

West Fork Waterway Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 5/20/2023

Meeting called to order by President Chris Frasch at 9:05 AM. Attendance Chris Frasch, Roger Anderson, Rob Slotten, Jack Cook, Lynne Rice, (Guests:) Barb Cook, Ruth Miller, Mike Freeman.

Notification: Mailing was sent to all known members and interested parties on 5/02/2023 & posted at Clam Lake Junction and posted on our website.

Last Board Meeting Minutes and Last Membership Meeting Minutes were read by Rob.

Moved by Chris, 2nd by Roger to approve the minutes, Motion Carried (MC).

Finance Report, budget and membership status.

- Roger handed out Treasurers report. - Moved by Chris, 2nd by Rob to approve the report. MC.

- Roger handed out the Preliminary Budget for 2022-2023.
 - Expected Revenue = \$1,655. Expected Expenses = \$737
 - Final numbers and approval at Annual Membership meeting in June.
 - Rob moved to approve the budget. Chris 2nd. MC
 - Short discussion of data backups. Chris will get WFWA Dropbox data backed up.

Report of 501(c) (3) status

- Thrivent Financial Choice Dollars: We received \$50 through this program. Thanks Rob.
- Other donations: Chris Frasch donated the renewal cost of our Microsoft License for MS Office Roger uses. Thanks Chris.
- Roger files yearly report to DFI (WI Dept of Financial Institutions) at cost of \$10 which he puts on his Credit Card. He is donating that cost to the WFWA rather than issue a check for reimbursement. Thanks Roger.

Project reports

- Canoe landing – Roger brought up possibility of grants – Bring up at Membership meeting – Rob will investigate leads – Mike & Roger checking also.

- Correspondence from Community Club (CC) Summary of activities.

- Town of Gordon - \$385 expenses paid out of our account at the town was paid back from Ashland County. Misc. services, clear brush, small tree, debris from dam.

ELECTIONS: [Section 3 - ELECTIONS: The Board of Directors shall nominate one or more members for each vacant position on the Board.]

Rob stated at his last election that it would be his last term. Mike Freeman has expressed interest in the position. Rob & Mike have had conversations about the position & tasks.

The Board voted to nominate Mike Freeman for the Secretary Position.

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Offices up for elections at the Annual Membership Meeting are:

Secretary – Rob Slotten (Incumbent – retiring)
Mike Freeman (Nominated by Board)

Second Director – Lynne Rice (Incumbent)

Roger may consider another term (current term ends July 2024) but will look for a future replacement.

Chris brought up Dissolution issues. Roger & Rob will be available to consult if needed. Hopefully we get some new members. Roberta Freeman is still the Membership Chair.

Meeting Location –

Roger got the OK to use the Snowmobile Clubhouse (Groomer shed) for our

Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

– at The Snowmobile Clubhouse, 23379 Straetz Road.

Rob Moved to accept the offer, 2nd by Jack. MC

Mike Freeman reported on Elk Fest.

The weather was bad. No sign-ups, but did hand out some forms. Roger suggested working in shifts + Chris suggested bringing up at Member Meeting.

New business-

- Rob distributed WFWA business cards.
- Lynne shared Comm Club rebuild Design & History. Contract for design and main structure, then Volunteers to finish. Chris, Roger, Mike & Lynne plan to help.

The organization needs support of the owners of the waterfront properties to become members at least. Someone needs to step up and assume the Secretary and Treasurer positions on the board in the coming years as the current officers retire from their positions. Neither of the positions require a lot of work, and most of the activity is focused in May & June. If anyone is interested, please call one of the people on the board. All member's contacts are on the website.

Discussion wandered into what happens if no other members wish to step in and continue the Organization. There would be several steps to dissolve the WFWA if that's what had to be done.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:24 AM by Roger, 2nd by Chris. MC

Next scheduled **Directors meeting** will be **May 18, 2024 at 9:00 AM** at Clam Lake Community Center.

Submitted: Rob Slotten, Secretary W.F.W.A.

... to preserve and protect the historic West Fork Waterway and wildlife area for recreation and public enjoyment of its scenic beauty today and in the future.