



Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

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August 6, 2022, LMWCC Board Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order 10:04 AM

Attendance: Armas Soorus, Peter Lozicki, Jim Squire, Joyce Durdel, Mel Jacobs

1. Approval of July 9, 2022, Minutes
 - a. Jim made a motion to approve the July 9 minutes, Joyce seconded, and they were unanimously approved.
2. Treasurers Report
 - a. Dan was not present, so we had no Treasurers Report.
3. Update LOSB Account Signatures
 - a. Armas brought in LOSB forms to update the signatures on our accounts. Jim Squire, Dan Sernick, Chas Gouker and Armas Soorus are required to sign. Jim Squire signed at the meeting. Armas will follow up with the others.
4. Annual Meeting Postmortem - July 9, 2022.

Just a quick overview of thoughts while they are fresh. We have a year to work it out and hopefully next year we can go back to normal.

- a. General Thoughts – All
 - i. We all thought it went well and were glad we had the meeting instead of cancelling because of the pandemic. Numbers seemed to be down – we had about 45 members. We got positive feedback from those that were there.
- b. Financials results of Annual Meeting
 - i. None, Dan was not present.
- c. Raffle Status – Mel
 - i. Mel will follow up with Dan to get all the numbers and make the filing with State of Michigan
- d. Prize awards – Has everyone been paid
 - i. We believe so but need confirmation from Dan.

- e. How did the check list work, do we need a new more detailed one.
 - i. The check list worked well. We need a little better coordination on checking/updating peoples contact information at the door. It was suggested someone be next to Rose as she checks them in to confirm contact info.
 - f. Mel informed the board she will not be attending the next annual meeting but will be wiling to act in the same capacity she did this year. She will see if she can enlist additional help from her neighbors, possibly as a new board member.
5. Membership List – we talked through how the membership money and membership information slows and agreed on the following:
- a. Jim Squire
 - i. Picks up the mail at the PO Box
 - ii. Opens the mail and
 - 1. Checks to see there is a membership form with each check.
 - a. If a membership form is not included for each check Jim fills one out based on the information on the check
 - 2. Identifies the split between membership and Donation amounts, Deposits the Checks in LOSB and gets the deposit slip and Membership/Donation split to Dan Sernick.
 - 3. Sends the membership forms to Peter Lozicki.
 - 4. Joyce made a motion that any money we receive of \$500 or over be acknowledged in writing by the board. Jim seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Jim will send the acknowledgements as part of his work. Jim had been doing this for any amount over \$35 and will continue to do so.
 - b. Peter Lozicki
 - i. Will compare the membership form with our current contact information and update the membership list if required.
 - ii. Record membership Payments in the membership list
 - iii. Record Donations in the membership list

- iv. Receive Paypal donation and membership information from Dan Sernick and update the membership contact and payment information in our membership list.
 - c. Dan Sernick
 - i. Will send Paypal membership and donation information to Peter Lozicki
 - d. Mel will talk with JackPine to be sure they do not use old membership lists for future mailings.
 - e. We talked about having a membership drive when we get the new list of property owners for the Natural Rivers Survey.
- 6. Ideas for a Secretary Candidate
 - a. Armas will follow up with Chas to see if she can do the minutes from notes and a recording.
- 7. Project Management
 - a. Wayne was not present
 - b. Armas reported that the Wayne is trying to arrange to see the site brought up to us by Karen Bierly with Nate and Kanous.
- 8. Water Quality and Macro Studies
 - a. Joyce reported our Macro studies go online soon. Chelsea was still counting critters for our sites. They all look to be good to excellent.
 - b. Chemistry reports at 9 sites look good. Stronach road phosphate looks up a little. E.Coli is up a little at Luther and North Rivers Lodge.
- 9. Conservation District Activities
 - a. Interns – Armas/Joyce/David had a zoom meeting to kick off getting a summary document on the Natural Rivers program started by Alicia.
- 10. Watershed Management Plan – Armas/Joyce
 - a. Letter of Support for Natural Rivers – Done, still need pictures. Mel took some, but maybe we need a wide angle shot to make that site really look as offensive as it is?
 - b. Picture/Informational Presentation – Armas is working on, may have intern do it
 - c. Grant with MCD (Now August) – Armas/Joyce. No new news.

- d. Riparian Owners Guide (Previously Homeowners Guide) – Armas/Joyce are distributing. Will follow up with Title Companies in Ludington and Manistee. We will check into adding Talon Title Company near Jebavy in Ludington.

- 11. August 10 Quarterly Meeting with NR Group

- 12. Joyce and David have meeting information.

- 13. Web Links to Natural Rivers – Mel and Anna
 - a. Nothing new

- 14. Facebook links to Monitoring Station – Joe
 - a. Joe was not present to update

- 15. New Business
 - a. None

- 16. Next Meeting – September 3, 2022 at 10 AM

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Minutes Submitted by Armas Soorus