



Minutes of Meeting Monday, May 20, 2024

Present: Margaret Voss, Chair, Mille Lacs East Side; Jake Janski, Supervisor Mille Lacs SWCD; Barb Eller, Secretary; John Pearson, Communications, Mille Lacs South; Todd Haas, Pres. Camp Lake Association; Dianne Jacobson, Supervisor Crow Wing SWCD; Ann Bruciani Lyon, Keep It Clean, Mille Lacs East Side; Lily Carr, Lake Steward Program Coordinator, MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates; Perry Bunting, Dir. Environmental Programs, MLBO; Chad Weiss, Water Resource Coordinator, MLBO; Peter Okura, Climate Specialist, MLBO

1. Meeting called to order 10:06.

2. **Agenda:** Approved by Chair, no corrections.

3. **3/18/24 Meeting Minutes:** M. John 2nd Ann. Approved

4. **Financial Report: N/R.** Update: Veronica accepted new position with Aitkin County. Thanks to Veronica and congratulations on new position.

5. Organization

- April planning session highlights and proposals for adoption
 - MLLWVG name adjustment: Change to Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Group
M. Jake 2nd Ann Approved. Update website and bylaws. Enact 1 July.
 - Fundraising campaign for operating expenses: **M. Ann 2nd John Approved** to send out letter to our email list for operating expense free-will donations with goal of \$1000 for this next year. Aitkin SWCD can manage, tax deductible. Camp Lake Assoc approved \$100 to MLWVG. John will send out this letter asap.
 - 2024 Meeting calendar, including in-person meetings: June 17, July 15, August 19, October 18 (in person), December 16. Note October meeting is on a Friday, 1:00-4:30. Others via Zoom, 10-11:30 am. **M. Ann 2nd Barb Approved meeting schedule.**
 - Membership in ACLARA, represents 18 lakes and 3 rivers, meets April-Oct monthly. \$25 annual fee (paid by Ann—Thanks). Membership in MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates, \$100 annual fee. **M. Barb 2nd Ann Approved to join both organizations.**

6. Outreach and Education

- Fjord Haven site visit June 8 (Barb): John sent invites and tracks numbers (5 participants). Will send repeat invite to larger group, max. 15. Car pool from Isle City Park Pavilion to Fjordhaven at 12:30. Sign up by June 1. Walk about with Paul Dickson, private Forester 1-3 pm.
- Guest presenter(s) at future virtual meetings: Every other meeting and at F2F.
 - Jake to contact Kyle Frederickson for presentation on ML Drone Study for June, July or August, Molly Clyne, Forestry
 - Other presenters: Jeff Forester, MLR; Peter Okura for October (tentative).
- 2024 Healthy Land, Healthy Lake, 9am – 1pm, Sept. 7, McQuoid's (Barb).
 - Margaret has McQuoid's booked,
 - Barb to contact Tom Hubbard for AIS display,
 - 2 AIS texts from Aitkin County for drawing and reference,
 - Speaker on Tree Care and Forestry(Barb),
 - Margaret to coordinate lunch.

7. Compass Program and Other Projects and Activities

- Mille Lacs Compass Program Review at April meeting:
 - Reference Barb's summary, John to send out.
 - Improve branding, marketing, outreach, and connect people to resources. Barb to update brochure.
 - About broader BMPs within entire watershed and encourage development of smaller communities of ML Compass members around the lake.
 - Linear footage of restorations may be one metric for progress.
- Activity Check-ins
 - Rum River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (Jake) : Next meeting June 27. Jake will update r.e. Forestry hire by Isanti/Mille Lacs SWCD
 - Get the Lead Out Tackle Exchange (John) : John has new supply of lead-free tackle from MPCA. Note, Lindy's is going to all lead-free tackle. Todd notes the 'Get the Lead Out' public access sign was disapproved by the DNR. John will help investigate.
 - Keep it Clean Campaign (Ann): Waiting on outcome of legislation. Currently fundraising for the '25 KIC Campaign. Collin West from [Clean Up the Lake](#) Mille Lacs visit Sept '24.

8. New Business & Public Comment:

- Should HLHL be moved to a spring event? Discuss further October meeting
- Perry: Adopt-A-Shoreline event on Thursday. John to send out notice.

9. Next Meeting : June 17, Monday, 10-1130 am. Regular Meeting via Zoom.

10. Adjourned 11:25 am.