

**GENEVA LAKE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY (GLEA)
WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN**

**The monthly business meeting of the GLEA will be held in
Room 108 in Lowrey Hall, on the campus of George Williams College.
Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 6:30 pm.**

Minutes

Members/ Staff Present: P. Kenny (Village of Fontana), M.J. Fesenmaier (City of Lake Geneva), J. Weiss (Town of Linn), J. Lovell (Town of Walworth) L. Lundberg & R. Umans (Village of Williams Bay), J. Schmidt (Director), A. Townsend (Admin. Asst.).

Guest Present: D. Malmin, T. Dunn, K. Lieth, P. Gavin.

Members Absent: R. Pappas (Village of Fontana), T. O'Neill (City of Lake Geneva), B. Whiting (Town of Linn), D. Rasmussen (Attorney), T. Peters (Consultant), A. Wisnionski (Lake Manager Asst./Intern).

GLEA Board of Directors Meeting Called to order By Chairman P. Kenny at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

General Business:

No comments from the public.

1. Motion by R. Umans to approve the June 16, 2022, & Special Business Meeting on June 23, 2022, minutes. Seconded by J. Wiess. CU.

4. Monthly Review Items:

- a. **Motion to approve June/July 2022 Income Statement by J. Lovell. Seconded by J. Wiess. CU.**
- b. **Motion to approve June/July 2022 Balance Sheet by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.**
- c. Bookkeeper's June/July Disbursement Report was made available for review.
- d. Bookkeeper's ongoing Donation Report was made available for review.
- e. Action on Staff Report:
 - **Motion to approve Director's report for June-August 2022 by J. Lovell. Seconded by R. Umans. CU.**
 - Intern report for June-August 2022 **No action taken.**

Possible action on the following business.

1. Whole Lake PI Survey

Wisconsin Lakes and Pond Resources completed the PI Survey for Geneva Lake. We should receive the final report in November or December.

2. Grants

- a) **Geneva Lake Association Grant**
We received a grant from the Geneva Lake Association to cover some of the cost of the PI Survey.
- b) **Lake Geneva Garden Club Grant**
We are still waiting for a status update on this grant.
- c) **Wisconsin Lake Association-Stop SSW Grant**
This grant allows every lake affected by SSW to acquire a CD3 system for each public access. A letter of support has been submitted.

3. Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant.

- a) **Cost Share**
GLEA has spoken with the harbor master about cost-sharing launch attendants for CBCW. They are interested in cross training their attendants and then the GLEA wouldn't have to manage staff at the launches. GLEA would apply for the CBCW Grant to cover the cost. J. Schmidt will continue to investigate this.
- b) **Hours**
We have until October 31st to get hours. We are short right now. GLEA Director will be trying to make up these hours himself.

4. Water Quality / AIS

a) **CD3 Machine**

The plug wrench has been stripped. The GLEA ordered a new plug and had it shipped to the Geneva Lake Conservancy. GLEA has reached out to the Conservancy and has not heard back. The GLEA is trying to work with the Conservancy as this is the most popular tool on the unit. The GLEA can install the part and send a bill to the Conservancy for our time.

b) **Water Alliance**

The Conservancy has been requesting data and reports from the DNR that the GLEA funded for the Lake Management Plan.

c) **Local AIS Ordinances Chapter 30**

Still working on this with the attorney.

d) **Reverse Ordinance**

Signs might work better than an ordinance. Director Schmidt will work with J. Wiess on signs for SSW and reverse the motor to clean off props.

e) **Beach Testing Protocols**

The current testing is done off the protocols that were set up by the DNR and the previous Director. The number of samples will be increased at each location to get more reliable results.

f) **Walworth County AIS Coordinator**

Walworth County has hired an AIS Coordinator. The Coordinator has been working with us on several projects and will be shadowing one of our CBCW inspectors.

5. Projects/Equipment

a) **USGS Stream Gage**

The GLEA has the monitoring contract with USGS and is the only funding member of this project. A member of the Geneva Lake Level Corp. has requested that the Water Alliance be involved in the moving of the stream gage. The GLEA board asked Director Schmidt to reach out to Dr. Dale Robertson with USGS for his input on this.

b) **City of Lake Geneva Lagoon (Geneva Lake Outlet)**

Repairs need to be made on the dam and spillway the Geneva Lake Level Corp. is looking to have this done sometime in 2023.

c) **2022 Boat Count**

The boat count has been scheduled with the Water Safety Patrol for the end of August, and the beginning of September.

d) **Closely Monitoring SSW Populations**

Thank you to the Town of Linn Fire Dept. and A. Wisnionski for their help in monitoring the SSW population. A sub-PI and Lakewide PI survey were also conducted. Starry Stonewort (SSW) has not spread outside the colony site. We were going to continue monitoring SSW with an ROV, but without a diver, we would not be able to confirm if it is SSW. We will be getting a map with the locations of the SSW locations. J. Schmidt suggested that the GLEA focus our time and resources on other projects. The GLEA Board agreed with Director Schmidt's decision.

e) **DNR Rule NR 107**

This was for board members' information on the proposed new DNR Rule NR 107. This will not be going to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board for review.

6. Marketing / Fundraising / Events

a) **Annual Mailing**

The annual mailing was sent out earlier than last year. We started receiving donations within a week and are still receiving them.

b) **Website**

Our website is now more user-friendly, and we have a calendar on the homepage with meeting dates.

c) **Social Media**

The A. Wisnionski is working remotely to update our social media and website.

d) **Materials**

Various materials have been ordered and received such as tablecloth and banner for marketing.

e) **Fundraisers**

Possible fundraiser for CD3 outposts for each of the launches if the GLEA doesn't get the Stop SSW Grant. Get more information on the CD3 outpost for the next meeting.

f) **Friends Hackmatack Event**

Reminder to register for the September 13 event.

g) Walworth County Lakes Association Meeting

Walworth County Lakes Association has a meeting on Saturday to discuss the Propose new DNR Rule NR107 in Delavan. They have requested that the GLEA host the October 15 meeting.

Motion to approve hosting the October 15th meeting by R. Umans. Seconded by J. Wiess. CU.

7. Conferences

a) WI Lakes Leaders call for Crew 14 – Seminar II

The seminar is from September 7-8 in Tomahawk. The Director will be out of the office from September 6-9.

8. GLEA Discussion

The GLEA Director has been asked by UW Extension Lakes to participate in a round table discussion next Monday and Tuesday. The Transition Coordinator will fill in for the beach testing on Monday.

a) Partnerships

Director J. Schmidt met with Kettle Marine Land Trust (KMLT) and discussed an educational outreach program possible partnership. The GLEA board asked Director J.Schmidt to reach out to the Conservancy to see if they would be interested in working with the GLEA in the same way.

b) Structure

Director J. Schmidt and the GLEA Chair and Vice-Chair met with UW Extension Lakes to discuss different types of Lake organizations such as Districts, Commission, and Intergovernmental Commissions. This will be an ongoing project.

9. Staffing

a) Intern Remote

The intern will be keeping our website and social media up to date, entering CBCW data, and uploading beach data to swims.

b) Lake Biologist Outreach Specialists

Director J.Schmidt expressed to the GLEA Board that he needs help with the fieldwork and will be budgeting for another full-time staff member for next year.

c) IT Consultant

Need to hire a consultant (1099) to help organize computer files and upload them to the Cloud.

10. Technology Update

Director J. Schmidt received a quote for walkie-talkies to be used at all the municipal launches so they can be in communication with one another. J. Schmidt will get more information and look at used equipment for possible future implementation.

11. Municipalities Updates and Reports

a) City of Lake Geneva

Nothing

b) Town of Linn

Nothing

c) Village of Fontana

September Triathlon and Fat Tire Ride. **Motion to remove L. Lundberg and add P. Kenny to our bank accounts by J. Weiss. Seconded by J. Lovell. CU**

d) Village of Williams Bay

Applied for a permit to remove gravel from Southwick Creek.

e) Town of Walworth

Nothing

12. Set Next Meeting Date

September 15, 2022

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm by P. Kenny., Seconded by J. Lovell. CU.

Dated August 18, 2022. Upon approval, posted at the GLEA office and website <https://www.gleawi.org/>. These minutes were recorded and transcribed by Jacob Schmidt, Director. Aimee Townsend, Admin. Asst.

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