

# Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes

## Saturday, August 13, 2016 Hope Lutheran Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by chair Pauline Dee at 9:05am.
- II. The acting Secretary, Terry Peterson, called the roll. Present: Ron Hansen, Clair Strandlie, Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Richard Menke, Rita Menke, Janette Muller, Dennis Huddleston, Tom Landsberger, Terry Peterson, Excused: Chip Wells and Laurie Patrick.
- III. The minutes of the July 11, 2016, general meeting posted on the website and were distributed. Upon motion by Clair Strandlie the minutes were approved a written.
- IV. The treasurer reported a balance of \$47,885.96 (general fund \$18530.38, milfoil fund \$25941.19, water quality \$3182.23, and education fund \$330.00) A motion to approve the report was made by Ron Hansen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nelson: APPROVED
- V. Membership: Total of 207. Sand Lake: 73, Island Lake: 28, Sturgeon L.: 97, Other lakes: 9.
- VI. Committee Reports:

A. Lakes: Dennis Huddleston, Sturgeon Lake, reported water clarity is down from 18' to 12' as expected for this time of year. Water level high and is 5.9 inches above the May 2016 reading. Ron Hanson, Island Lake, reported serious flooding (~2') following the July 11<sup>th</sup> downpour. A meeting of concerned citizens and government officials took place at the outflow culverts shortly after the flood to discuss removing a tree that was impeding flow and to open a channel to reduce lake level. Permission to remove tree was granted and this increased outflow by approximately 50%. Despite the increase in flow it has taken a month to lower the lake level. A plan moving forward to have an engineering firm evaluate the lake level issue and propose a solution. Implementing a solution would require a 25%-dollar match. Per Jerry Blazevic a proposal to remove the culverts which become blocked with sediment is being considered but there is still the issue of the county road and freeway according to Ron. Jerry Blazevic, Sand Lake, reports Sand Lake rose 20.4" due to July downpour. This is 4" higher than it rose in 2012. It has receded 15". Continuing to check treatment effectiveness for milfoil. Pauline reported the milfoil was sprayed with Triclopyr in early July but it was not effective. As the company hired to do the spraying, Lake Management, guarantees their work, a second spraying with 2, 4-D was done in August. Sand and Sturgeon Lake residents are encouraged to check for effectiveness. Spraying fees were \$23941.80 for Sturgeon Lake and \$5992.00 for Sands Lake. Pine County granted \$22640 for milfoil control and a DNR grant of \$3300 will also be coming. Therefore, the Association will need to fund approximately \$5000 of the costs.

B. Dennis Huddleston reported the township pit is open 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month for brush deposits. The Township has had it open at other time for dumping due to numerous storms.

C. Rita Menke reported roadside cleanup is delayed due to County not mowing. When ditches are mowed cleanup will begin.

D. Laurie will publish a newsletter this fall. People that have articles to suggest should contact her at 651-336-1024, [lpatick@mmm.com](mailto:lpatick@mmm.com)

- VII. Old Business

A. Pauline reported association T-shirts with new name and logo are available and more can be ordered. Cost is \$10.00.

B. Pauline reported the Island Lake Sewer Survey conducted by the sewer district received a 67% response rate. Those favoring city sewer were 39; against 80; and undecided 18. District considering seeking grants.

#### VIII. New Business

A. Election of Board members: Jerry Blazevic, Ron Hanson, Dennis Huddleston, Laurie Patrick, and Chip Wells terms are expiring. All have agreed to continue to serve. All were unanimously re-elected. Patricia Stasson of Sand Lake and Paula Gramling of Island Lake expressed interest in serving. On motions by Mary Nelson and Clair Strandlie, respectively, both were unanimously elected for a 2-year term.

B. Other: 1. The Board of Director will meet on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am, at Moose Lake City Hall (entry thru the library).

2. Suggestions for speakers at next summer's general meeting are welcome. Contact Pauline at (218) 485-8578.

IX. Motion to adjourn by Sue O'Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dona Macaulay. Approved

Program: Rich Rezanka, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, MN DNR

Submitted by Terry Peterson, acting Secretary, August 13, 2016.