

Tainter Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc.

(TMLIA)

Annual Meeting

Olde Towne Banquet Hall

Date: October 21st 2017

10am arrival, meeting start at 10:30am

Introductions

Liz welcomed everyone and gave a short overview of the agenda. Liz recapped some of the items that were setup around the banquet hall for sale, for members to interact with, and so on.

Financial Report -

Ben went into the monthly cash flow and balance sheets before going into the yearly cash flow and balance sheets. The details of these numbers will not be recapped into these notes.

Overview of goals and accomplishments –

Liz went into her presentation talking about the goals for the year and what was accomplished with TMLIA:

- Increase awareness of water quality issues
 - o Guest Speaker series
 - o School group involvement
 - o Rain Garden implementation
 - o Partnership with Ted Ludwig and Citizen Science opportunities. We are looking for more volunteers to help out as Ted will be retiring from gathering this data in the next 12 months.
 - o Red Cedar Basin monitoring group support
 - o Part of numerous city activities/events
- Advocating resource protection
 - o Represent water quality issues at the State Senate and House levels, including taking part at Join Finance Listening Sessions
 - o Signing and drafting letters to state government
 - o Attend various Public Hearings and give Public Comments
- Celebrating our rivers and lakes through community engagement
 - o Calendars, photography, parades, boat rides, and other various events like the “Fat Bike race”
 - o Book club for people to join, read, and meet interesting authors

- Participating in the disabled and elderly citizens fishing events in June through partnership with the Conservation Alliance of Dunn County
- Numerous partnerships, including well over a dozen corporate partners, local businesses, other non-profits, and more.
- Hosting events with Wisconsin DNR to explain the effects of Blue-Green Algae

Liz took time to thank our donors and partners who helped build our rain garden and helping restore Sand Creek and Wilson Creek. Liz took more time to thank Lakes REU for their work on economic and water quality research to the watershed. Lakes REU does a great job sharing that information from academic to community levels. Liz then went to thank Mark Mosey and Paul Verdon for the work in the watershed. Liz then handed off to Paul Verdon to recap their work.

Ron talked about how Mark and Paul have been very important in restoring water quality, creating a rich environment in their classrooms to discuss water quality and water issues. Paul then went to recap what is printed on their certificates to the group. Mark and Paul were both unable to attend today due to prior educational conferences that they were already attending before knowing about the recognition at this event. Ron thanked Mark and Paul again for over 20 years of teaching in the community.

Mark Mosey

- Served on the Red Cedar erosion/habitat project
- Helped bring students to the Red Cedar watershed conference as a learning opportunity
- Develop and secure Colfax School environmental site
- Provided input to the Wisconsin Land and Water curriculum
- Various on-site visits around the county and Mississippi River watershed for downstream water learning opportunities

Paul Verdon

- Takes his students to Jarrett Creek quite often to help understand tributaries input into watersheds
- Served in a lead role for the Science Olympiad and representing the Menomonie school system
- Exhibitor at the Red Cedar Watershed conference

Ron noted that both Mark and Paul were both early contributors to the watershed monitoring programs and TMLIA is very appreciative of their efforts and influence for improving water quality throughout our watershed.

Secretary of the board position –

Liz asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the position of Secretary of the Board going forward. If you are interested in fulfilling the position and/or have questions about the position, please reach out to Mike or Liz for further information. In addition, some of the requirements for the position can be found on tmlia.org. The meeting was adjourned for people

to enjoy the watershed game and mingling with others in attendance.

Upcoming events –

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

Next Meeting: November 14th 2017, Room 58, Dunn County Government Center