

LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 7, 2022

Attendance: Armas Soorus, Mel Jacobs, Dan Sernick

1. Call Meeting to Order At 10:25 AM
2. Approval of March. 5, 2022 Minutes
  - a. Dan made a motion to approve the 3/5/2022 minutes, Mel Seconded. They were approved unanimously.
3. Approval of April 4, 2022, Minutes
  - a. Dan made a motion to approve the 4/4/2022 minutes, Mel Seconded. They were approved unanimously.
4. Treasurers Report – Including MCCF
  - a. Dan presented the treasurers report including the MCCF Funds.
  - b. Armas made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report, Mel Seconded. It was approved unanimously. The report is attached with these minutes.
5. Project Management at CRA
  - a. Armas talked to Nate about Wayne's role, we are waiting to hear back.
  - b. Mel Made a motion to make Wayne Anderson a Trustee, it was seconded by Dan. It was unanimously approved.
6. Mason/Lake Conservation District summer Intern
  - a. Armas will call Dani about invoicing us for the \$2,500 for this year's intern at Mason Lake CD.
7. Annual Meeting - July 9, 2022.
  - a. Skinner Park is reserved.
  - b. Status of Lunch – Gordon confirmed Indian Club will provide lunch.
  - c. Update agenda – Armas to provide an updated agenda with times prior to the next meeting.

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- d. Raffle Status – 50/50 License application is submitted, the state had questions about the missing data from last year. Mel has submitted the data and answered other questions so we should have our license.
  - i. We agreed it would be a 50/50 raffle Split as Follows:
    - 1. 50% to LMWCC
    - 2. 25% First Prize
    - 3. 15% Second Prize
    - 4. 5% Third Prize
    - 5. 5% Fourth Prize
  - ii. Ticket costs will be \$5 each, 5 for \$20 and 15 for \$50
- e. Door prizes and River Maps
  - i. People will be handed a ticket and a FREE map at the door and the ticket will go into a bucket for the door prize drawing.
  - ii. Gordon is checking on Door prizes from Wolverine. Armas and Mel will check the storage for suitable items.
- f. Speaker Status
  - i. Scott Peddle has Confirmed he and others from NFS will be there.
  - ii. Renee Mallison from Manistee Conservation District has asked for a few minutes to talk about their millage request.
- g. Financial Reports for Annual Meeting
  - i. Dan has Quickbooks reports for Income and Expenses and pie charts that graphically depict our spending in addition to our Projected Expenditures previously used.
- h. Membership List/Status
  - i. Armas will print a copy of our latest membership list on 11 x 17 paper and add columns for corrections so people can check their information at the door of the annual meeting.

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- i. Armas and Mel will check status of apparel stock in storage and get it to the board for consideration of additional orders.
  - j. We will set up 6 PM the Friday night before the meeting
  - k. We will have a short board meeting at 8:30 am.
  - l. Doors will open at 9:00 am to members.
  - m. Dan will check with Skinner Park about doing a dry run to identify and fix problems.
  - n. We need to identify who does what jobs at the annual meeting, we left this for June.
8. Water Quality and Macro Studies
- a. Macro studies will be May 14<sup>th</sup> with Manistee Conservation District and May 21 with Mason Lake Conservation District. The conservation districts will also manage the water quality work.
9. Prioritize Erosion Sites
- a. We are waiting to hear from Nate on the erosion site work.
10. Spring/Summer Newsletter arrived in Irons April 28.
11. Watershed Management Plan – Armas/Joyce
- a. Letter of Support for Natural Rivers – Draft 3 went out with this agenda. Armas has had no additional feedback, so we think it is done.
    - i. Dana Castle Reviewed the draft and had a few minor comments and they have been incorporated into it.
  - b. Summary of Natural Rivers – David is writing a summary educational document, Dana is working on a FAQ
  - c. Picture/Informational Presentation – Armas is working on, may have intern do it
  - d. MCD is preparing more grants, for supplies and monitoring station upgrade to cell.
  - e. Grant with MCD (Now August) – Armas/Joyce, No new news.
  - f. Riparian Owners Guide (Previously Homeowners Guide) – Armas/Joyce

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- i. We have 100 more maps on hand, Joyce has more folders. Stickers and magnets are being ordered.
  
- g. Natural Rivers
  - i. Member Survey – Armas talked with Amanda Buday on May 2 about how to do this survey. With some guidance from the experts on conducting the survey and wording of the questions it is something we can reasonably do ourselves. Armas will work with the summer intern to get it done.
  
  - ii. The board discussed getting the Natural Rivers information web links on our website and we are requesting Mel and Ann to get links to the State Natural Rivers information on a new top-level tab on our web site.
    - 1. <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/fisheries/natural-rivers>
  
    - 2. <https://www.michigan.gov/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/Fisheries/NaturalRivers/NaturalRiversZoningRules.pdf?rev=64820a0097ad49699144175b75ae98a4>
  
  - iii. Letter of support from the NFS – Armas Talked to Andrea Ania and NFS is working on a letter of support. Like the DNR, it must be grass roots and the NFS can support it if the community wants it. I don't know when we will see it.

12. New Business

- a. The Bear Track Monitoring Station is back on service – We purchased and programmed a new circuit board to replace the old one. Cost was about \$120.
  
- b. The board asks that Joe Neuman post the Monitoring Station Links on Facebook.
  
- c. We talked about the use of ZOOM or other similar system for board meetings.
  - i. Armas will get a subscription to Zoom and we will try it at meetings.

13. Next Meeting – June 4, 2022, Elk Township Hall, 10:00 AM

14. Adjourned at 12:25 PM