

**Deer Lake Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 26, 2023**

The meeting was held at the Carpenter Town Hall. Board members attending: Todd Reynolds, Bruce Steege, Gail Blackmer, Andy Gregorich, Sara Gregorich and attending through on-line connection were Vaughn Duitsman and Bob Gibbons.

President Bruce S. called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The agenda was approved on a motion by Todd, seconded by Sara.

Treasurer's report - Vaughn Duitsman presented a revision of the annual meeting's financial report in which he had clarified some of the accounts. This amended financial report was approved on a motion by Gail, seconded by Todd. The financial report as of September 30, 2023 showed these account balances:

DLWA General Checking Account \$ 6005.00	
DLWA Continuous Flow Fund \$ 6749.06	
DLWA Water Protection Fund \$ 1116.62	<u>Total in all DLWA accounts \$ 13,950.68</u>
CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund \$ 568.24	

Income during July, August and September included donations to the Water Protection Fund, 16 membership renewals, Business member renewals, one cookbook sale, and a small amount of interest. Expenses included dues paid to ICOLA, Flotilla food expenses and post office box rent. The Treasurers report was approved on a motion by Sara, seconded by Todd.

Secretary's report given by Gail Blackmer included the minutes from the Annual Meeting held in August and the minutes from the June regular meeting. Minutes from the Annual Meeting will be approved by the full membership at the 2024 meeting, however they were approved by this board on a motion by Bruce, seconded by Andy, and the June meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Andy, seconded by Vaughn.

Board Reorganization – the October meeting is the time for re-organizing board member positions and committee chairs. President Bruce Steege called for nominations for each of the following positions, with board members agreeing to nominate and elect the indicated person.

President- Bruce Steege
Vice President – Todd Reynolds
Secretary – Gail Blackmer
Treasurer – Vaughn Duitsman
Membership committee – Gail will continue to send out reminders for membership renewal, with Vaughn collecting checks and updating membership list. Vaughn will hold the post office box key and the checkbook.
Continuous Flow committee – Andy
Entertainment (pot lucks, flotilla) – Bruce
Fund raising – Todd
Highway clean-up – Gail
Flotilla – Vaughn
Newsletter – Sara

Water sampling – Todd, Andy, Bruce, Sara
DNR liaison – Todd
Website - Vaughn

OLD BUSINESS

Cookbook – Todd reported there is some interest in getting additional cookbook copies made so he had contacted the publisher for pricing information. Discussion included the likelihood of selling more copies, as well as possibly adding new pages with more recipes solicited by members. We will discuss further next meeting, Todd will check on prices for reprinting with additional pages.

Conditions at Deer Lake outlet – Travis has dragged the road to improve . There is a beaver dam but water is low behind it. Now the dam is holding back more water. One large beaver has been trapped out. The gauge is at 4.95, slightly higher than most of the summer. It was decided that a group would go to the dam and remove as much as possible on October 28. Also mentioned was the dam on thee creek from Lorraine Lake and the cattails that are growing in that creek. Todd can obtain a permit to remove some cattails and also discussed his research into herbicide pellets. The best time to apply herbicide is in August or September. Todd made a motion to spend up to \$500 on herbicide plus \$35 for a permit to control the growth of cattails in this creek, motion seconded by Andy, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

CCC Camp – Loey Master has helped to replace and locate some of the signs that indicated structures in the CCC Camp area. There is interest by the board of directors to revitalize the area to showcase the former camp and its history. Volunteers will be needed for this project, and will be solicited next spring /summer.

Newsletter – typically the board has produced an annual newsletter for the membership during the winter. Sara is willing to produce the newsletter with articles written by other board members, and possibly other writers of informational articles. This takes some technical ability to put it together. Each board member is asked to determine a topic of interest and write an article by December 31 deadline.

5K Run – there is also some renewed interest in having another 5K run along CR#533. Discussion tabled until the next meeting.

Beaver trapping payments – There is a lot of work and time put into trapping the beaver. Bruce made a motion to pay \$50 for the one male beaver recently trapped and to raise the rate for future trapping to \$35 per beaver removed. Seconded by Andy, motion carried.

ICOLA report – Gail reported on ICOLA meetings attended and provided information on a presentation given on loon protection and a program some lake associations are engaging in to provide better nesting places for loons.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Next meeting will be December 4, 2023 at Carpenter Town Hall.

Minutes by Gail Blackmer