

14 Mile Joint Rome/TriLakes Watershed Alliance

Held at Rome Town Hall 1156 Alpine Drive, Rome, WI, open to the public through a Zoom link

Agenda/Minutes for Monday, April 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM

1. **Call to order & confirm Zoom setup:** Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm; Rachael Whitehair set up Zoom link.
2. **Roll call/confirm quorum:** Members present: Dave Trudeau, Barb Herreid, Jerry Wiessinger, Dave Keuler, Don Ystad and Karen Knotek. Also present in person or via Zoom: Rachael Whitehair, Bob Benkowski, Scott Provost, Donna Hasdal and Gus Mancuso.
3. **Review and approve minutes for March 14, 2022:** *Motion made by Jerry Wiessinger and seconded by Don Ystad to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting; motion approved.*
4. **Announcements:** none
5. **Nine Key Element Plan status – Kyle Kettner:** Kyle reported on the 2 public informational meetings on the 9KEP held in Plainfield with 30 attendees and in Rome with 45 attendees. A recording of the Plainfield event has been uploaded to our website as well as the County's 9 KEP site. Kyle is working with Tom Lochner of Wis. Cranberry Assn to plan a future event. Also, the Farmers of Roche-A-Cri are planning events including a social event on April 13 at 5:30 at Mo's; Jerry Wiessinger will attend to represent us.
6. **Lakes and River Convention reports:** Don and Karen participated in the panel discussion with other similar lake groups and shared that the other groups are also very ambitious with paths similar to ours. It was noted that other groups planned fun, social activities and found that it was very conducive to bringing in new members. Dave Keuler attended via Zoom on Thursday and commented on the sessions he attended including the 'eye-opening' Central Sands Study, shoreline zoning and the perspective of a Native American. Karen encouraged all of us to attend in the future as it is an excellent opportunity to network and get ideas from other groups. She noted that other groups do fundraising through community events such as a fisheree. Rachel shared that the convention is planned so there are topics of interest to everyone, from the very technical to ways to build capacity in local lake groups. It was suggested that we approach the Town and Tri-Lakes in the future to join us in sponsoring registration of attendees from the community; this will be added to the May agenda. *Motion made by Dave Keuler and seconded by Jerry Wiessinger to reimburse registration fees for 2022 of Karen and Dave; motion approved.*
7. **State of Our Lakes:** group will meet after this meeting to continue planning for the June 4th event.
8. **Standing Committees**
 - a. **Publicity and Community outreach – Karen:**
 - i. **Youtube channel/videos/Zoom sessions:** Karen is working on revision of the lawn fertilizer brochures and then they'll need to be reprinted; she will send a proof to us to review. She'll also be ordering 1,000 stickers and Healthy Lakes and shoreline brochures.
 - ii. **14MW booth plans 2022:** Focus of the booth this year will be native plants.
 - iii. **Educational program plans:** Karen, Gus and Rachael shared a draft survey to jumpstart a youth program at Nekoosa Schools. Gus noted that their principal values 'real-life' experiences for the students. Hopefully, we'll be able to create interest in the students through fun activities and that they in turn will adopt the 14 Mile group.
 - b. **Watershed Research - Phil:**
 - i. **upstream and in-lake testing:** Dave Keuler reported that all sites were able to be tested at the end of March, including the flow testing. He suggested adding another site located under the CTH Z bridge as the 14 Mile enters Petenwell; Scott Provost agreed it would be better than the Arrowhead Dam site as flows could be measured.
 - c. **Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave:**
 - i. **Surface Water Grant/Education Grant:**

ii. Healthy Lakes status, signs: Dave submitted 2019 grants, 2020 is almost ready and he's working on the 2021 projects. The Healthy Lakes signs from DNR are now here; they will need stakes and Dave'll get costs.

iii. Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator:

iv. Legacy Foundation grant request status – Bob/Don: Don will be meeting with Bob and work on building a socio-economic case for the importance of the lakes community and watershed to the area.

d. Finance – Barb: Barb reported on the Tree/Shrub sale; she will pick up our order from Land & Water on the 28th. Volunteers will be needed on the morning of April 29 to sort the orders and then from 9 to 2 on the 30th when orders can be picked up at Tri-Lakes.

i. Treasurer's report – Phil: no report due to Phil's absence

e. Partnership Development – Don:

i. Speakers: Don shared that he will be attending the opening of the Farming for the Future Foundation in Plover.

9. Lake reports: Dave Trudeau shared that the 'fish stick' trees are submerging now that the ice is out. Dave Keuler added that Anna James is working on an evaluation of the West Lake Center and recommendations will be presented to the Arrowhead board for approval.

10. Town, County, Tri-Lakes updates: none

a. Determine next agenda content, date & time: Next meeting will be held on **May 9 at 6 pm in the lower level of Lake Sherwood** in an attempt to attract others to our group.

11. Adjourn: Motion by Don and seconded by Jerry to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Herreid