

TANTER/MENOMIN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

December 9, Meeting Minutes, Tainter Town Hall

Note: Lacked quorum of Board members (only four present- Dave Whiteley, Lloyd Peterson, Lissa Marsolek and Glenn Steinbach); therefore no official meeting was held; with no official business conducted and no minutes taken.

JANUARY 10, MEETING MINUTES, Tainter Town Hall

Call To Order: By president Robyn Morin, 7:05PM

Board Members Present: Robyn Morin, Lloyd Peterson, Holly Wagner, Dave Spenle, Lissa Marsolek, and Glenn Steinbach

Board Members Absent: Bill Olson, Diane Bassett

Guests Present: Dick Lamers, Scott McGovern, Lynn Engelhorn, Ted DeZorik, Randy Sommerfeld, Jeannette & Ron Spencer, Ted Ludwig, Fran Kerler, Bruce Trimble

Treasurers Report: by Holly Wagner

Net income (Dec.8-Jan.9) \$173.72 (Contrib=75.00; donate=80.00; dividends=18.72); Savings=3428.22; 6 month CD=3043.51; 6 month CD=5022.75; 3 month CD=5000.00; Checking=6147.59 Total=22,642.07

Minutes: by Glenn Steinbach

Correction requested by Robyn, that the \$250 donation by Dairy Land State Bank be earmarked for use on the economic survey. Correction approved.
No other changes, minutes approved

Committee Reports: Strategic Planning by Dick Lamers

Committee met four times, 6-16 members at each, led to good open discussions. Plan is not completed – looking for leaders to lead action activities and projects. Lloyd suggested a discussion of the vision and mission statements: following much discussion, the following vision statement was accepted with unanimous approval.

VISION:

That the waters of both Tainter and Menomin Lakes be clean and safe.

Goal:

By 2018, Clean and safe will be defined as:

- *Reaching the World Health Organization's (WHO) standard "Vigilance Level".*
- *Listed in the Excellent Category of the Wisconsin Trophic State Index (WTSI).*

The mission statement was approved unanimously as written.

MISSION

- *To provide educational information on water quality and environmental issues affecting Lakes Tainter and Menomin and the watershed feeding these lakes.*
- *Unify, mobilize and facilitate actions that improve the Health and Recreational capability of these waters.*

- *Maintain a tactical plan to support the goals and objectives of the TMLIA Strategic Plan.*

Strategic Plan: continued:

Dick asked that the remainder of the plan be addressed at the next meeting (February 10). Discussion followed that the plan was too long to absorb and discuss at one meeting. Dick noted he felt the Board had to take an active role in understanding the Strategic Plan and suggested that the revised plan be sent to all Board and Strategic Planning Committee members for review before the next meeting. Dick said he and Robyn would develop that mailing list. Discussion followed on if there was a way to email the entire membership, and for all to share comments through a blogspot, web site, etc before the next meeting. Not specific action taken or voted upon.

Clean the Green: by Lloyd Peterson

Barley Straw Project: March deadline for permit to be approved by the DNR. Dave Whiteley was to submit the permit. Question as to whether or not he has? Goal is to put barley bundles and/or barley islands in lakes in May as soon as the ice is out. Islands have to be approved by DNR. Lloyd made a prototype that Dave was to have submitted to DNR. Question as to whether or not he has? Scott offered members of his class to work on the building of the islands.

Action items due by next meeting:

- Lloyd to provide an itemized list of costs.
- Lissa volunteered to assist Lloyd with finding materials, and talking with Avis Ranney about storage of barley bales at her farm again.
- Dave has to have permit to DNR.
- If Bags are changed or islands are used a DNR permit is needed. Who to obtain?????
- Robyn to talk with Dave.
- Lynn to talk to farmer about barley bales (availability, delivery, cost \$7/bale, etc.) Number of bales needed undecided, 50 minimum was discussed.

Barley project recap: by Scott McGovern

Results were good and bad. Bad—high cell counts in all bays in June, at alert level 1 according to (WHO) standards. August was the highest alert. Good--in July treated bays had cell counts behind those of untreated bays. Unable to test bays in Sept. Barley did break down.

Chemical Treatment Options: by Scott McGovern (see handouts for detailed information).

- Aluminum Sulfate, Copper Sulfate, Alum – inhibit algae and cyanobacteria, hard on habitat.
- Captain: 9% chelated copper algacide. Inhibits algae harmless to habitat.
- Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate , environmentally friendly, harmless to habitat, EPA approved in 2004.

Much discussion on each item. Robyn pointed out that these are just some of the options available. Dave Spenle suggested a committee be formed to evaluate possible chemical treatment. Lloyd asked Scott if he would lead this initiative and take options to the DNR. Volunteers forming this committee are Scott, Lynn, Ted DeZurik, Ron & Jeannette Spencer, and Dave Spenle
Committee is to make a progress report at February meeting.

Federal Grants: by Robyn for Peggy McAloon

Explained there are numerous DNR and other grant sources available.

Peggy had contacted Senator Kohl and asked for \$12,000 in grant money.

A CDC study is providing funding for a first-time study in Wisconsin for diseases and causes caused by waterborne pathogens like cyanobacteria.

Red Cedar Monitoring: by Dick Lamers

Scott, Peggy and Dick attended a Dec.22 DNR meeting at Menomonie Middle School. Goal is to educate and involve local students on environmental issues and testing and monitoring local waterways. Group will continue meeting and Dick will make reports.

Proposed Change of Meeting Format: by Robyn Morin

Robyn proposed the following meeting change format: (everything open to the public).

1. Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. with brief committee reports by committee chairpersons.
2. 7:15 to 7:45 (approx) Guest speakers presentation followed by Question & Answer sessions
3. Board meeting to follow – open to public.

Lloyd moved to have a three-month trial basis and Dick moved to have guest speakers begin in March Unanimously approved

Scott offered a CDC representative named Mark Werner. There is no guest speaker committee so anyone can suggest a speaker to the Board.

Tentative schedule: March 10 –Paul La Liberte and Buzz Sorge of DNR; April 14 –Sarah Braun and Anna Brady of Beaver Creek; May 12 – Dale Gagner, County NRCS and Mary Behm, County USDA

Meeting Location: by Robyn Morin

Considered moving meetings to Menomonie to be more centrally located to population. Locations limited. Much discussion. It was decided to stay at the Tainter Town Hall.

Next meeting: February 10, 7:00 PM, Tainter Town Hall

Meeting Adjourned:

Board of Directors Meeting

Board present: Robyn, Lloyd, Holly, Dave S, Lissa, and Glenn

Board absent: Bill O., Diane B.

Discuss board vacancies: by Robyn Morin

Positions Vacant: Two member-at-large and City of Menomonie representative

What qualities should a board member have: passionate about Lake Association, willingness to be involved, attend meetings, have a diverse Board, clean the green but more than that,

Nominations: Dick Lamers, Peggy McAloon, Russ Ziebell, Bill LaBell, Lynn Engelhorn, Ted DeZurik, Ted Ludwig, Scott McGovern, Jeff Bergfechtel,

Discuss Web Site: By Robyn Morin

Need information from Dave Whiteley to make changes on site – not received. Robyn has received no response from Site Pro either, noted that there was only one page available on the site. Dave Spenle recommended that it would be easier to develop a new web site. Dave and Lissa will try to develop the site. Ted Will try to assist.

Discussion on insurance plan: Holly will get a copy for Robyn.

Discussion on board vacancies: Following a discussion of each nomination, Lynn Engelhorn and Ted Ludwig were voted unanimously as members-at-large. Dave Spenle volunteered to switch from a member-at-large to vice president. Robyn would talk to Mayor Dennis Kropp about a viable City Representative.

Discussion about Holly be bonded: Ted, Holly, Robyn

A good idea and report brought forth at next meeting

Discussion about two signatures on checks: Ted, Holly, Robyn

Also a good idea that will be brought forth at next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 10:27