

MWA NOTES MAY 4, 2022

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Present: Officers- Stan Chop (secretary), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer); Board members: Doug Coutts; Members: Valerie Dillon, Mary Pat Goulding, Ann Hruby; Staff: Bevin Barber-Campbell, Patrick Hurley, Madison..... We met by ZOOM.

Secretary's Report - Meeting Minutes – 4/6/22 Due to lack of quorum, there was a consensus approval of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Financials for 4/30/22- sent separately - Jennifer mentioned there is not much new. We are starting a new riparian grant cycle. There are no new or exceptional expenses.

Executive Director's Report:

General Report; Comm projects (website, e-newsletter); Work Plan

Bevin is working on signs for Prouty Beach. Two events pressing are the annual meeting and river clean-up. Bevin would like to focus on the date for the annual meeting. She is working with Jethro on the website. Bevin has completed the first e-newsletter. She asked if the board has to vote for her to attend a meeting that is discounted at \$100. Jennifer explained that the executive committee needs to clarify what can be purchase without board approval, usually once an overall budget for item or event is approved, no further approval would be necessary. There was a consensus for Bevin to go to the conference. (June 6, 7, 8 on-line)

Current Grant Status Updates:

Regional Aquatic Nuisance Control

Jennifer said we just got awarded a \$74,000 greeter grant that we will manage. This money is subcontracted out to individual lake associations. MWA's cut is about \$3,700 for oversight duties.

Riparian Buffers – VT F&W/GLRC

Patrick mailed 450 letters to landowners. Patrick got one call about selling a small piece of property (6/10th of an acre) and another from a landowner on Lake Salem. Patrick thinks it was a good idea to have the call-back number if folks want to opt-out. He has started assessments on the Clyde River and is coordinating with Madison (Max) our summer intern. They will start doing field assessments soon.

WUV Tactical Basin Planning Workplan Grant

Patrick has been doing a lot of work plan development work. He has sent some gully reports to Ben. He is working with Island Pond's town administrator regarding a redevelopment plan. Patrick has met with Sarah Damsell regarding tactical basin focus. He submitted the quarterly report last week.

WUV Project Development Grant – Barton, Glover, Wetlands

Patrick is waiting for letters of support from the Town and Orleans Central Supervisory Union on the Glover in order to submit an implementation request.

WUV Implementation Grants – Barton and Newport

There was a kick-off meeting last week regarding Barton's swell project.

Patrick has reached out to Tom Bernier to see if the deed has been finalized regarding the marina project. He left a voicemail.

Committee Reports/ Other Activities Updates:

Scholarship Awardees

On April 27th the committee met and decided to award 500 dollars to three students. Letters have gone out. The money isn't given to the students until they have completed their first semester. We should do a press release.

Youth Discovery Program

All is happening as it should. We have 9 schools attending. We met with the Northwoods educators who will be using MWA's curriculum. The dates are May 23, 25, June 1, 3, 6, 8.

Partnership Updates:

MCI-Peter Lepine's brother was elected mayor of Ogden and hopefully there will be some action to improve the Canadian side of the Dunn Farm. Doug will remain on MCI's board.

MCM-there are 6 crew people lined-up. There is still a need for high school students to work this summer. Doug spoke about the Orleans County summer program and their desire to use the boat, but MCM is not prepared to develop a program this year. There is nothing new to report on the Gateway Education Center initiative. Mary Pat asked about the research aspect of the Rubinstein outreach program.

Membership Plea

Letter to Lake Residents: Bevin wanted to know if there was a committee in the past. Stan checked to see if he can use google docs with mailmerge. Patrick had sent the names of folks living on the lake. Stan also contacted Peter Lepine to get copies of the MCI membership letters. He would like to meet with Bevin to look at the letters and compose a new one or use one of the past letters. This would be somewhat of a test to see if the time and expense are worth it. The question came up, "How can we promote what we have done?" We need a really good story. Bevin and Stan will meet next week.

ANR Lecture Series

Mary Pat had nothing to report regarding the Memphremagog Matters lecture in July. Mary Pat is not quite sure of the format for upcoming lectures.

Ducks Unlimited

There is nothing new.

Other/New Business:

Work Commons

We can have a room at the Work Commons for \$375 a month. Jennifer shared details of the lease. (Rm 217) We are getting an excellent deal according to Jennifer. The Riparian Grant will be covering the majority of the rent. There was a consensus on renting the office space.

AIS – VIP/VIPA Trainings

Bevin is working on a two-part VIPA training- online and at Prouty Beach.

Events: Eagle Point Wetland Paddle-confirmed for June 18th

Clyde River Clean Up – Aug 13 (tentative)

Annual Meeting

Ideas and Date-Mary Pat suggested the last week in June. It could be a weekday. A couple of ideas-go on the Northern Star to do an adult version of the Coventry education or an evening at our local brewery and give a presentation. Or maybe a meeting at the Top of the Hill between 3-6 pm on 29 June. Or maybe we should push it off to August.

More

Mary Pat strongly recommends that we have a look at Bevin's documents and provide her feedback.

We thanked Madison for attending. She will start on 1 June.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Next Meetings: – upcoming dates:

June 1, 2022 04:30 PM

July 13, 2022 4:30PM