

Deer Lake Watershed Association
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting – 12/12/2022
Virtual Meeting via Facebook connection

DLWA Mission Statement:

“To protect, maintain and improve the natural resources of the Deer lake Watershed
for current and future generations”

Call to Order - President Bruce Steege called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. via Facebook connection where members can hear and had visual connection with each other.

Present: Vaughn Duitsman, Travis Mangan, Todd Reynolds, Bob Gibbons, Bruce Steege, Gail Blackmer, Jim Clarke, Mark Smith

The agenda was approved as sent.

Reports:

- The Treasurer’s report was presented by Vaughn, noting fund balances in various accounts:
DLWA General Checking Account - \$6,725.25
DLWA Continuous Flow Fund - \$ 6,194.91
DLWA Water Protection Fund - \$1,258.56

Total \$14,179.02

Designated for boat and motor in CFF - \$4,205
CCC Camp Historical Preservation Fund - \$566.54
Membership income since October, new and renewals - \$105
Donations to accounts since October – CFF \$25, WPF \$75, General Fund \$20
Cookbook sales since October- \$200
Treasurer’s report accepted on a motion by Todd, seconded by Bruce.

- Secretary’s report – Minutes from the October meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Vaughn, seconded by Todd.
- Membership report – Bruce noted there are 135 current members. Gail will be sending renewal reminders out to members upon review of the membership list, and as the checks come in, Bruce will update the list and forward an updated copy to Gail.

Old Business:

- Cookbook sales – Todd reported that there were only 12 copies of the cookbook left. This project was successful, we may be able to try it again after a few years.
- Creek conditions – the water level at the gauge at Camp Deer is at 5.2, there is still flowage on the outflow creek however lakes are frozen. Checking on beaver activity will resume in the spring, we will be in touch with trappers at that time.
- Newsletter – Travis is working on and plans to use similar template as previous newsletters. Discussed if outside contributors such as the SWCD could be asked for article submission. Travis

has prepared an outline for content and has written an article on tick borne diseases. All articles should be sent in to him by mid-January.

- Ice out contest – Mark agrees to coordinate a contest again with half of the entry money going to the person who picks the winning date and half remaining with DLWA. Notice will go out in the newsletter and in emails.
- Summer plans – brief discussion on the next annual meeting in August 2023, we would probably be able to have a pot luck dinner again, if issues about Covid are not worse. A pot luck is usually popular. Also discussed possible social gatherings or fundraising ideas, such as a raffle for Adirondack chairs.

New Business

- Gail reported that we have renewed our organizational status with the Minnesota Secretary of State.
- Discussion held on the current ban on feeding deer which is in place for Itasca County. We recognize that encouraging deer to congregate can be a risk factor for CWD. Education is part of the objectives for DLWA so we can consider ways to inform members of regulations that affect wildlife. There are similar concerns for bird flu in duck and goose populations.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Vaughn, seconded by Travis.

Minutes submitted by Gail Blackmer, secretary.