

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2013 BOARD MEETING

WINDEMERE LAKE AND LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Chip called the meeting to order at 9 AM. Pauline took roll call. Those present were: Jerry, Ron H, Dennis, Chip, Shirley, Barb, Laurie, Pauline, and Janette.

The minutes of the last board meeting, August 25, 2012, were read. Two corrections were made: Strike part of the sentence..."and also the minutes of the May 19, 2012 board meeting and the June 9, 2012 board meeting". Also, in the 4th paragraph, change Lonnie Thomas Pine County Hydrologist to area DNR Hydrologist.

Janette handed out the treasurer's report for Sept. 2012 to Dec. 2012. She also handed out the 2013 treasurer's report up to date..5/3/13. Our checkbook balance is \$28199.41. Our Milfoil fund is at \$18115.55. The Water Quality Fund is at \$1227.23. The Memorial Fund is at \$245.00. The General Fund is at \$8611.63. A motion was made to amend the 2012 treasurer's report to show the transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Milfoil Fund. Motion passed.

Janette reported that our membership is at 115. Island Lake..18, Sand Lake...48, Sturgeon Lake...40 and the other small lakes...4. A thank you card will be sent to all those contributing over \$100.00. Ron Hansen suggested the membership sign-up sheets have a few lines at the bottom for comments. It was also suggested we leave the date off of the membership sheet. Janette uses a different colored sheet each year so she knows which year she is dealing with.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a.Lakes...Pauline reported that we have received permits to treat 18 acres of EWM in Sturgeon Lake and 15 acres of EWM in Sand Lake...if needed. Rich Rezanka will survey the lakes in June before the June general meeting. After this survey and also checking the Sept. 2012 survey of Sand Lake done by Jerry Blazevic and Jeff Puhl, Rich will know better how much we need treated. We also have contracted with Lake Management to do this treatment using Tricoplyr. The cost of this chemical is \$566.00 an acre this year. In mid-March we sent a letter to all members of our association and also to 25 property owners who are not members but we know needed treatment...they were all on Sand Lake...telling of their options if they found EWM growing at their lakeshore. From this letter, 12 from Sturgeon Lake signed up for treatment and 16 on Sand also did.They will be treated by Lake Management when the off-shore waters are done. We now have a board member on each lake "watching over" their lake. They are, Jerry on Sand, Dennis on Sturgeon, Ron H on Island and Laurie taking care of the small lakes in our association. They will report on their lakes at the general meetings. We have been notified that we will receive grants this year for Sand and Sturgeon. The grants are \$100.00 per treated acre.

b.Brush..Dennis will once again be in charge of the brush collection at the quarry by the airport. It is as before..third Saturday, May through October...10:00 to 1:00.

c. Education... Barb reported she has contacted the 5th grade teachers in Moose Lake School and they do not need any books. This program is run by the Pokegama Lake Association and the culmination of the study is a Fresh Water Fair held each year at Pine County Fair Grounds. However, once again, they have changed the date from early May to late May and this conflicts with the Track and Field Day at the school,...therefore our fifth grades cannot attend.

d. Membership...see above.

e. Road Pick-up... Shirley will once again be in charge of this program. Collected trash is to be placed at the stop sign on the corner of Blomskog Cemetary where the county picks it up.

e. Newsletter... Pauline thinks we do not need 2 newsletters a year. A motion was made and seconded to only have a spring newsletter. Motion passed.

f. Projects... Greg was not present to discuss the brochure. We will continue with plans for it as we think it would be an excellent tool to get news of our association around.

g. Website... Chip continues to add information of our association to the web site.

VI. Old Business

PICKM... Barb attended the PICKM dinner meeting. She thinks it is a worthwhile group to be a part of. It seems that a lot of DNR dollars are going into training people to be checkers of boats coming and going in public landing areas.

VII. New Business

a. Dues... A discussion was held about changing our dues from \$25.00 to \$20.00. Barb made a motion to leave the dues as is and Shirley seconded it. Motion passed. Then Jerry made a motion and Dennis seconded it to reduce the dues to \$20.00. Motion failed. This recommendation by the board will now go to the June general meeting for a vote.

b. Bylaws... Discussion was held as to changing the bylaws to allow non-property owners to be members of this association. The reason for this change is as cabins change hands in a family, the original owner may still be a member and all of the children with an interest in the property also may be members. Dennis made a motion and Jerry seconded it that not less than 60% of the total membership be owners of property in Windemere Township or owners of lakeshore on Sand Lake located in Moose Lake Township. Motion passed.

c. 501(c) (3)... After discussion, Ron H. made a motion and Jerry seconded it that we not change our status to 501(c) (3). Motion passed.

d. Increasing our visibility in the community... We will have an article in the newspaper a few times this summer. Chip will write the first one. Barb and Janette will follow later. Being in the July 4th parade did not get much support as organizing the lake boat parades also did not. Having logo apparel was not popular either.

e. Board Members...We need more!...especially on Sturgeon. We should do a walk-a-round every other year. We will try for July this year. Boat tours for board members was a plus. We will try to do this this year.

f. Chip will facilitate the August meeting "What's on your mind?"

g. Grant opportunities from Sam Martin...We will invite Sam to our July meeting to discuss grants for buffers, stabilization of banks, etc.

VIII...Adjournment...12:00 noon.