

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2021

Four Seasons

6 pm

Meeting called by: Gary DeFere

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Minutes

Agenda item: Treasurer Report

Presenter: Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- Statement of Activities: Increase in donations, golf outing, and memberships. Will be able to get grant to cover ½ of bouys expense (\$4000).
- Statement of Net Position: Discussion to move funds from checking to equipment reserve. May need to give refunds for weed cuttings or rollover to next year.
- Please see attached finances.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report by Chuck Schreiter, 2nd by Karen Monfre, motion carried.

Agenda item: Next steps for water level

Presenter: Bill Monfre

Discussion:

- Water level has improved. Getting positive feedback from membership.
- Bill Monfre presented the next steps required for the permanent water level change:
 - Operations Plan
 - Cost Sharing Agreement
 - Plan and Schedule for Permanent Amendment Application
- Currently SAWM has \$30k reserved for permanent application. SAWM needs to have input on management/consulting costs. Paul suggested that SAWM must pre-approve any out-of-pocket expense.
- FERC will not allow any additional temporary amendments. SAWM will only have one chance to get permanent application filed.
- Nitta suggested a GO FUND ME to raise funds to help cover the potential costs of the permanent application.
- Dave suggested to find out potential costs first before creating a GO FUND ME.

Conclusions:

Bill and Jeff will discuss the cost sharing with Eagle Creek to try to find out the potential cost. Fund raising will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Discuss next steps/cost sharing with Eagle Creek

Bill Monfre/Jeff Puissant

✓ Publish next steps in newsletter, Facebook, website

Carla Osborne/Nitta Charnon

Agenda item: Weed cutter status/long term equipment plan

Presenter: Jeff Knope

Discussion:

- Unable to cut on lake due to low water level.
- Cutting on channel/river started 1 month ago but there have been many equipment issues – mostly with motors.

- Currently have been cutting on river for 1 week. Will do as much as possible on the river.
- Will try to get all first cuttings and may have to refund the remaining cuttings.
- Would like to have one small harvester and one barge.

Conclusions:

Cost of new harvester and value of trading in existing equipment will be investigated.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Cost of new harvester and trade in value of equipment	Bill Monfre, Jeff Knope	Next meeting
✓ Notice to membership of current status/refunds	Carla Osborne, Nitta Charnon	ASAP

Agenda item: Weed cutting objective **Presenter:**

Discussion:

- Historically there was not any private cutting. It caused too many issues.
- Should SAWM discontinue private cutting and only do public areas and boat lanes?
- Chemical treatment of weeds requires a yearly permit. Harvesting weeds requires a permit every 5 years. The lake management plan will need a harvesting plan.
- Permits for chemical treatment of the weeds will likely be discontinued. It may not be possible to keep up with private cutting if chemical treatment is no longer allowed.
- Suggestion was made to discontinue cutting on the lake.
- Suggestion was made to charge more for private cutting to cover costs.
- Suggestion that the timing of changing the cutting plan should be made carefully and related to the capacity of the harvesting equipment.

Conclusions:

Keep cutting this year and decide the future of private cutting at next meetings.

Agenda item: City of Shawano support **Presenter:** Todd Dobberstein
Gary DeFere

Discussion:

- Suggestion to give old harvesting equipment to City of Shawano and they would be responsible for their own weed cutting or require more funds.
- Need to make request in time for the city's budget process.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Contact City of Shawano to request an increase of support.	Todd Dobberstein	ASAP

Agenda item: Reoccurring monthly board meetings

Conclusions:

Meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Agenda item: Bylaw's update **Presenter:** Paul Seidenstricker

Discussion:

- Bylaws are in pretty good shape.
- Need to update purposes.
- Do not need to include sub committees.
- Should keep a file of resolutions.

- Add electronic voting procedure.
- Update the number of board members (range).
- Add articles of incorporation.
- Need help with review and DNR report.
- Need to get in electronic form for editing.

Conclusions:

Continue to review and update with help from additional board members.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Review Bylaws	Paul Seidenstricker Nitta Charnon Karen Monfre	
✓ Convert Bylaws to electronic form	Nitta Charnon	

Other Information

Special Notes:

- The agenda items of “SAWM subcommittees next steps” and “setting a critical task calendar” were moved to the next meeting.
- Todd and Jeff B. will update the subcommittee document.
- Lidia Williams has replaced Emily at WAMSCO.

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Gary DeFere, 2nd by Dave Zellinger, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.