

Minutes of the Windemere Township Lake & Landowners General Meeting

July 14, 2012

Chair Barb Krig opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes of the June 9, 2012 General Meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

The treasurer reported we have a total of \$29,031.84 in the check book. Of that, \$17,527.06 is in the General Fund, \$10,647.55 is in the Milfoil Fund, \$612 is in the Water Quality Fund and \$245 is in the Memorial Fund. We have a bill from Lake Management for \$9724.25 for the off-shore spraying of EWM on Sturgeon and Sand Lakes .Jerry Blazevic made a motion we pay this bill and Shirley LaFond seconded it. Motion passed..

Membership: As of this day, we have 150 members. Sand...62, Sturgeon...55, Island...30 and 3 from the small lakes. All members of the association were urged to visit their neighbors and gather new memberships. People were to take membership sheets and personally talk to folks.

Committee Reports

Education...no report

Brush...Help is always needed

Road Pick-up...Help is always needed

Project...We are still considering the Cross Lake brochure as a possible tool for our association

Lakes...The off-shore waters of both Sand and Sturgeon Lakes were sprayed for EWM In late June. Sand had 2.85 acres sprayed and Sturgeon had 17.2 acres. On the last weekend of June, NoSwimming signs appeared at the Sand and Island public landings. Apparently these were placed there as a precautionary measure due to the flooding of the whole area. Finally, before the 4th of July, the MN Health Dept out of Duluth said they never did test the waters of Sand, Island, Sturgeon and Coffee lakes nor did they intend to test .

Questions came up about the high waters and the placing of No Wake signs. Apparently it is the job of the sheriff to do this and according to Robin Cole, sheriff of Pine County, he has no more signs and no money to purchase signs. These floats are often the target of vandalism. Roger Hugill, our speaker, suggested we, as an association, get permission to do this ourselves. They would go in and out of the water according to a set number on the water level gauges which are placed in the lakes by someone in authority . We will look into this.

Old Business

As we mentioned at our June meeting, the membership would vote to accept the revised bylaws at this meeting. Jerry Blazevic moved and Tom Landsberger seconded to accept the revised bylaws . Motion passed.

Dues..At the June meeting, chair Barb Krig called for a vote to leave the dues at \$25 or lower them. She admitted she was in error. This was not the time to vote on this.

New Business

Ernie Muller made a motion and Greg Carlson seconded it to take \$1000 from our General Fund and give it to the Moose Lake Flood Relief Fund. As of July 9, the fund was at \$40,000 and Thrivent had given \$7500. Three churches, Holy Angels, Hope and Covenant are managing this fund. The motion passed.

An association member saw some of the horses belonging to the farm across the freeway by Sand Lake, grazing on the strip of grass along Sand Lake, which belongs to the owner of the horses. This was looked into and Roger Hugill, our speaker, told us of a state law that says cattle, horses, any animals are allowed to graze in a pasture by a waterway..even going into the water to drink. If ,however, the animals turn the pasture into a muddy field, destroying the vegetation, it then becomes a feedlot and at this time the animals are no longer allowed there.

Program

Roger Hugill gave his usual interesting talk about what the Fisheries Dept. is doing on our three large lakes. He then gave us another pep talk on lakescaping and the benefits of it.

Adjournment

Minutes by Pauline