

Windemere Township Lake & Landowners Association
May 7, 2011

Board Meeting

The meeting was held at Michy and Chip Well's home at 9 AM. Those present were: Barb, Chip, Pauline, Dennis, Steve, Tom, Janette, David, Ron Hansen, Jerry and Laurie.

Because I neglected to read the minutes of the August 28, 2010 board meeting, I am enclosing a copy of them for you to read.

Janette reported that we have \$14,581.10 in the General Fund, \$12,992.00 in the Milfoil Fund, \$247.23 in the Water Quality Fund and \$245.00 in the Memorial Fund.

Janette reported we have 126 members as of May 7. So far, Sand Lake has 54, Sturgeon Lake has 32, Island Lake has 21 and the other small lakes have 3.

OLD BUSINESS

Plaques honoring their years on our board were sent to Chuck Erickson, Ron Birkholz and Arnie Tuomi. Greg Carlson planned and ordered these.

Sam Martin wants the water testing equipment he loaned us returned to him. Greg tested Sand, Ron H. tested Island and Harlan Schroeder tested Sturgeon. Sandy delivered the water to the lab in Duluth. This was done throughout the summer of 2008. We were in on an MPCA grant called Water Quality Assessment of Lakes and Streams in Pine County area. What we tested for was Chlorophyll a and Total Phosphorous. Greg will collect the equipment from Ron and Harlan and return it to Sam Martin at Sandstone.

NEW BUSINESS

Arnie Tuomi died in early spring. A card was sent to his family from the board.

Greg, who reads and reports lake level on Sand Lake, shared a packet of info on this with the board members. This data is accumulated by the MN DNR Division of Ecological & Water Resources. Graphs of lake levels for the last 10 years for Island and Sturgeon and Sand Lakes were included in the packet.

Our association was invited to attend a meeting in Mora in March of the PICKM group. This stands for Pine..Isanti..Chisago..Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties. The topic was the Impact of Lake BMPs (best management practices) on Fish Population and New Research. Ron Hansen attended for our group. It was led by Paul Radonski from the DNR who has done research on this.

Chip will check w/Hope Lutheran Church as to our reservations for our three general meetings..June 11, July 9 and August 13. We pay the church \$75.00 each time we meet.

Because our General Fund is quite large, a discussion was held on the amount of our dues. Some board members feel \$25.00 is too high, Some feel that if dues were cut, we would have more members and some board members were against lowering the dues. A suggestion was made by Jerry that he, as a member of the association...not as a board member..make a motion to lower the dues at perhaps the August general meeting . The membership could then discuss it. The membership voted in the \$25.00 dues in 2008 . Janette will make a list for all to view at one of our general meetings showing what we use our General Fund \$\$ for. We also must remember that if needed, that \$\$ can be moved to our milfoil fund. We never know in the spring what the summer will bring as to milfoil and possible treatment of it and if a grant will be available to us.

Some time ago, Ron H got a call from a concerned citizen about a pile of a product Sappi paper mill had delivered to a homeowner for use as a fertilizer. It had been dumped just above the ditch across the road from Island Lake. The concern was that it had been there quite a while and the rains, etc. may be washing it down the road. Ron is checking into this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brush ...Dennis...Brush pile started in April-October. 3rd Sat of each month..10:00 -1:00
Road Pick-up...Shirley,,same as before

Membership..Tom & Nancy, Janette and Dennis..Label production has not been solutioned yet.

Education..David..The Fresh Water Fair is May 19 at the Pine County Fairgrounds.This is a part of the Fresh Water Ecology program we sponsor for the Moose Lake 5th graders. Lakes..Steve and Pauline..Grant info has not been released yet. Rich Rezanka will survey the lakes just before the 1st general meeting on June 11. He thought that because of the heavy snow and late spring, the plants may be slow this year. We discussed the fact that 20 or so Sand Lake residents had their lakeshore sprayed last summer even though there was next to no milfoil found on Sand Lake last spring. If a property owner does not belong to our association and therefore gets no information on the status of the lake, how can they know what to do? Laurie suggested perhaps a refrigerator magnet with phone numbers to call for help answering their questions would be a helpful tool. Laurie is looking into this.

Legal Liaison...Chuck Erickson...no news

Newsletter..Sandy, Janette, Shirley, Barb and Greg...Two newsletters were sent out to our members this winter/spring.

Project..Chairman needed..Greg and Ron G...No projects as of now.

Next meeting...June 11...Hope Lutheran Church..9:00

July 9

August 13

Board meeting August 20...location to be announced later.

Minutes by Pauline