

Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

(TMLIA)

Annual Meeting

Dunn County Government Center, Room 58

Date: November 14th 2017

6pm start time

****Secretary's note, the Secretary was unable to make the start of the meeting and had someone fill in, but the notes have not be submitted and are noted below****

Introductions

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Negotiate Agenda

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Approval of Minutes

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Goals 2017

The team went over highlights from the recap of goals including:

- One member increase in Blue Devil Lake Alliance members
- Correct of a year being 2017 and 2018
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Goals 2018

Liz started with a handout of the Goals – 2018 that Liz mainly composed, inspired from the 2017 goals, and asked for any additions, subtractions, or modifications. Liz recapped some comments from Kate Edenborg:

- #6 – Add a cheat sheet for contacting local reps in the watershed.
- #11 – Willing to have her intern work with the Blue Devil Lake Alliance as needed

Dick Lamers wondered if we should disband the legislative committee, but the group wasn't interested pursuing that. Cathy spoke about legislature in the news that potentially affects our watershed; should we be adding those types of items to the communications we send out to our members to show our efforts? Sarah Freeman mentioned that our retired membership would have more time to speak to and reach out to local, county, and state government more easily than non-retired members can due to work, parenting, and other activities. Amber added that it is

helpful to break down the amount of work into *smaller sizes* that are easier to accomplish for the group. Amber asked about #11 and the raingarden maintenance, Amber suggested that she adds clarification about the maintenance of the raingarden being assigned the Blue Devil Lake Alliance. After discussion, the group decided to make a new item, #12, as “Support and assist the Blue Devil Lake Alliance in continued maintenance of the Lakeside Park Rain Garden”. Cathy noted a year error in #11 as it should be 2018, not 2016 as the date mentioned.

Mike Tomasek proposed removing himself as owner from #5 and creating a new goal of revamping the website with a due date of 6/18 for the site to be in full production. Dick proposed that a new membership committee chair person be a goal for 2018 as it wasn't fulfilled in 2017. The group agreed to add the new goal that Mike proposed and the group also changed the owner of #5 to “Everyone” after further discussion.

Liz spoke about a conversation with a gentleman who assists organizations on driving more engagement through Social Media. Liz tabled the conversation on 2018 goals in the name of time and a goal sheet will come out in the January meeting. Liz is looking forward to more feedback, so please share this with her if you have any.

Treasurer's report

Ben went over the October 2017 Income Statement and Balance sheet. In addition, Liz gave a demo of what you can get as a member for renewing/enrolling as a member. Some merchandise included magnets, bags, and more. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report by Liz Usborne, second by Mike Tomasek, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Budget 2018

Liz wanted to give a preview to the budget for 2018 and wasn't expecting a vote until January. Liz broke down line item by line item to answer any questions while clarifying the expense. Mike asked for clarification on the \$500 Website money, Ben and Mike both believe we haven't received an invoice for the website recently. Mike mentioned he needs about \$50 for a license for the website licensing, but will get the hardware and hosting costs comped for 2018. Kate Edenberg is confirming that the estimate of 2018 marketing budget is still accurate, she and Sarah are awaiting feedback from the printers. Liz asked for an estimate for K-12 Education and Amber/Sarah have been asked to reflect on that and let Liz know either way. Dick, Mike, and Liz all discussed the line item for Mileage, which was modified to \$1200 and renamed as “Travel”. Dick asked for a line item for \$50 for WisconsinLakes.org as they have been good supporters and the organization should make a donation to WisconsinLakes.org. Ben reminded the group that we need to make sure we find \$10k in income to support this budget as some Grants come to an end and other Grants are starting.

Activity Reports

Sept 21st CAFO Forum (Ron, Liz, Ben, Mike K.) - Dick shared an update on three parcels that were for sale, ongoing negotiations on the pricing and ability to purchase back from a farmer (Denmark Dairy on County Road B) to the DNR.

Second, Liz recapped Mike Kneer's update for the group, **which can be found below**:

Sept 27th Red Cedar Demo Farm Field Day (Lindsay, Chris, Liz, Dick, Mike K.) – A good time was had by all. Lots of handouts on cover crops, no-till drill demo, and rental information on the county no-till drill was shared at the event. Dick recapped how nice it was to see the rainfall simulator to help share information about soil water retention. Information was shared that lawns tend to run-off water more than the general public would think, a longer lawn would make a difference.

Oct 4th Red Cedar TMDL Implementation Team (RCWQP) meeting (Liz, Lindsay) – Liz and Lindsay have been attending those meetings and also participated in a Lake Protection Grant conference call on 11/13/17. Barron and Dunn County will both apply for a Grant for adding one staffing person for this issue, **see the notes below**:

Oct 10th Wilson Annis Creek Watershed Partnership (WACWP) (Chris, Lindsay) – Chris and Lindsay were at this event, but nothing was covered in their notes while they were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Oct 11th & 18th Advanced Lake Leaders (Liz) – Liz went and learned a lot at the event, you can read more on [LakeTides](#). The concept of organization capacity, building organizational capacity, empowering a group, and more was shared at the meeting. The group is accepting nominations for 2018 Lake Leaders. Liz asked if people would have interest in nominating people in our area and if you have suggestions to please let Liz know. Dick strongly suggested that we sponsor the Lake Leaders as it has been very helpful to TMLIA. Dick asked if Liz, Ben, and Amber would have interest in joining Lake Leaders for 2018. Dick asked that it be added to the agenda for December and January.

Oct 24th Dunn County Conservation Alliance Meeting (Ben) – Ben gave the TMLIA donation to the group, shared Red Cedar Watershed sponsorship information, and enjoyed speaking with others at the group.

Oct 18th Joint Sustainable Working Group Meeting (Liz) – Liz attended and that the group is asking for funding from the City of Menomonie for community routes. Liz mentioned that, in support of this, that vehicle emissions makes a difference in the P that is left as a pollutant.

Oct 18th Civic Governance (Ron) – In Shoreview Minnesota, there will be a training on 11/16/17

Oct 21st TMLIA Annual Meeting (All) – Liz thanked Amber, Cathy, and the entire group for attending the meeting.

Oct 24th Book Club – Liz noted it was a good entertaining night and encouraged others to attend.

Nov 8th Red Cedar Conference Planning Committee meeting (Dick, Cathy) – Cathy was able to attend as Dick had to miss this meeting. The planning committee is moving forward and on-track. In addition, financially speaking, we are on track for 2018's event. Ben shared his concern that the Red Cedar Conference is a breakeven event and that we need to drive a little more money into the event through fundraising due to past accounting.

Also, Lindsay gave a presentation to Rotary on 10/24/17, **the notes are below:**

Nov 9th Nels talk at Friends of the Red Cedar State Trail/Hoffman Hills Annual Meeting (Liz, Cathy, Randy S.) – Liz, Cathy, and Randy all had a chance to hear Nels talk and enjoyed the event.

Red Cedar Assessment for Water Quality Improvement – Refer to Lindsay's notes that are listed above for more info.

Upcoming events –

Nov 15th Civic Governance Meeting

Nov 15th Baldwin water form at the “Ag building”

Dec 6th RCWQP meeting

Dec 14th WinterDaze Parade

Dec 19th Dunn County Alliance Meeting

Dec 20th Joint Sustainable Working Group Meeting

Jan 8th WACWP Meeting (Wilson Annis creek)

March 8th UW-Stout 2018 Red Cedar: Land, Water, and People Conference

Next Meeting: December 12th 2017 6pm, Potentially at the Raw Deal (**confirm**) – Room 58

Motion to adjourn made by Sarah Freeman, second by Amber, and unanimous approval was had.