

Deer Lake Watershed Association ** Board of Directors Meeting ** February 5, 2024

The meeting was held at Bruce Steege's residence. Board members attending: Bruce Steege, Gail Blackmer, Andy Gregorich, Sara Gregorich. Members attending through on-line connection were Travis Mangan, Vaughn Duitsman, and Bob Gibbons. Members absent: Todd Reynolds

President Bruce S. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda was approved with no additions.

Treasurer's report – Vaughn sent Treasurer's report via email. Account balances as of 2/5/24 are:

DLWA General Checking Account - \$6274.18

DLWA Continuous Flow Fund - \$6870.86

DLWA Water Protection Fund - \$1347.76

Total in all DLWA accounts - \$14,492.80

CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund - \$568.81

Vaughn noted activity from July 1, 2023 – February 5, 2024 included income from membership dues totaling \$1170, donations to the various funds totaling \$565, business member website ads totaling \$70, plus a cookbook sale and savings interest to make total income in this period of \$1828.84. Expenses included dues to partner organizations, flotilla expenses, website domain name fees, beaver control payments and miscellaneous totaling \$780.60. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Andy, seconded by Bruce.

Further discussion of expenses included an expected fee of approximately \$960 for the past season's laboratory testing of lake water samples. Bruce is in contact with the lab, questioning a courier fee since our samples were delivered directly to the lab. Also noted was that donations from members in addition to regular membership dues will now be directed to the Water Protection Fund unless otherwise indicated. We appreciate the members who have paid dues for any years in arrears and those who have also made additional donations!

Secretary's report – Gail had sent minutes from the previous meeting in December via email. The minutes were accepted for filing and distribution to members on a motion by Bruce, seconded by Sara.

OLD BUSINESS

Cookbook – Todd was absent this meeting due to being out of state for the winter but did send request to solicit additional recipes for the reprint of the cookbook. Gail will send out an email to membership.

Conditions at Deer Lake outlet – Water levels at the gauge appear to be dropping. The creek is observed to be flowing well at the culvert on county road #525. Winter conditions with a frozen lake means conditions will be monitored and checked again in the spring.

Cattails on Lorraine and Popple Creeks – Todd has obtained an application for a permit to remove cattails. At this time it will be reconsidered in the spring, as we have questions on herbicides or other methods of removing the cattails. It was suggested that we could try for more information and suggestions from Itasca county SWCD.

Newsletter – Sara reported on Newsletter progress. She is trying some new formatting that works best with the software she has. She will send out a finished copy for proofreading and approval as soon as it is ready. Bruce can print out the hard copies and Vaughn will send electronic copy to membership who can

receive email. Travis and Bruce remarked that it has been difficult to get the type of information we would like from the water quality statistics. RMB labs has numbers but we would have liked to have them interpret the results into trends and conclusions. Travis has further researched information from the DNR to use in his article for the newsletter.

Highway Clean Up – Gail reported that the renewal agreement with MN DOT has been sent in to continue the adopt a highway program for DLWA to clean up a two mile stretch of Hwy #1. That usually happens on the first Saturday in May and volunteers are needed to participate.

NEW BUSINESS

5K for next summer – we will continue to consider a 5K Run, but no action taken this meeting.

Other – Bob asked if there would be consideration of dredging the creek between Deer and Pickerel lakes. Discussion held, no action taken.

Ice out contest is prepared, Mark is coordinating the guesses on a calendar and collecting the entry fee for a split the pot fundraiser.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Sara, seconded by Andy . Next meeting will be April 1, 2024 held at Carpenter Town Hall.

Minutes by Gail Blackmer, DLWA Secretary