14 Mile Watershed Alliance
Lake Sherwood Lodge – Lower Level, 6 pm meeting start
Agenda/Minutes for Monday, June 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM
(Food and networking at 5:30 PM)

1. Call to order & confirm Zoom setup: Dave Trudeau called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Roll call/confirm quorum: Members present: Dave Trudeau, Phil Rockenbach, Barb Herreid, Rick Mervine, Brian Fischer and Dave Keuler. Also present: Rick Georgeson, Mark Samelstad, Carl and Donna Hasdal, Scott Bordeau, Gus Mancuso, Jess Chipley-Trudeau, Scott Provost and Keifer Sroka.
3. Review and approve minutes for May 13, 2024: Motion made by Phil Rockenbach and seconded by Dave Keuler to approve minutes of May 13, 2024 meeting as printed; motion approved.
4. Announcements: Wisconsin River Basin Bash, 7/19, RSVP, suggested donation $10, 2 to 8 pm, Big Eau Pleine Co. Park, Marathon Co., Sponsored by PACRS, EPPIC & BEPCO
5. Adams County Report:

Water Resources Update – Keifer Sroka: Keifer informed us that lightening struck the Arrowhead Dam on Memorial Day which damaged the actuator. It has now been repaired. He offered to showcase aquatic plants (the good and the bad) at SOOL next year. Tyler and Keifer are working with Lynne at Arrowhead to resume progress on planning a shoreline project. The bubbler on the Sherwood side of the Upper Camelot dam has been unclogged and is again working properly. As questions arose on 17 hotspots in the upper watershed identified by Kyle, Keifer offered to follow up on locating paperwork identifying the hotspots. He also spoke of an email he received on the possibility of having a test lawn demo spot in Rome and will bring more information to our next meeting.

6. WI DNR - Scott Provost: Scott shared that he is working with the 4 Mile Watershed this year and as they learn things that will help us, they will be shared. As Wisconsin is reluctant to establish standards for nitrogen/nitrates, he is hoping that EPA will do so. He will work with Phil tomorrow to review available testing data and does not think that there are any gaps that need to be addressed.
7. UW –Madison Extension, Anna James Mitchell: No report.
8. Evening Topic: Review and feedback re: State of Our Lakes Forum – Attendance was estimated at 240 with 200 staying for lunch. We need to add more help at the front door to more efficiently move attendees into the auditorium. All chairs at the Town Hall were put out, but more are needed – Tri-Lakes offered additional chairs for us to use in the future. Other comments included: good questions by the attendees for the speakers; attendees were very respectful and attentive; food was better this year and there was enough for all; great job by Gus as the MC; fantastic help from the ski team, not only serving, but also quick clean-up of the kitchen and Rick was approached by 2 scientists who may be willing to assist us in data evaluation.
9. Standing Committee Reports

a. Publicity and Community outreach – Phil

i. ***Signs, website, FaceBook, social media:*** Phil added 2 more pages to the website dedicated to our recruitment efforts and also updated the lake data section.

ii. ***Nekoosa School EE presentation, 5/22 – Gus***: Keifer, Carl and Barb provided feedback on their recent presentations to three classes. It was agreed that we need to find ways to better engage the students and get/hold their interest. Possible suggestions for the fall field trip included Heartland Farms as well as the new food+farm education center in Plover.

iii. ***Rome Farmers Market Scheduling:*** 6/14 will be Phil and Rick; 6/21 – Dave K and Dave T; 6/28 – Brian and Barb.

b. Lake testing – Phil and Dave K – Plans are to test the lakes next week, but may adjust to coincide with EOR testing as they drive the tests down to the Madison lab.

c. Environmental Quality/Grant development – Dave T.

i. ***Surface Water Restoration Grant*** – ***Walden Park, fund raising for $6k:*** Dave T. reported that an event with DRAFT was held on 6/1 which raised $1,000 (bringing the total raised so far to $3,000). An additional $3,000 is needed by September, 2025. Dave is working with ACEC on the power required for the project and is hoping for a donation from them to offset the cost.

Surface Water Restoration Grant – ***Camelot erosion, permits Adams Co. P&Z:*** LCPOA has decided to fund new docks this year and prioritize erosion control next year.

ii. ***Healthy Lakes status – 6 landowners, 12 practices, grant awarded, advance of funds:*** Dave continues to work with interested landowners.

iii. **Fertilizer/Clean Water Cooperator** – signs will be available at the Farmers Market booth.

d. Finance – Phil/Barb - **Updates?** Barb reported on the successful raffle and silent auction on Saturday at State of Our Lakes and thanked all who had donated items.

e. Partnership Development - All

i. ***Speaker ideas for upcoming meetings***: **Anna Mitchell, Producer Survey results –** Dave is working with Anna to set up a date for her presentation.

ii. ***Networking – PACRS, River Alliance of WI, WI Cranberry Growers Assoc, WPVGA, other partners:*** Rick Georgeson shared that they will be attending EPPIC's meeting on Wednesday; PACRS will be at the Visit Rome booth this upcoming Friday at the Farmers Market; 6/21 is their monthly meeting and 7/19 is the River Bash.

10. Lake reports – Camelot, Sherwood, Arrowhead, Petenwell: Rick reported that 2 key office personnel at the Camelot Lodge have retired; new replacements have started. Also, 6/15 will be the vote for expanding the lodge.

11. Town, County, Drainage District, Tri-Lakes update: Carl Hasdal reported that there needs to be a second nanobubbler vote to include the word "levy" in the question. It will be held again on a Saturday after public notification requirements have been met.

12. Determine next agenda content, date & time. 2nd Monday is 7/8.

13. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Herreid