



MANITOWOC COUNTY LAKES ASSOCIATION

"The Manitowoc County Lakes Association will protect and enhance the quality of area lakes and watersheds for the benefit of all."

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Meeting of December 4, 2014

Introduction of new officers of the MCLA. New member lists on the side panel.

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Recommendation raised and accepted that previous meeting minutes will not be reviewed approved. It will be assumed that the minutes will be acceptable. This will not mean that previous meeting minutes cannot be changed. Previous meeting minutes can be changed at any time with input from any/all members.

John recommends that a new contact list should be developed (updated) to include members, residents on lakes, individuals from all lake associations and any other interested parties. Submit names and recommendations to John D.

Treasures Report:

Balance as of the meeting is \$25,889.

Banquet netted +\$700, \$2,335 from deposit less approximately \$1,635 in costs.

Water monitoring for 2015

Need decision on what the MCLA should plan for in 2015.

Limited to being able to fund ½ of county lakes.

Need discussion/plans on what to do for the ½ lakes without funding. Costs are approx.. \$150 for phosphorus and chlorophyll testing.

We will address this in the January meeting.

Possible to have students perform testing for the MCLA who currently perform water testing on rivers.

Silver Lake Diversion

Silver Creek was diverted from Silver Lake to improve water quality. Diversion (box culvert) has failed and is not blowing the creek is blowing over into Silver Lake again. Later discovery was that the culvert was really only a two year fix. Now need to re-visit the problem and propose a more permanent resolution.

Calumet County (CC) Run-Off Task Force

The task force addressing flooding issues in CC that occur every spring. John D is a member of this task force with the DNR and UW Extension. This is a man-made issue due to farming and developments. Some of the issue is caused in Manitowoc also. Calumet County has a drop of 1/2ft per mile while Manitowoc had a drop of 1ft per mile. So drainage is very slow. Objective to improve the run-off. Issue could be sending more fertilization/nutrients to the creeks and rivers from the flooded fields. More investigation and best recommendations needed.

Tom Ward:

Presentation to the County for AIS Budget. Request for funds of \$10,000 supported by county board. Vetoed by county exec. Claim from county exec was that this was 'pork' spending. Budgeted amount would have had matching funds from the DNR.

Phragmites Control Plan & Grant

DNR approved the plan on 12/3/2014. MCLA can now apply for a \$200,000 grant. Need to have the application completed by 2/1/2015.

MCLA membership received a copy of the plan in an e-mail.

A workshop was held in October for all Lake Michigan property owners. Plan is to be sure there is 100% participation to reduce phragmites on the shoreline and then move up streams/rivers.

STANTEC is the consultant and will perform the chemical application. The Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) will be the financial manager of the grant.

MCLA is a partner, will endorse the project and define their role in the project.

Potential MCLA activities:

Apply AIS coordinators time with owners

Help organize property owners to form a Lake District or association.

Assist in prioritizing inland sites

Sponsor meetings/ mailings/ workshops

Motion to support the grant through the DNR was made and seconded and passed.

Tome Ward – Boat inspection results:

| | Boats inspected | People Contacted | Hours spent |
|------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2014 | 627 | 1406 | 516 |
| 2013 | 1417 | 3298 | 610 |
| 2012 | 1344 | 3028 | 756 |
| 2011 | 320 | 656 | 306 |

Reason for lower 2014 numbers: Cooler spring, less inspectors.

Grant is completed. Now applying for one in 2015.

Cannot use the current AIS grant.

Glacierland RC&D agreed to write a grant for MCLA.

Project is for Manitowoc, Kewanee and Sheboygan counties.

Need complete application and letter of support by 12/10. .

Will be requesting \$8,000 match from MCLA.

Both were motioned to accept, seconded and passed.

As of this writing, the application and letter of support are completed

New Business:

John D – goal is to increase MCLA recognition around the area and state with more involvement and more projects.

Will also have more speakers at the MCLA meetings or at separate sessions. All announcements will be sent via email.

Will have a website just for the MCLA with a separate tab for each lake in Manitowoc. It can show issues, concerns, fishing conditions etc. It will also be linked with facebook.

Next meeting is February 26, John Nelson from the Nature Conservancy is the speaker.

Any questions, changes, recommendations please let me know.

Bill Braam, Secretary