Minutes of the September 24, 2011 Board Meeting

Windemere Township Lake and Landowners Asso.

Those present were: Pauline Dee, Janette Muller, Sandy Schumann, Ron Hansen, Greg Carlson, Barb Krig, Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic and Laurie Patrick.

Pres. Krig opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes of the last general meeting, August 13, 2011. Ron Hansen reported that in the Lakes report, the sentence “Most of the properties were using some shore land buffers” is not true. He noted that on the pontoon ride around Island Lake with Sam Martin and Chip Wells, Ron noticed areas of bank movement and that there were many areas needing a buffer zone on their lakeshore. However, he also reported that several new lots have been developed leaving most of the existing vegetation. Motion to accept minutes by Chip and seconded by Ron. Passed.

Janette handed out the financial report. Motion to accept by Sandy and seconded. Passed.

Pauline reported that The Chub Lake Asso. wants to join with us and investigate the idea of planting the native weevil that eats Eurasian Watermilfoil into Chub Lake and into Sand and Sturgeon Lakes also. The first step, and it is an investigative step, is to have a person from EnviroScience in Stow, Ohio come here and scope out the 3 lakes and answer our long list of questions. Marti from EnviroScience would come here October 13, 2011 and scope out the lakes and then meet with us and the Chub Lake Asso. and tell us what we want to know. The cost is $630.00 and that will be divided by Chub paying 1/3 and we paying 2/3. Motion made by Greg to join in this dual venture with Chub Asso, bring Marti here on Oct. 13 and hear what he has to say. Chip seconded the motion. Passed 8 yes to 1 no. A motion was made by Janette to pay EnviroScience $420.00 out of our Milfoil Fund. Seconded by Chip. Passed. We will need a pontoon on Sand and also on Sturgeon.

Committee reports:

Brush: Brush days end on 3rd Saturday in October. Or is it Nov?

Road Pick-up: Last pick up has now been done for this year.

Lakes: Besides the weevil news above, Pauline reported that milfoil in Sand Lake has gone crazy. Steve Kozak, Jerry Blazevic and Jay Schramm surveyed the lake 2 weeks ago and found many heavy beds of milfoil... mostly on the north end, in front of the golf course, on the south end and on the Sunken Island (near the free way) and lesser growth areas elsewhere. We no doubt will need to treat off-shore and on-shore next year.

Old Business

At our August 13, 2011 general meeting, it was brought up that we decrease our dues of $25.00 a year. A motion was made to refer this subject to the board. In our discussion of this today, Ron Hansen produced a brochure from the Cross Lake-Snake River Association. Along with it being an outstanding
brochure for a lake association, it had an interesting method of amount of dues paid by members. Since the dues cannot be changed until 2013 due to announcing one month and then voting the next month, etc. we decided to pass the brochure on to our Project chairman, Greg Carlson, and see what he and a committee he chooses can find out about our doing a similar brochure as a new and exciting marketing item and an interesting way to deal with dues. Janette made a motion that the project comm..study the brochure until May board meeting and come up with a recommendation for the June 2012 general meeting. Sandy seconded. Passed

New Business

Election of officers: The 5 spots on the Exec Board are, president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and membership. Laurie made a motion and Sandy seconded it to keep the 5 as they are. Passed

Meeting dates for 2012: general meetings: June 9, July 14 and August 11

Board meetings: May 19 and August 25

Speakers: After discussion, a motion was made to try for Exotics in June, Fisheries in July and the Audubon Center in August. Seconded by Sandy. Passed. Two alternates were chosen: Tony Loury and Bill Hilty from MN state government. Barb Krig made a motion and Laurie seconded it to have John Sheehy, the Pine County assessor, as an alternate but that vote did not pass.

Chip is going to talk with Sam Martin about the necessity of doing ongoing water quality testing of our three lakes.

Chip is writing a letter to the Windemere Township Board informing them of our loss of $6319.45 due to our grant application dying due to the state shut down. We are asking if they can reimburse us out of their Environmental Fund.

Our by-laws are being studied by Chip and he is putting them on his computer so they will be user-friendly. He will be working on these, via computer, with Laurie over the winter so they will be ready for the board to review at our May board meeting. They will then be discussed at the June general meeting and voted on by the membership at the July general meeting.

Chip suggests we have a web site. This idea met with our approval and will be discussed at our May 2012 board meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry and seconded by Jerry. Passed. Minutes by Pauline