



Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2020
Via Zoom
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Ron Meyer, Steve Roe, John Forney, Lloyd Thyen, Jim Chamberlin, Jim Brandt, Tom Kuschel, Scott Lucas, Clay Schulte, Sheila Boldt, Jodi Eberhardt, Jodi Billy & Tasha Lauer.

- (1) **There was a motion John Forney seconded by Jodi Eberhardt , to approve the 4/21/2020 agenda. Motion carried.**
- (2) **There was a motion by Lloyd Thyen seconded by John Forney, to approve the 12/17/2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.**

(3) Committee Reports

- Finance

- A. There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by John Forney, to approve filing 2019 IRS as a nonprofit (AG & Secretary of the State). Motion carried.**
- B. Have raised close to \$10,000 from members and other donations. Overall doing well and bills are being paid.
- C. There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve annual dues to MLA \$150. Motion carried.**
 - Used to be MN Waters
 - Have been working close with Jeff Forester at MLA, beneficial.

- Membership

- A. There will be another mailing to those who have not updated their membership.

- Land and Waters

- A. The Land & Waters gave out 1 grant toward education at The Crosslake Loon Center. It will cover part of the “floating classroom” concept. Trying to acquire 31’ tri-toon to take people on the lake this summer (citizen-science or hands-on activities).

- Website/Facebook

- A. Recent Soil Health Webinar by Jim to-be posted to PRWA FB.

- Land and Ag

- A. *Slaughter Unit* (part of The U of M RSDP grant funds) Approached from research institute for a large grant being applied for. Looking at things from the other side – the water quality of cattle production. Dept. of Ag may also be providing funding.



- Have \$15,000, will require \$20,000 for the current project. Looking to hire someone for a comprehensive feasibility study.
- B. The slaughter unit would require producers to meet water quality standards among other production standards and be a valuable local resource.
 - C. PRWA is willing to match \$2,500, maybe WAPOA would match the rest of the funds for the project. Will re-connect next month.

- Conservation/Enbridge

- A. Production may be affected by the low oil costs.

(4) Upper Whitefish Project – Consultant

- A testing proposal is complete by Don Osgood. Significant amount of testing, deep water. Upper, Lower and Middle Whitefish are the areas being tested. Sheila Boldt at CW SWCD is helping to coordinate. One important testing specification is checking the contribution in the Upper Whitefish Chain (from residual phosphorus in basin).
- Algae bloom will also be sampled, photographed and well documented.

(5) 1W1P

- A. April 30th is the next meeting, \$482,000 funding. Important categories have been identified and now it will be specific project identification. They are developing specific lake handouts, education, and discussion.

(6) Grazing Management

- A. One project nearly finalized, Teune will have a project, hope to get up to 6 projects.
- B. Abe is working on two projects and Jim is working on documenting an additional project near Ponto Township to convert row crop acreage to perennial cover. Have not heard from Denny recently.

(7) Up The Creek Meats - Pilot starting at end of May with ACCL and Sunup Ranch.

- D. Pre-ordered package meat from lake associations from individual producers. Custom order and because it was sold before it is butchered then it's taken out of the inspection process. More information is on The MN Lakes & Rivers website: <http://www.mnlakesandrivers.org/2020/02/06/soil-health-for-clean-water>

(8) Bungo culvert issue – Greg Leverington



A. Culvert has been removed. The water is routed back to where it was before as of right now (the ditch, alongside the road).

(9) Board Comments

Lloyd – Watercraft inspections & decontamination units are up-in-the-air. DNR is trying to formulate guidelines.

Ron Meyer – No walleye stripping by DNR. Not planning to put docks in at DNR landings.

Jodi B. – Lost her Dad just before the virus outbreak. Pelican lake Association had to cancel their tree distribution but are planning to do water testing.

Jodi E. – Still in Texas hope for warm weather when they get back.

John Forney – Thanks for the support of the education program at the Loon Center and the Loon camera is up and running.

Clay – Will contact Ron about the project on Upper Whitefish shoreland restoration.

Jim B – Ice out Monday and waiting for the water testing to begin.

Scott Lucas – The present situation may impact grant monies availability. Not sure what the impact will be but the reduction of revenue and spending to help the economy will have some impact.

Tom K. – With the elimination of stripping this year it will be interesting to see what impact it has on walleye population in Whitefish. We will watch the class of 2020.

Steve R.- Beryl has beat her cancer. (GREAT NEWS) The ice is just about out on Lower but stacked up on the south shore.