



APRIL 25, 2017 WASSERMANN LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Invitees: WLA Board Members

Location: The Blessing House, 8705 Church Lake Blvd, Victoria, MN 55386

Date: April 25, 2017

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order at 7:09 and a Quorum established
 - a. Roll Call of 2017 Board Members (present checked ✓)
 - i. ✓ Stan Rud (President)
 - ii. ✓ John Hayes (Secretary)
 - iii. ✓ Joe Fiedler (Director)
 - iv. Mark Schneider (Treasurer)
 - v. ✓ Jim Ryan (Director)
 - vi. ✓ Gail Berger (Director)

Also attending: Chris Rud, Todd Brown, Steve Gulbrandson, Mike Harper, Scott Patz, David Segal, and from MCWD: Bill Olsen, Anna Brown, and Eric Feldseth.

2. Review and Approval of December 15, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes (Stan Rud)
 - a. Jim motion to approve the minutes w/o reading. Gail seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Treasurer's Report (Mark Schneider)
 - a. Mark's report will be issued after the meeting via email. Current activity included a dues deposit of \$100 and no expenses. Ending balance is projected at \$1760.25.
4. Carp Study Update (Eric Feldseth)
 - a. The U of M study is completed. The estimated carp population in Wassermann Lake is 10,000, which is 4 to 5 times the sustainable threshold for maintaining good water quality. Average weight per carp is 7.5 kg. Twenty-four percent of the carp are from South Lundsten Lake based on genetic profile analysis. Marsh Lake has not been a significant source of the current population.
 - b. Sein netting in Wassermann Lake this past January yielded a harvest of 2450 carp. The watershed considered this a success, prompting intentions of repeating the procedure next winter.
 - c. The watershed implanted radio tags in 15 additional carp this spring to facilitate ongoing tracking of the carp and congregation patterns for future sein netting.
 - d. The watershed installed a barrier this spring to prevent carp from migrating into Wassermann Lake from marsh across Hwy 43.
 - e. The watershed is considering the installation of a box net this summer to continue harvesting excess carp. Past experience has produced a harvest of 200 to 1000 carp per harvest, with multiple harvests during the season.
 - f. The watershed plans to begin winter aeration in S. Lundsten Lake to avoid bluegill winter kill as part of the ongoing carp management program.
 - g. The watershed is applying for a grant to fund these and other carp management activities. The Army Corps of Engineers is a key source of funding they are pursuing, indicating that the Corps is highly interested in a demonstration project



to evaluate control measures in a water body system. The watershed believed the Corp will view the 9-mile creek sub-watershed as a highly attractive candidate for funding based on the criteria established for the demonstration project.

- h. The watershed expects to implement measures, e.g., alum treatments, to control internal phosphorous loading, but only after the carp population is under control.
5. West Wassermann Pond Park (Anna Brown)
 - a. The watershed evaluated the W. Wassermann Pond and wants to make remediation of the pond a demonstration project to highlight the impact of its programs for water quality improvement. They desire to partner with the City of Victoria to share costs of purchasing the property
 6. WLA Website (Chris Rud)
 - a. Chris reviewed the new content and enhancements made to the WLA website.
 - b. Suggested we add the web address to the WLA logo.
 - c. Requested we contact her via email if we observe any problems or have suggestions for the website.
 7. Annual Meeting
 - a. Proposed June 21st at 6pm for BBQ and official meeting at 7pm.
 - b. Meeting to be held at the Blessing House
 - c. Suggested we have an announcement in the local paper, including mention of the partnership between MCWD and City of Victoria having big impact on Wassermann Lake. Jim agreed to contact Sue Orsen of the Victoria Gazette.
 - d. The meeting will be developed by an organizing committee consisting of Chris, Gail, John and Stan. Chris will confirm a date for the committee to meet.
 - e. Topics will include preparation for the biannual election of officers and ideas for fundraising, e.g., selling naming rights for planks in the boardwalk of the proposed West Wassermann Park.
 8. Next Board Meeting
 - a. TBD, perhaps immediately following the Annual Mtg.
 9. Adjourn Board Meeting
 - a. Gail moved to adjourn, John seconded. The motion passed unanimously at 9:04pm.