

Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council
Meeting
P.O. Box 634
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Minutes
August 13, 2022

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The WCWLC annual meeting was called to order at 9:02 by Rich Delisle. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-one individuals were in attendance representing 13 lakes and flowages. Katie Reed, Winnebago Waterway program Coordinator, was present representing the Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. Rich asked WCWLC Board members present to introduce themselves. Board members present included Rich Delisle, Bill Van Dongen, Karen Reynolds, Mark Theis, Francie Rowe, Chuck McCauley, and Mel Heaney.

Public Comments

Richard Delisle was asked how successful *ProcellaCOR* had been on Bughs lake in knocking down the EWM population. Rich replied that Bughs Lake had undertaken a whole lake treatment, received a \$70,000.00 DNR grant to help pay for the project, and that they were currently assessing the outcome. DNR allowed Bughs Lake to conduct a whole lake treatment because it does not have an outlet. Water samples collected post-treatment showed *ProcellaCOR* had cleared the lake after 4 days. The lake district is currently conducting tests on the impact of *ProcellaCOR* on small fish. Bughs Lake used Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds for the herbicide application. Their native plants have shown minor effects. Rich noted that an aquatic lake management plan is required to be eligible for an herbicide permit. Bughs Lake Management District plans to do a point-intercept survey each spring around June 15th to follow-up on the impact of the treatment.

Francie Rowe noted that Pleasant Lake treated 3.5 acres of EWM with *ProcellaCOR* in June. 2022. The success of their treatment is yet to be determined. At this point, the EWM appears to be significantly diminished, the native plant community has seriously diminished, and there is a significant algae bloom in the lake.

Neal Nett, Little Hills Lake, noted they too have had an algae bloom this summer.

Bill Van Dongen noted that a proposal has been made to the legislature that DNR increases fees for EWM control. Increases for both for mechanical harvesting and herbicide treatment have been proposed.

Wisconsin Aquatic Plant Management Rules: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/lakes/plants/rules> .

Agenda, Minutes, Treasurer's Report

Mark Theis moved the agenda be approved as submitted; Mel seconded the motion; the motion passed by an unanimous vote.

Joe Martin moved the May 14, 2022 minutes be approved as written; Karen Reynolds 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 distributed with the May minutes. Currently, 12 WCWLC member groups have paid 2023 dues; two have paid 2024 dues.

Financial distribution of WCWLC \$25.00 dues currently, \$20 allocated to operations and \$5.00 to the Education Fund.

As of 7/20/2022 Total Useable Funds:	\$ 1,704.66
As of 7/20/2022 Total Environmental Education Funds	\$ 10,674.58

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

Unfinished Business

Updating Lake Management Plans. Rich noted the information for updates for lake management plans is available on the Waushara County web site. Golden Sands RC & D, Onterra, LLC, and others can be hired to provide help for updating existing plans.

New Business

Guest Speaker – Healthy Lakes Grant – Katie Reed, Winnebago Waterway program Coordinator

Katie Reed spoke to the value of improving shorelines via best management practices. She noted that DNR cost-share grants are available to towns, lake districts, and lake and river associations to employ best practices in restoring natural shorelines, planting raingardens, creating diversions, etc.

The goal of these grants is to unite communities to create healthy lakes, slow down run-off, and protect shorelines.

Best Practices supported by Healthy Lake Grants are:

- Construction of rain gardens
- Construction of rock infiltration systems
- Completion of water diversion projects
- Planting of native vegetation
- Installation of fish Sticks (fish sticks require a DNR permit)

DNR cost-share grants are available to groups – lake districts, associations, nonprofit-etc., but not to individuals.

The cost of the projects must be paid upfront, and the costs will then be reimbursed up to \$1,000.00 for each Healthy Lakes best practice.

Katie noted that the Healthy Lakes and Rivers website provides many resources to help develop appropriate programs eligible for grant reimbursement. <https://healthylakeswi.com/>

Up-Date on Welcome Packets – Grant

Mel Heaney, Rich Delisle and Ed Hernandez have been working with Ted Johnson on 2023 Welcome Packet development. The goal is to construct 500 packets. The Waushara County Land/Water/Education Committee has approved the project. Grant pre-application is due September 15, 2022; the final proposal must be submitted to the DNR by Nov. 15, 2022.

Discussion & Possible Action on Bi-Law changes

Rich Delisle presented the proposed By-Laws change. The goal of these changes is to update the By-Laws, particularly the online access option of the WCWLC By-Laws. The following changes were proposed by the Board for Article II, Sections 2 and 3. Article III, Section 3. The proposed changes, in red below, were distributed with the agenda, minutes, and financial report.

Article II – Membership

Section 2 – MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES: Any individual who is part of the member's organization and is listed on the WCWLCI contact list as being part of the member's organization is a representative of the member.

Section 3 – PRESENT AT MEETINGS: A Member will be considered present at a WCWLCI meeting if it has a representative attending in person or through electronic means that allow participation in the meeting, such as phone or internet.

Article III – Voting

Section 3 – REFERENDA: The Board of Directors may at any time solicit reactions from members through U.S. mail, email (or other electronic means), or in person. The Board resolution authorizing the referendum shall indicate whether the results shall be considered advisory or binding on the Board. The annual meeting may initiate an advisory or binding referendum and shall specify the exact wording of the question and the required followup action by the Board. Members shall have 30 days to return response forms. Results of the referendum shall be announced at a membership meeting, by email, or by U.S. mail within 90 days of the response deadline.

Mel Heaney moved the proposed By-Laws changes be accepted as proposed by the Board, Jim Morgenroth second Heaney's motion. The motion passed on a unanimous vote. The By-Laws will be changed as noted above.

It was asked, whether or not a Lake District can operate simply by using Chapter 33, i.e. not constructing a local set of By-Laws. Rich responded that he would contact UW-Stevens Point to research the question.

DNR Requests

None

AIS Grant Program

None

Land Conservation Program

Rich Delisle announced that each Lake District within Waushara County has been assigned a new County representative. He asked that each District contact their new representative, if they have not already. He suggested that each new representative be sent the agenda, past minutes, and calendar for lake district meetings, and that each district please invite the new representative to their meetings.

WCWLC Lake Group Report – Alpine Lake by Jason Kunding

Alpine Lake is a small 56 acre, 18 feet deep, impoundment, a part of Bruce Creek. A dam separates it from Bruce Creek. Alpine Park is located on the lakeshore.

Alpine Lake's, Lake District's 2022-23 goals are to prevent any new AIS invaders, improve fishing, and maintain a quiet lake atmosphere.

The EWM/HWM population at Alpine Lake was high in 2021, 75% of the lake was covered. Currently, EWM is being managed with herbicide treatment & mechanical harvesting. Additional projects include: silt removal at the inlet; lake management plan update, county park improvements, fish stocking, goose egg treatment, and education of Lake District members,

The *We Really Kare Fishing Club* continues to be a successful District project.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

Rich Delisle asked for suggestion for the upcoming 2022-23 WCWLC meetings.

Fish stocking in Waushara lakes
Representation on the County Board & the Waushara County Land/Water/Education Committee

2022 Election of WCWLC Board positions for three 2022-2025 terms

Rich Delisle called for nominations from the floor. There were none.

Rich then presented the WCWLC Board nominations. They included:

Mel Heaney
Francie Rowe
Jim Morgenroth

Bill Van Dongen moved the slate presented by the WCWLC Board be accepted and approved. Mark Theis seconded; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Anita VanDike, Karen Reynolds seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38

Respectfully submitted,
Francie Rowe, Secretary

WCWLC Board Members:

Richard DeLisle (term 2021-24)
Mel Heaney (term 2022-25)
Francie Rowe (term 2022-25)
Jim Morgenroth (term 2022-25)

Bill Van Dongen (term 2021-24)
Mark Theis (term 2020 -23)
Chuck McCauley (term 2020-23)

Future WCWLC meetings and Agenda Items

November 12, 2022 – Water Quality: PFAS, nitrates, phosphorous, *E.coli*, coliforms, etc.
- Pearl Lake Report
February 11, 2023 - TBD
May 13, 2023- TBD
August 12, 2023- TBD