

Minutes of LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting

June 8, 2024

Attendance: Armas Soorus, Amanda Lick (via Zoom), David Spruance, Greg Johnson, Glen Myers (Visitor), Dan Sernick, Jim Squier, Joyce Durdel, Wayne Anderson, Gordon Lewis (Emeritus), Jack Epstein, Joe Neuman

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Armas Called the meeting to order at 10:08 am
2. Approval of May 6, 2024 Minutes
 - a. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed, Jim seconded and they were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurers Report – Dan presented the Treasurers Report
 - a. Current Status
 - i. Wells Fargo Advisors - \$50,000.00
 1. One CD Matured and we agreed Dan will roll it over at the current interest rate
 - ii. LOSB Checking – \$30,345.01 (One Check Outstanding)
 - iii. LOSB Savings - \$9,179.78
 - b. Budget – was Forecasted Expenditures
 - i. Dan presented the new Budget format and the board approved it.
 - ii. Dan will add the total in the LOSB saving to the cash assets in the future.
 - iii. We agreed to remove the Intern scholarships and Manistee Conservation District amounts of \$,2500 each and combine them under a new heading of Capacity Building.
 - iv. Dan has done a little research and the TPS placemats are not being used as several of the restaurants listed and he suggested we discontinue the program with them. Wayne made a motion we discontinue the TPS Placemat Program and it was seconded by Joyce and approved Unanimously.
 - c. Joyce made a motion to approve the treasurers report it was seconded by Wayne and approved unanimously.
4. Items from LMWCC Calendar – Armas
 - a. Annual Meeting Preparation July 6
 - i. Hall and Sound System
 1. Jim Agreed to get the Door code for the Skinner Park Pavilion prior to the meeting.

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- ii. Nate Winkler is Speaker /Dana Castle to answer Questions
 - 1. Armas sent Nate and Dana a reminder notes with detailed information.
- iii. Food Service
 - 1. Gordon and Greg talked with us about details of the food service. The food will be provided by Indian Club, we will use the roller ovens to heat the hot dogs. We have inventory on all the paper and plastic products.
- iv. Door/Bucket Raffle Prizes Mel
 - 1. Check Stock - Mel
 - 2. Ask for more in newsletter - David
 - 3. Confirm we have enough tickets for Bucket Raffles, 3 colors - Mel
- v. Apparel Inventory – Check Stock - Mel
- vi. Arrange volunteers – All, Joe will use Facebook to solicit volunteers. We also ask ALL trustees to do so.
 - 1. Setup day before
 - a. All Trustees are asked to attend and bring help
 - 2. Kitchen Help
 - 3. 4 or 5 to work tables
- 5. Membership Mailing Status/Update Membership List – Mel
 - a. The letter to Membership is out with tickets and received by some of us.
- 6. Project Management – Nothing New This Month
 - a. Wager – Nate to meet with them, Wager has agreed to pay half the construction costs.
 - b. Klye Thomas
 - c. Tinker Bluff
 - d. State Land Above M37 – Wayne noted this project will be complete this year. 5 to 7 sites. Started last year so a 2 year process.
 - e. USFS Properties
- 7. Watershed Management Plan - Armas
 - a. We had a discussion about Capacity Building, primarily our capacity to get and manage grants. We recognized we need professional help in this regard and Armas will reach out to Tyler Dula and a source recommended by Teresa Salveta at DNR to move forward with outside help.

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- b. We had a discussion about replying to new memberships with a written response. Glen Myers agreed to take on the task of getting these letters to new members and getting something suitable on the web site. David Spruance will write a welcome letter he can use.
8. Natural Rivers – Armas
- a. The DNR is working on their decision
9. Web Site Update – Amanda
- a. Amanda has not been able to connect with Anna. We had a discussion and recognized this needs to get some focus by the board and Amanda agreed to lead a subcommittee (Armas, Joyce, David, Joe) to define a process to manage layout and administration – fix/update our content and define how we get the actual web site changed. We are struggling to keep the web site updated as it should be.
 - b. We decided to make this item will be the focus of the next board meeting in August.
 - c. Armas will talk to Anna.
10. Water Quality and Macro Studies – Joyce
- a. Macro studies are done and the data is being processed.
 - b. Joyce and Wayne will coordinate on the water quality studies and they will take place about the 3rd week in July.
 - i. Trace Labs has the necessary supplies but the costs look like \$2,000. \$200 per site for 10 sites. Armas made a motion to approve \$2,000 MAXIMUM for the water quality studies this year, it was seconded by David and approved Unanimously.
 - ii. We will ask Cool Lake to pay the \$200 for testing their lake.
11. Monitoring Stations – Armas
- a. No Change
12. Violations We are Tracking
- a. Jim talked to Keenan Cooper at EGLE managing the issue at Johnsons Bridge and EGLE says they have it handled well enough and they have bigger problems elsewhere.
 - b. Armas and Jim plan to paddle the river and document what is going on.
13. New Business
- a. Gordon Stated that the Indian Club is opposed to the NR program on the Little Manistee but wanted to continue the long-term relationship with LMWCC. He stated that they

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would actively oppose our efforts through political and landowner contacts. The board agreed we also want to continue the relationship with the Indian Club even though we disagreed with their position. After much discussion we seemed to agree on the objectives of the program, but not the methods.

14. Next Meeting July 8, 2024 as the Annual Meeting. We agreed there will not be a board meeting that day. The next board meeting will be August 3, 2024.
15. Adjourn Adjourned at 12:43.