

TMLIA

Meeting Minutes of 9/08/09 Meeting

1. In Robyn Morin's absence, George Brewe (VP.) called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Board members present were Brewe, Lamers, Peterson, DeZurik, Rueckl, Englehorn. Absent were Morin, Bassett, Ziebell and Kemp.
3. Minutes of the 8/11/09 meeting were approved.
4. Glenn Steinbach has submitted his resignation to the Board. Glenn was a Board Member of the association, Secretary, and chairperson of the Publicity committee. Anyone interested in filling these positions should contact Robyn Morin at 715-308-2354.
5. Lois Fliss commented on the severe conditions adjacent to Wolske's Bay in North Menomonie. She is organizing her neighbors to develop a petition and find immediate solutions for the "dead zone" currently in Wolske's Bay. No TMLIA action taken.
6. A discussion was held on establishing a sub committee/advisory committee made up of representatives within the local agricultural community. No action taken.
7. Ted Ludwig will submit the appropriate paperwork to the state regarding the Association's legal status. It was moved and seconded that the report shows the following officers: Robyn Morin – President, George Brewe –Vice President and Dick Rueckl –Treasurer. The Secretary position would be designated as being currently open.
8. The Legislators visit of Sen. Feingold, Sen. Krietlow, Rep's Wood, Smith and Murtha during the period of 8/26 and 8/30/2009 was deemed a success. Awareness and exposure to the problems that we face living in a distressed water quality area was the objective of the visits and that was clearly acknowledged by the visitors. Now the work of continuing the relationships and finding ways to work with these individuals and impact new legislation will be the focus of new projects for the association. D. Lamers will verify that Thank You notes have been sent to each of them.
9. Peggy McAloon is developing the fall TMLIA newsletter and it should be published the week of 9/14.
10. Lloyd Peterson coordinated a work crew to remove the slow-no- wake buoys for the winter.
11. Ted Ludwig informed the Board on the status of the Red Cedar Basin Monitoring Group. They have received a grant to fund the project from the Citizen-Based Monitoring Partnership Program and the grant will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis and to simplify ordering supplies, Ted will purchase them with the Association to reimburse him, and the bill submitted to the DNR for their payment. The program director has stated that reimbursement will be within 30 days. This is subject to DNR approval and if it won't work, orders would have to be by mail with a check from TMLIA.
12. Lynn Engelhorn (Environmental Committee) stated that we recorded 108 hours for the "Clean Boat Clean Waters" project. He was also contacted by the Colfax Schools Superintendent to review the proposals previously submitted on the erosion containment project.
13. Ted Dezurik (Membership Committee) led a discussion on developing student membership criteria for the Association. It could require 4-5 hours of volunteer work on TMLIA projects and be granted on an annual basis. Ted Ludwig reminded us that there are costs for each membership related to mailings of notices and newsletters. The by-laws of the organization will need to be amended for this. No action taken. Ted also mentioned that there is an active committee now meeting and that they are planning a door to door solicitation effort in the next quarter. Ted would like to change the location of the monthly meetings to be in Menomonie to gain membership and support. Item tabled for future evaluation.
14. George Brewe (Education Com.) stated that he received notice that our grant request was turned down by the Exel Energy approval committee. They are working on other funding strategies.
15. Dick Rueckl –Treasurer's Report:

We have \$6,900 in Checking, \$4,417 in Savings and 3 CD's for Total assets of \$24,573. Dick will also develop a Finance Committee. Anyone interested in joining Dick please contact him at 715-235-3740.

16. George Brewe asked that we consider joining the Menomonie Chamber of Commerce to help support our efforts and expand our network on the subject. It will require an annual fee of \$183.00. It was questioned why we wanted to join this organization and not others.

A discussion followed and it was moved and seconded that we authorize George Brewe to proceed with the application and join the Chamber.

16. Future events:

Strategic Plan Annual Review: —7:00 Tues. 9/15 at the Westconsin Credit Union
East Branch Office. **Open to everyone.**

Board Members Training Event:----Tues. 10/6----Time and Place TBD.

TMLIA Monthly Meeting: 7:00 Tues. 10/13 Tainter Town Hall