

MWA January Meeting

4:30 p.m. Wednesday January 6, 2021

President Dave Converse opened the meeting at 4:30 a.m. Present: Officers- Stan Chop (secretary), Jennifer Hopkins (treasurer), Board members – Louise Beaudry, Tom Latta, Heather Murphy, Hillary Potter, and Beth Torpey. Members: Ben Copans, Valerie Dillon, Mary Pat Goulding, Patrick Hurley. (We met via ZOOM.)

Secretary's Report: Jennifer made the motion to accept the December minutes and Hillary seconded it. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: We have a fair amount of cash on hand. Mary Pat contributed IRA funds to the cash balance. We also got a \$1000 donation from an anonymous donor. Our costs are lower due to having an employee shortage. Jennifer would like to take out at least one cd at the Passumpsic Saving Bank, the term and amount to be determined, with Dave and Jennifer as signers. Jennifer made the motion to obtain the CD and Tom seconded it. The motion passed.

Prouty Beach: We still have \$8,000 left over in this grant which will be used for restoring the westerly bank once the bike path has been installed.

Aquatic Species: Final documentation is all in for DEC's 2020 Aquatic Species Grant. The 2021 grant applications are due in February. Newport lost funding because they didn't fully staff their greeter program. Our local towns all have volunteer support from active Lake Associations and put their request for funding on town warnings. Whereas the City does not use volunteers, their program is run by the harbor master only at the dock. The City has put in \$23,000 into their budget for milfoil control.

Lakewise: Trevor did a great job with the 16 properties involved. The folks were given plans to redevelop their properties. Northwoods might follow-up with funding. All the plans are on the share-drive. Hillary has the LakeWise award signs. Tom offered to document the properties by drone. Patrick mentioned this would be a good way of monitoring progress.

Membership: We had a good renewal response from Hillary's newsletter. Beth mentioned that it was easy to make MWA the beneficiary of Facebook's birthday fundraiser. She earned \$300 for MWA.

Riparian Restoration: This is a follow-up to our discussion with Pete Emerson. Mary Pat is drafting a letter for Dave saying we would like to be involved with the Riparian Restoration. This should be going out shortly.

Youth Discovery: Hillary mentioned that Doug is still looking for funding for the junior high program. Plans are moving ahead with the program for 3rd graders at Prouty Beach. Mary Pat

has heard from two schools (St Pauls and Newport Centre) who definitely would like to attend again. When they are in 4th grade, they could use the MCM boat.

Newsletter: Hillary wants to do another newsletter that would be probably ready late winter.

Retreat: We are set for this Saturday. Mary Pat thanked those that filled out the survey. The results will be sent on to the board members. Ten people responded.

Spring Events: We should plan another paddle at the Johns River in June, dependent on the health crisis. Hillary mentioned a boat parade with boats decorated for prizes. Beth warned of a wave problem. Rules should state boats should go less than 10 miles per hour and stay 250 feet from shore. Tom suggested a 4 miles per hour limit. It could be a fundraiser. Maybe we could do it Friday or Sunday in conjunction with Kingdom Games' summer swim on July 23 and 24. Phil is looking for support for his street parade and volunteers for various aspects of the event especially with shucking corn. Would MCM want to do a mutual float? Dave will look into it.

Scholarships: We paid out 2 of the 3 scholarships. Hillary would like to put info about the awardees in the newsletter. Don, Lynn and Sarah are on the scholarship committee. Applications go out in February.

Membership:

People can start paying dues at any time. We're trying to get people to convert to paying at the beginning of the year.

Election of Officers: We agreed to stick with the same slate of officers until the annual meeting. We are still missing a vice president. Doug and Louise represent Derby. Andy Major represented Salem but resigned from the board. Salem would like to have a representative at our meetings. We discussed that it would be helpful if board members represented all the lakes in our watershed.

The meeting closed at 5:40. The next meeting will be on 3 February. Let's remember about the retreat this Saturday.