Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council Meeting

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Minutes

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The WCWLC meeting was called to order at 9:05 by Rich Delisle. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nineteen individuals were in attendance (2 via Webex) representing eleven lakes and flowages. John Jarvis represented the Waushara County Board. Rich asked Board members present to introduce themselves. Board members present included Rich Delisle, Bill Van Dongen, Karen Reynolds, Mark Theis, Francie Rowe, and Mel Heaney.

The meeting was conducted as a hybrid, members attending via Webex and face-to-face.

Public Comments

It was asked if Waushara County rentals are inspected. Rich responded, yes, the County does inspect rentals. He suggested calling Becky Hubatch at the Tri-County Health Department.

Agenda, Minutes, Treasure's Report

Mark Theis moved the agenda be approved as submitted; Karen Reynolds seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Morgonroth moved the minutes be approved as written. Tom Catlin seconded the motion; the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report– Bill Van Dongen

Bill Van Dongen presented the treasurer's report. He directed those present to the printed report. Currently WCWLC has 22 paid members for 2022. Two paid members for 2023

Total Useable Funds:	$ 12,511.76
Total Environmental Education Funds	$ 10,656.98

Mark Theis moved Bill be directed to pay outstanding vouchers., Joe Martin seconded the motion; the motion passed on a unanimous vote.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Guest Speaker – Ted Johnson, DNR grants

Ted was not present.

Rich reported that in the absence of today's speaker, Todd Wahler and Kyle Kutcher had volunteered to speak on "Trees & Vegetation That Can be Removed Above the OHWM in Waushara County". However, they did not make today's meeting. Their PowerPoint will be posted on the WCWLC website. Waushara County has an ordinance that addresses the county's rules and regulations for shoreline vegetation removal.

It was asked how WCWLC can encourage and help lake users/residents to understand how trees/vegetation matter to the health of the lake. Rich noted that WCWLC is an education organization. We seek to help Waushara County residents to know more about ecology and limnology. WCWLC provides educational programs and resources to build understanding.

It was noted that realtors need to be educated. It was suggested that WCWLC homeowner's packets begiven to local realtors.

County Representative to Lake Districts

Rich reported on the new County Representative assignments for lake districts. They are as follows:

Lake Alpine	John Jarvis
Big Hills Lake	Mark Piechowski
Bughs Lake	Bob Wedell
Deer Lake	Mark Piechowski
Fish Lake	Jesse Urban
Lake Irogami	John Jarvis
John's Lake	Sarah Stelter
Kusel/Wilson/Round Lakes	Sarah Stelter
Little Hills Lake	John Jarvis
Long – Oasis:	Jesse Urban
Marl Lake	Sarah Stelter
Mt. Morris Lake	John Jarvis
Pearl Lake	Mark Piechowski
Pine -Hancock	Jesse Urban
Pleasant Lake	Jesse Urban
Porter's Lake	Sarah Stelter
Big Silver	Bob Wedell
Spring Lake	Mark Piechowski
White River Flowage	Bob Wedell
Upper White River Millpond	Bob Wedell

The above list will be posted on the Waushara County website and Bill will send it out to the WCWLC membership via email.

Eric Olson – UW Extension

Eric Olson spoke on Chapter 33 regarding representation of County representatives on lake district. He provided some suggestions to enable representation when a county has a large number of lake districts and a small county board. Waushara County has 33 named lakes and 22 lake districts.

The current representation on the Waushara County Land/Water/Education Committee was discussed. Currently, there is no water "voice" on the Committee. The Committee is composed of 4 County Board members plus a Farm Service Association (FSA) person, Sarah Stelter. Committee minutes are public and seem to show little about lakes. John Jarvis noted Ed Hernandez brought to the Committee at their May meeting the description of the on-going shoreline study.

Environmental Education Grant Program

The 2022 Award, $250.00, went to Waushara County Field Days.

DNR Requests
None

AIS Grant Program
None

Land Conservation Program
None

WCWLC Lake Group Report – Deer Lake : Ernie Boehr

Deer Lake is a tight community, although there is some tension between new and old property owners. It is governed by a lake district.

Deer Lake is approximately 20 acres; 15 feet in depth. The lake level fluctuates between high and low water as it has no surface outlet. There are 15 cottages on the lakeshore. There is a public boat landing on the north shore.

Deer Lake has an aerator operating on the lake all year long, to promote lake health. Frog, turtles, and other wildlife are common. The fish population has declined in recent years and as a result the lake district has engaged in lake stocking program. Summer fisherman primarily are "catch & release"; winter anglers tend to keep the fish they catch.

Shoreline vegetation is healthy. The lake district promotes and sponsors a voluntary aquatic plant management program.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Rich asked for suggestion for the upcoming 2022 WCWLC meetings. It was noted that a Waushara County Vacation Rental Owners Association is forming in Waushara County.

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom Catlin, seconded by Mark Theis The meeting adjourned at 11:38

Respectfully submitted,
Francie Rowe, Secretary

WCWLC Board Members:

Richard DeLisle	(term 2021-24)	Bill Van Dongen	(term 2021-24)
Mel Heaney	(term 2019-22)	Mark Theis	(term 2020 -23)
Francie Rowe	(term 2019 -22)	Open Position	(term 2020-23)
Karen Reynolds	(term 2019 -22)		