

Dee Lake Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 20, 2023

Meeting held via videoconferencing.

Board members attending: Vaughn Duitsman, Todd Reynolds, Jim Clarke, Bruce Steege, Mark Smith, Gail Blackmer, Travis Mangan

President Bruce S. called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Treasurer's report given by Vaughn Duitsman. Vaughn's prepared report included the following information:

DLWA General Checking Account \$ 7,034.78

DLWA Continuous Flow Fund \$ 6,374.54

DLWA Water Protection Fund \$ 649.48

Total in all DLWA accounts \$ 14,058.80

Designated funds for boat & motor rig in Flow Fund \$ 4,255.00

CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund \$ 566.97

Since December Meeting

Income:

Membership Dues: \$365

Donations: CFF \$125, General Fund \$100

Cookbook Sales – \$100

Interest \$5.55

Expenses:

Water Testing \$610

Newsletter Mailing \$55.77

Treasurer's report accepted on a motion by Gail, seconded by Mark.

Secretary's report given by Gail Blackmer. Minutes from the December meeting were approved for filing on a motion by Vaughn, seconded by Vaughn.

Membership report – given by Bruce. Bruce reviewed the process for sending dues reminders to members and updating the spreadsheet. Some renewals have come in after sending out the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

Cookbook sales – there are only about 5 left. Some board members purchased copies as Christmas presents. This will be final report as the project was successful and completed.

Creek conditions – the gauge remains at 5.2. There is a beaver dam at the rock dam that will need addressing when spring thaw allows.

Newsletter – Travis was thanked for his work at putting the newsletter together. Travis is willing to continue to work on the template. We all need to be forward thinking about future issues and ways to help get it put together .

Ice Out contest – Mark reported 43 entries which should yield \$430 to the winner and the same to DLWA.

NEW BUSINESS

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers – Gail moved, Vaughn seconded a motion to pay MLR \$150 dues to continue membership in this organization. Motion carried. This resource is beneficial to legislative action and other issues affecting the state's lakes and rivers.

Highway clean up – Gail will coordinate the MN DOT highway clean up in May.

Flotilla – discussed the annual fourth of July flotilla on Deer Lake. Last year we served hot dogs, beverages and ice cream. It seemed well received by participants. The cost was approximately \$400. Todd moved to continue to host it again this coming year, seconded by Jim, motion carried.

Annual meeting – Set for the first Saturday of August, at Carpenter Town Hall. Jim suggested that we do a pot luck dinner this year, as Covid restrictions are being lifted. DLWA will provide beverages and plates, etc. We will plan to start at 5 p.m., with meeting beginning at 6:00.

Beaver trappers – trappers that will work in the area include Rick Jensen, Dan Gallagher, Jay Dolinich.

Lake water sampling/testing – It was noted that we requested and were awarded \$300 towards water quality sampling and testing fees from Carpenter Township. This was granted at the township annual meeting due to a request submitted by Bruce. It was suggested to sample Mead Lake this year along with Mirror and Deer. Discussion included sampling Mead when a “bloom” shows up as resident Larry Salmela has noticed changes in the lake water. Vaughn, Todd, and Bruce are willing to participate in the sampling process.

OTHER

Discussion held on getting DLWA logo apparel to sell as fundraiser and promote awareness and pride in DLWA. New vendors need to be researched and discussed at future meetings.

Some members would like to see the 5K walk/run reinstated. Discussed the issues involved. NO decision made at this time.

Next meeting – we discussed having an in person meeting in early June that could include spouses and a pot luck meal at the Carpenter Town Hall. This will be considered and discussed via email closer to June.

Mark moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes by Gail Blackmer