

WICOLA Bd. Of Directors

Sept. 12, 2011

Members present: Larry Squillace, Rob Erickson, Dolores Delaney, Mary Ann Jurgens, Jo Kovach, Ken Wichman

Absent: Charlene Mason

Guests: Roger Powell (bd member elect), Derrick Passe (KWPP Coordinator)

Quorum – yes

Meeting called to order 8:35

Minutes from August were reviewed and approved. Motion by Rob, 2nd by Dolores; passed unanimously.

Financial Reports

Dolores told us that she had talked with Judy Rich and Bob Jordan regarding our need for a certified auditor. Both are retired and would like to help but neither are licensed in Minnesota any more. However, they will continue to work with us setting up the forms we will need for tax purposes.

Discussion regarding donations listed in our budget from Morse and Fall Lake Townships. These \$\$'s are not in their budgets for the coming year. Suggested that we keep asking. Stoney River Township has promised us a donation as well. We are to apply in March. Ken Wichman urged that we continue to request same from Morse and Fall Lake. Dolores suggested that we ask Lake County for a donation. General agreement. ??? *who was to do this?*

No questions on the **Treasurers' Report**. Motion to accept: Larry, 2nd MaryAnn. Passed unanimously.

Volunteer hour reports from July were passed out. We are not getting vol. hrs from some of our field volunteers. Derrick and Larry will prompt their volunteer teams and/or add them in themselves. Rob is holding originals of all volunteer reports for auditing purposes.

Oversight Report - One addition: Derrick has found pretty appalling conditions on islands in Birch lake. This information will be added to our GIS reports. Mary Ann brought up the possibility of asking companies for sponsor ships for some of the events we will hold next year. She will explore further.

President's Report -

Roger has completed and submitted the grant request to Patagonia. We should hear before January. He reported that learning the ropes of all the grantor requires was the difficult part, writing the grant was relatively straightforward.

Charlene had raised the issue of needing to get ready so that we hold the events listed in the work plan for our grants. Derrick will take leadership on these informational events. A committee of Larry, Mary Ann, Jo and Dolores will write a review of both Blue Berry Festival and Harvest Moon Festival. This review will become part of Derrick's reports to MPCA and form the basis of plans for next year.

Discussion of means to continue to have Larry on the BOD. It was moved to create a board position with no term limitation to be called Director at Large. Motion by Rob, 2nd by Ken; passed unanimously. President Jo appointed Larry to that position to be effective in Jan. 2012. Larry accepted.

Roger Powell will turn his attention to getting us all set up and operating with Drop Box.

The letter to Ely Businesses is in its last draft and will go out this month.

Publicity and Outreach

Our next newsletter (November) will be e mailed to all members and a paper copy will be sent to all property owners in the watershed. Charlene is working on the data base for the watershed addresses. Discussion of content: general agreement that we will create new content for the newsletter being sent out to members (via e mail) and mail that, in paper copy, out to all property owners in the watershed. The budget had been created for 1500 newsletters of 8 pages each. Including the last issue may give folks some sense of the project continuity and will significantly reduce the effort needed.

MaryAnn reviewed the need for content for the web site. Please send pictures and comments on the website to her. Jo asked if Jim could provide us with website statistics. MAJ will check. MAJ will advise Jim on the uploading of the August Oversight report as well as the approved minutes.

Discussion of Harvest Moon festival – estimated about 400 people stopped by the booth, less than Blue Berry but still substantive. Again they came in clumps. It was noted that we need to create a comprehensive set of instructions for booth volunteers.

AIS- a Thank you pot luck is planned for the Volunteers on Sunday Sept. 25 at BH 1 to 3 PM. Food assignments were made – WICOLA will supply brats and buns, Larry will supply cold beverages, Jo will supply hot beverages, Dolores will bring their hotdog cooker.

Next Meeting **We will meet (same time) at Forest Service on TUESDAY Oct. 11th because Monday it is closed due to Columbus Day.**

