

*Meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Chair Chip Wells

*Chip introduced Gregg Hetznecker to the board. Gregg is filling the Island Lake position left open when Shirley LaFond had to retire due to illness.

*Roll was called. Those present were Pauline Dee, Ron Hansen, Dennis Huddleston, Tom Landsberger, Janette Muller, Laurie Patrick, Chip Wells, Tara Prachar and Gregg Hetznecker. Terry Petersom was also present.

*The minutes of the August 23, 2014 Board meeting were read by members. A motion was made by Tara and seconded by Janette to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Janette Muller presented the treasurer's report.

In the General Fund, we have \$13,284.51....in the Milfoil Fund, we have \$14,864.19.....in the Water Quality Fund, we have \$1,047.23 and in the Memorial Fund , we have \$295.00. This brings our checkbook balance to \$29,490.93. A motion was made and seconded by Tom Landsberger and Rom Hansen to accept this report. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chip Wells reported that as part of our Spring Membership Drive, letters and membership forms have been sent out to our 2013 and 2014 members. An extra membership form was also sent to be passed on to a neighbor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAKES: Sturgeon...Dennis Huddleston reported there was significant damage to certain shorelines of the lake from ice dams. As with the other lakes in our association, the water is very low this spring and there is no out-flow from Sturgeon, Sand or Island. Dennis will once again ride along with Rich Rezanka as he surveys the lake in June.

Island...Ron Hansen and his Outlet Committee have been meeting and in March sent a letter to the Pine County Hydrologist, Heidi Lindgren, requesting help with the issue of the old and time damaged outlet culverts on the west side of the lake. They are waiting to hear from her.

Sand....Jerry Blazevic will once again ride along with Rich Rezanka as he surveys the lake in June.

A discussion was held about sending out for bids for the EWM treatment process. According to the state, a group is not required to do this if they are receiving less than \$500.00 in grant money from the state. We will be receiving \$4000.00 therefore are not required to get bids. However, the majority of the board decided it is a good business practice. Chip will send out letters to 10 companies asking for their costs to do this job.

BRUSH: Dennis will once again man the brush and leaf drop-off site at the airport quarry. 3rd Saturday...May through October...10am-!pm. Dennis always needs volunteers.

ROAD PICK UP: Chip asked for a person to take over this committee job but no luck. He will bring it up at our first general meeting and if no response, we will cancel this committee.

NEWSLETTER: The Spring newsletter was recently mailed only to find a mistake on the meeting dates. The correction is..the first general meeting is JUNE 13 , not June 3 as printed. A correction post card is being mailed out to members.

WEBSITE: Chip has shortened the name of our website to make it easier to handle.

OLD BUSINESS

PICKM: We decided to let this group slide. The meetings are usually a distance away, in the evening and so we will become more of an inactive member.

STAR GAZETTE ARTICLES: We have tried to have a short article or two about the lake association in the newspaper during the summer months. Janette offered to write one in June-July.

CERTIFICATES: We have had a certificate designed to be presented to board members who have been on the board for 5 years or more and need to resign for one reason or another..usually poor health. The first of these will be presented to Shirley LaFond at our June 13 general meeting.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: At the first general meeting, June 13, Chip will ask for a vote from the membership to accept Terry Peterson(Sturgeon Lake) as a new board member at that meeting instead of waiting until the August general meeting which is our annual meeting.

PARADE ENTRY FOURTH OF JULY: We will have an entry in the parade on July 4th. Dennis will pull his boat hopefully loaded with lake association members to throw candy and maybe bobbers to the crowd.

BANNERS; The board agreed to buy 2 long vinyl banners made by Valley Printing to be used on the sides of the boat in the parade and also passed around this summer to board and lake asso.members to have along the sides of their pontoons, boats, boat houses.

MERCHANT DONATIONS; Jerry Blazevic , who was going to look into this was absent so no report.

2015 PINE COUNTY AIS PLAN: From the money Pine County was given by the state for the education and prevention of Invasive Species, our lake association was given \$25,000 . We will use this money this summer to treat the on and off shore waters of Sand and Sturgeon lakes. Rich Rezanka, DNR, will determine, by taking a survey of the lakes, where the EWM is located, on and off shore. There will be no cost to the landowner. In other words, we will be treating the whole lakes. Lakeshore owners will have a chance to turn down the treatment of their lakeshore by responding by June 1st to this association by e-mail, US Mail or telephone. We applied for a waiver, so signatures are not necessary to obtain.

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REVIEW OF THE BY LAWS : No review seemed necessary.

DNT HANDOUTS: At the general meetings this summer, a large amount of Invasive Species hand outs will be available to help educate us all on what to watch for.

SET ANNUAL DUES FOR 2016: A motion was made and seconded by Tom Landsberger and Laurie Patrick to leave the dues as they are...\$25.00 a year. Motion passed.

INVENTORY OF PRIVATE BOAT LANDINGS: Kelly Schroeder, the coordinator of the Pine County AIS program has requested to be notified of how many of these there are in our association of lakes because these private landings should also have invasive species warning signs . Laurie and Dennis are working on coming up with a number so we can get and install these signs.

ADJOURNMENT