envelopes. Print on Jennifer's printer. Mary Pat, Dave and Jennifer volunteered to help stuff envelopes.

Annual Meeting –

We selected Thursday, Aug 25 at 5:30 business meeting; 6:00 full event, at the Gateway. \$175 for 4 hrs. We've invited Alison Marchione from Lake Wise to present. Mary Pat will work on food. We need a board nominating committee; at this time, it is Mary Pat and Bevin.

Events – Clyde River Clean Up. Details are firming up for the river clean up on Aug 13. Flyers are posted, and donations sought. Patrick is handling most of the logistics and volunteers. Bevin will work on getting a sponsor for the event. Mary Pat will investigate food.

AIS:

Phragmites – Columbia Forest Products is confirmed for two clean ups on August 24 and 31. Bevin will reach out to our active list to seek additional volunteers.

Other/New Business:

Kingdom Games – No swimmers/pet parade this year, so no need for a MWA-led boat parade. Bevin suggested that MWA sponsor the NEK Swim Week. It seems like a good chance to educate swimmers about MWA and water quality.

Jennifer and Mary Pat said we have done raffles and had literature at the events in the past with little impact. Mary Pat will email Phil White to see who he is sponsoring for each event.

Board- Recruitment. Bevin has reached out to several community members for recommendations. We should find someone in the Barton/Westmore area.

Current Grant Status Updates: *See Patrick's work report for more details.*

Regional Aquatic Nuisance Control

Jennifer is going to send in the semi-annual report for ANC grant.

Riparian Buffers – VT F&W/GLRC (see Patrick's report)

WUV Tactical Basin Planning Workplan Grant (see Patrick's report)

WUV Project Development Grant – Barton, Glover, Wetlands (see Patrick's report)

WUV Implementation Grants – Barton and Newport

Dave reported that he chatted with Doug Spades and Doug said that he doesn't like the maintenance converting back after ten years.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Next Meetings: Upcoming dates-

Aug 25, 5:30 pm at the Gateway (annual meeting)

Sept - TBD