Call to Order
Chair Updike called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes
Erickson/West moved to approve the December 12 and December 21, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

Announcements
Jones said that Kevin Connors has asked her to work with Corporation Counsel to prepare a draft slow-no-wake ordinance amendment in response to the Commission fireworks recommendations, for discussion at the February Executive Committee meeting and approval for introduction at the February full Commission meeting.

Public Comment- none

Turville Bay Research Project Presentation
DNR Research Scientist Martha Barton presented the Turville Bay research project report, with assistance from Michelle Nault. Barton also distributed copies of the project fact sheet and full report, which along with the presentation slides are also available at http://danewaters.com/.

Barton’s presentation ended with the report’s conclusions:
1. The use of early-season 2,4-D treatments on small target areas of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) may provide selective nuisance control.
2. The use of early-season harvesting may also provide nuisance control of EWM in small areas of larger lake systems. Successive years of treatment, however, may be necessary to begin to achieve good control.
3. The long-term ecosystem impacts of herbicide and harvesting treatments are not well understood and need further study.
4. Deciding which control method to use should be based on the overall management goals and time scale to achieve those goals.
5. Small-scale management activities within large lakes can provide temporary, localized nuisance control of EWM with little impact to natives.
6. Long-term restoration of an aquatic plant community after a successful invader becomes established remains a challenge for managers.

Gerner expressed an interest in knowing costs of harvesting versus chemical application, and the potential for use of herbicides to control plants in the Yahara River during high water. Jones and Nault responded that this has been discussed in the past, but herbicides are not permitted for use in flowing water and are not effective there due to limited contact time.

Nault added that there is a great deal of research in response to concerns about herbicide effects on non-target organisms, and that DNR will share results as they become available.

Annual Retreat Discussion and Next Steps
Updike, West and Corrigan said that the retreat was productive. Updike asked that each issue team convener (water volume=Gerner, phosphorus reduction=Power?, chloride reduction=Miles) set a meeting to discuss possible directions for each topic, and report on their discussions at the February Commission meeting. Updike reiterated that these teams are not formal committees with public meeting notice or minutes, and should not have a quorum of the Executive Committee or full Commission. Teams should note potential overlap or conflict with Land and Water Resources Department (LWRD) work priorities and staffing needs.

West shared LWRD Director Connors’ advice at the Executive Committee: set a focused agenda for action and be mindful of staff time limitations. The full Commission will need to decide support needed from staff for the Commission’s 2014 workplan. West also noted that teams should also identify budget needs.

Issue Team and Liaison Reports
- Executive – talked about Community Engagement position, which reports to the Commission on progress but not for supervision
- Water Volume Reduction – no report
- Phosphorus Reduction – no report
- Chloride Reduction – no report
- Green Tier – meets next week to finalize annual report
- Clean Lakes Alliance – Magnuson presentation on climate change at Yahara Lakes 101 was excellent.
- Each member outreach – no reports
- Chair’s Report – Updike, Power and Melissa Malott met with Marcia Hartwig and Jones on the community engagement program and position

Set February 13 Meeting Agenda
• 2014 meeting calendar
• Slow-no-wake ordinance
• Approval of aquatic plant management plans
• Community engagement coordinator

Adjourn
West/Corrigan moved to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

---submitted by Sue Jones