

TAINTER/MENOMIN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION  
June 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: by President Robyn Morin, 7:02 P.M.

Board Members Present: Robyn Morin, Dave Spenle, Bill Olson, Diane Bassett, Lloyd Peterson, and Glenn Steinbach

Board Members Absent: Holly Wagner, Lissa Marsolek, Ted Ludwig, Sandy White, and Lynn Engelhorn

Members Present: Dick Lamers, Peggy McAloon, Jeannette Spencer, Kris Pawlowski, Ted DeZurik, Dick Ruekel, Hank & Jean Webb, and Lois Flis

Guests Present: Austin Howard, Watercraft Inspector for Dunn County

May 12 Meeting Minutes: by Glenn. Motion to accept made by Dave Spenle, second by Bill Olson; Approved

Financial Report: Effective June, (2009) , Holly Wagner will not be able to continue on as treasurer. Bill Olson has volunteered to replace her through the annual meeting. Also, in preparation for the annual meeting, Bill Olson and Peggy McAloon have volunteered to audit our financial records. Motion made by Lloyd Peterson and second by Dave Spenle to accept these temporary changes. Approved.

NOTE: Hard copies of monthly treasurer's reports for September, November and December of 2008 and February, May and June of 2009 are not available in the secretary's files.

Board Liability Insurance Report: by Robyn. Association members are covered by Indianhead Insurance. Board members need liability coverage. One million in coverage could cost \$844.00. Lloyd volunteered to check for another source of coverage, the amount, and the cost. Tabled until next meeting.

River Alliance Membership: by Robyn. It was uncertain whether or not the Association had a current membership. Peggy volunteered to audit the checkbook for a membership payment. If the Association does not have an up-to-date membership, Lloyd motioned to approve 100.00 for a membership. Bill Olson second. Approved

Fall Phosphorous Summit: by Robyn. The Wisconsin River Alliance will be sponsoring the summit. Details TBA. Dick Lamers volunteered to attend.

Annual Meeting Update: by Board and Peggy. Peggy and Lissa are coordinating. Event posters not made yet, need posters for health study, supplies list presented (Turkey Store to donate brats, Association to provide utensils and paper products, buns and pop). All committees are to provide exhibits. Ted DeZurik, George Brewe and Lois Flis volunteered to man the membership table.

Good Neighbor Award: by Board. Scott McGovern was nominated. Dave Spenle motioned for approval, Glenn second. Approved

Board Member Candidates: by Robyn. Have to fill four Board vacancies at annual meeting. Opened floor to nominations. candidates nominated were: Dick Ruekel, Dick Lamers, George Brewe, Lynn Engelhorn, and Ted DeZurik. Nominating Committee of Robyn, Dave Spenle and Glenn Steinbach would meet on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss procedures and other possible candidates. According to the By-Laws candidates can be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting.

Board Training: by Robyn. Following a meeting with Wisconsin River Alliance Program Manager Allison Werner, it was suggested that a minimum of a quorum of Board members meet with Allison in September for three hours of training on a week night from 6-9:00 p.m. More details TBD.

Future Monthly Meeting Format: by Board. Recommended to have a guest speaker quarterly with an abbreviated meeting agenda. Denny Caneff, president of the Wisconsin River Alliance would be the first guest speaker in October. Motion to accept by Lloyd, second by Glenn. Approved.

Russ Feingold Listening Session Update: by Peggy. Including Peggy, four members spoke to Feingold about our water quality situation. Peggy and Lois invited Feingold and other politicians to visit the lakes in August for a pontoon excursion so they could see the blue-green algae up close and personal.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial: by Robyn. Robyn, Bill and Peggy volunteered to change the checkbook signers' names and prep the financial report for the annual meeting and current operating structure until a new Treasurer is selected at the September meeting.

Education: by Dave Spenle. A grant written by George Brewe is ready and seeks matching funds. Dick Ruekel has developed a budget for the media blitz campaign. Scott McGovern's class has developed a prototype game about water quality issues targeting elementary students.

Environmental: by Kris Pawlowski. CB, CW activity is underway. Have difficulty developing a calendar for volunteers to sign up. Issue of recruiting people verses hours they volunteer. Association receives credit for hours their recruited volunteers work. Beaver Creek receives the hours their recruits work. The new Watercraft Inspector, Austin Howard from Beaver Creek was present. He noted that he can perform training sessions for Association recruits.

Publicity: by Glenn. Made a brief presentation on the process of how information is disseminated on his distribution list and of some of the individuals, groups, organizations, media outlets, etc. that are on the list.

Membership: by George Brewe and Scott McGovern. Presented a new student membership idea for Stout students who are assisting the Association with projects. It would be based upon hours worked at \$8.00/hr. The new membership category would need a By-Law change. Item tabled

Strategic Planning: by Dick Lamers. Need to schedule an annual review for the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dick spoke to the State Legislature in Madison regarding Bill 281 removing phosphorous from dishwashing detergent. It was noted that ConAgra (Sanna Dairies) in Menomonie hasn't used phosphorous in 15 years.

UW-Stout Update: by Robyn and Dick Lamers. Had a discussion with UW-Stout chancellor on how the University can assist with lake clean-up. Another meeting has been scheduled to see if there is interest.

New Business: by Robyn. Manning a booth at the Sustainable Dunn Fair July 25 (8am-2pm) to promote the Association. Would need six people (3 pairs for two hour shifts each), Lissa motioned to accept, Bill second. Approved.

Meeting Adjourned: Motioned by Dave Spenle, seconded by Lissa. Approved, 9:06 P.M.