

**WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP LAKE & LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION
AUGUST 13, 2005 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Windemere Township Lake & Landowners third general membership meeting of 2005 convened on August 13 at Camp Miller. Chuck Erickson, president, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The minutes of the last general membership meeting of July 9, 2005 were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept them. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Janette Muller reported we have \$3786.89 in the check book. A motion was made and seconded we accept this report. Motion passed.

Membership report: Janette reported we now have 212 members.

Adopt-A-Highway program: Shirley Arnold reported we have thus far done two of the three required summer pick ups. The final pick up will be after labor day.

Brush Days: Dennis Huddleston reported that since today is the second Saturday of the month, the Windemere gravel pit will be staffed from 10am – 1pm by lake association volunteers to guide the dumping of brush/leaves by property owners. A discussion ensued concerning the devastating storm of last Tuesday that ripped up numerous trees in the township. The township board of supervisors gave its approval to us extending the hours and allowing residents to drop off large branches and tree trunks – no stumps – if we supervised. Following discussion, a member volunteered to staff the pit from 1-4pm today and another member volunteered to staff the pit tomorrow, Sunday, from 10am-1pm. It was also agreed to open the drop-off site the following Saturday, August 20, from 10am-1pm to facilitate further clean up by property owners. Members were requested to pass the word to neighbors that could use this service.

Unfinished Business:

- Eurasian Watermilfoil: The minutes of the July 9 meeting recounted that Chip Welling suggested that Sand Lake should be rechecked the end of July. Chuck sent Chip an email, asking for the DNR to recheck and also requested the DNR take a swing around the lake to check for spread, pointing out where boaters had reported sightings. In a response, DNR reported that they checked the public landing on 11 August and found no milfoil – they were silent on checking the rest of the lake, i.e., they didn't, as their DNR responsibility is simply for the public access and lake water exceeding a distance of 150 feet from shore.
- Eurasian Watermilfoil Signage at Sand Lake: There are already three separate signs posted. Our Board of Directors decided at the July 16 Board meeting that this was adequate notice. Closed Item.
- Speeding on West Frontage Road: Chuck visited with the Pine County Engineer. They will not lower the 55 mph speed limit. Speeding is a sheriff department issue.
- Sturgeon Lake Sewer Status: The city council reported at its July meeting that the city still has not received funding. Open issue to monitor.
- Lowering of Sturgeon Lake: Discussed at the July 12 Town Board meeting. One attendee wants it lowered; another does not. Board advised public to gather a petition if they want it lowered; if one is presented, then the board will invite the DNR to discuss.

New Business:

- Lakeshore TV Program: As an informational item, KSTC Channel 45 has a program every Saturday at noon that should be of interest to lakeshore property owners.
- Shoreland Restoration Grants: As an informational item, the MN DNR has grant money for landowners who agree to establish a shoreline buffer on 75% of their shoreland, including a strip at least 25 feet wide. They must agree to maintain the buffer strip for at least 10 years. DNR will pay for 75% of the cost; grant applications due to DNR Regional Fisheries offices by September 16, 2005.
- Bio Solids Application to Windemere farmland: July 26 Arrowhead Leader reported that the Windemere Town Board gave approval. A signed petition against was presented at the August 4 Town Board meeting. Town Board has issued a moratorium against application, pending a public hearing in September. Watch for hearing notice.
- Golf Course Fertilizer: A member asked what kind of fertilizer was being used on the golf course, in light of present concern over phosphorus runoff into the lake. Noone at the meeting could respond; the member was advised that the Board would look into the issue. Open Item.
- Election of Board Members: The attached slate of candidates to serve on the Board was placed into nomination. A motion was made to elect the candidates, the motion was seconded and the motion passed. There were no nominations from the floor or volunteers from the floor. Nominations were closed.

Program: Paula West, Executive Director, Minnesota Lakes Association, was the guest speaker. Paula discussed the purpose and role of MLA, updated the status of the forthcoming merger with the MN Rivers Council to form the MN Waters Association and responded to questions from the audience concerning water-related issues.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS AUGUST 27 AT CAMP MILLER AT 9am.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Time of adjournment was 10:25am.

Minutes prepared by Chuck

1 Attachment – List of Board member nominees

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP LAKE & LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

August 13, 2005

1. Current Board members whose terms do **NOT** expire until 2006 – Are **NOT** up for reelection; Names are provided for information only:

Shirley Arnold, Island Lake
Steve Kozak, Sand Lake
Don Niss, Sturgeon Lake
Sandy Schumann, Sturgeon Lake
David Stark, Island Lake
Arnie Tuomi, Sand Lake

2. Board members whose terms expire in August, 2005 and who volunteer to remain on the Board, subject to general membership vote of approval:

Ron Birkholz, Passenger Lake
Pauline Dee, Sand Lake
Chuck Erickson, Island Lake
Dennis Huddleston, Sturgeon Lake
Tom Landsberger, Sturgeon Lake
Janette Muller, Sand Lake

NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Ask for a motion to elect those members listed in paragraph 2 above to membership on the Board of the Windemere Township Lake and Landowners Association, to serve for a period of two years. Year one will be service with the current members listed in paragraph 1 above.

Summary

The above provides a total of 12 Board members representing as follows:

Sturgeon Lake, 4
Sand Lake, 4
Island Lake, 3
Passenger, Rush, Johnson Lakes, 1

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

We would like to have at least two additional Board members – Any nominations/volunteers?