

Minutes of LMWCC Board of Trustees Meeting

April 6, 2024

Attendance: Armas Soorus, Amanda Lick (via Zoom), David Spruance (via Zoom), Greg Johnson, John Schwalm (visitor), Glen Myers (Visitor), Dan Sernick, Jim Squier, Joyce Durdel, Wayne Anderson

1. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Armas Called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Approval of March 3, 2024 Minutes
  - a. Wayne made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed, Jim seconded and they were unanimously approved.
3. Treasurers Report – Dan presented the Treasurers Report
  - a. Current Status
    - i. Wells Fargo Advisors - \$50,035.00
    - ii. LOSB Checking – \$29,907.81 (After Payment to GVSU for Survey)
    - iii. LOSB Savings - \$9,179.78
  - b. Forecasted Expenditures
    - i. We decided to add estimated costs of the newsletter to annual expenses. Dan will estimate base on past history.
    - ii. We revised the water quality lab costs to \$1200 from \$1000.
    - iii. Joyce will talk with Dani and Renee about staffing at CD's
  - c. TU payment for Sensor
    - i. This payment has not come in. Armas will follow up.
  - d. Jim made a motion to approve the treasurers report it was seconded by Wayne and approved unanimously.
4. Items from LMWCC Calendar – Armas
  - a. Annual Meeting Preparation July 6
    - i. Confirm Raffle License Application is re-submitted/received – Mel
      1. Armas will contact Mel.
      2. Proofread tickets and Order them (3,000 Tickets ~1 week)
    - ii. Confirm Hall and Sound System are reserved – Jim
      1. New resources at the Hall are not sure we can get the sound system.  
Jim will follow up.
    - iii. Purchase Large Raffle Prizes
      1. 2 Kayak Packages – Jim Confirmed Purchased and held for pick up.
      2. Iron Fish Tour - Confirmed

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3. Gouker Fly Fishing - Confirmed
- iv. Nate Winkler is Speaker /Dana Castle to answer Questions
  1. Nate Confirmed
  2. Armas has confirmed Dana Castle.
- v. Identify Food Service – Armas
  1. Greg Johnson confirmed lunch will be provided by Indian Club as in the past.
- vi. Door/Bucket Raffle Prizes Mel
  1. Check Stock - Mel
  2. Ask for more in newsletter - David
  3. Confirm we have enough tickets for Bucket Raffles, 3 colors - Mel
- vii. Prepare Letter to Membership for mailing with UPDATED Mailing List - Mel
- viii. Apparel Inventory – Check Stock - Mel
- ix. Order Raffle Tickets
  1. Mel will order immediately after receiving license.
- x. Arrange volunteers - All
  1. Setup day before
    - a. All Trustees are asked to attend and bring help
  2. Kitchen Help
  3. 4 or 5 to work tables
5. Membership Mailing Status/Update Membership List - Mel
6. New Trustees - At this point in the meeting David Spruance dropped off Zoom due to a scheduling conflict and did not vote.
  - a. Greg Johnson – after some discussion Armas made a motion to add Greg Johnson as a trustee. It was seconded by Wayne Anderson and approved unanimously.
  - b. Jack Epstein – after some discussion Armas made a motion to add Jack Epstein as a trustee. It was seconded by Wayne Anderson and approved unanimously.
7. Project Management
  - a. Wager – Nate to meet with them, Wager has agreed to pay half the construction costs.
  - b. Klye Thomas
  - c. Tinker Bluff

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- d. State Land Above M37 – Wayne noted this project will be complete this year. 5 to 7 sites. Started last year so a 2 year process.
  - e. USFS Properties
  - f. Next Year and the year after...
8. Watershed Management Plan - Armas
- a. Annual Summit March 1, 2024 at Elk Township Hall
  - b. About 12 in attendance
  - c. John Helge is working to get a watershed group going for the Lower Manistee Watershed.
  - d. Capacity Building should be an activity this year. Armas will work with Teresa and LMWCC board.
  - e. Farm and Private program funds at CD's are available for riverside tree planting
  - f. Minutes have been written and distributed by Joyce.
9. Natural Rivers - Armas
- a. Complete, Invoice was paid in March.
10. News Letter
- a. Moved to May, articles due by April 28 to David.
11. Web Site Update – Amanda
- a. Still trying to meet with Anna
12. Water Quality and Macro Studies – Joyce
- a. Wayne will take all water quality samples and get them to the lab.
  - b. Joyce will work with the conservation districts on the macro invertebrate studies.
    - i. Macro Studies are scheduled:
      - 1. May 10 with Mason Lake Indian Bridge, Old Grade, Queens Highway
      - 2. May 11 with Manistee, 6 mile, Hamilton @ Cool Creek, Johnson Bridge
13. Monitoring Stations – Armas
- a. No Change
14. Violations We are Tracking
- a. No Changes
15. New Business
- a. Joyce and Armas will have a table similar to the one at the Film Festival at the Great Lakes Environmental Festival in Manistee on April 20.

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- b. Jim will be attending the Lake Michigan Advisory Council at Jays in Claire on April 10 from 8:30 to 1:00. Others can let him know if they want to ride with him.
  - c. Wayne made a motion that we donate \$2,400 to the Hazardous Waste Collection at the ConservatiOn Districts (\$800 each to Mason/Lake, Osceola/Lake and Manistee). It was seconded by Jim and approved unanimously.
16. Next Meeting May 4, 2024.
17. Adjourn Adjourned at 1:10.