

Minutes of the Windemere Lake & Landowners Asso.  
General Meeting July 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Erickson at 9 AM  
The minutes of the June 13, 2009 were read and approved.

Janette Muller gave the treasurer's report. We have \$17, 261.28 in the checkbook.  
Of that amount, \$7047.73 is in the milfoil fund and \$10, 213.55 is in the general fund.

Janette also gave a membership report. We now have 156 members. Janette broke them down into lake numbers: Sand has 85; Island has 27; Sturgeon has 38 and there are 6 from Passenger Lake, Johnson Lake and Rush Lake..

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brush:..Dennis Huddleston reminded us that brush day is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month..through October. He needs help in August and October. Call him at 372-3005 or at 651-704-9606 if you can help.

Road Pick-up: Shirley LaFond reminded us that we pick up 3 times a year..After Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day. She asked that we all pick up as we take walks.

Education: We are still awaiting the bill for the school buses to the Fresh Water Fair last May.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sturgeon Lake EWM: We have applied for an EDRR grant to treat the 5.29 acres of EWM on Sturgeon Lake and have been notified we will receive one. We have solicited 2 bids for treatment and the bid went to Lake Management from Marine on St. Croix. The EWM is offshore and will be treated with Tricoplyr at a cost of about \$2900 Our grant is for \$3000.00. We look for the treatment to happen the week of July 20. *ACTUALLY TREATED AUGUST 3RD*

Sand Lake EWM. So far we have not found more EWM on Sand Lake except the very small area on the Sand Lake Road side.

Beavers: Scott Staples, the Carlton County Conservation Officer, spoke of the beaver dam in the outlet creek of Sand Lake. He informed us it is illegal to tear out a dam and this has happened a number of times this spring as it has most every spring. With him came Patti Fowler the Carlton County Hydrologist. She spoke on the level of Sand Lake and how it rises and falls a small amount each year depending on rainfall and heat. John Hanson wrapped -up both discussions by saying it is all up to Mother Nature and we can't do much about it.

Island Lake: Ron Hansen reported on a meeting he, Tom Landsberger and David Stark attended with Steve Heiskary of the MPCA. Island is close to a troublesome stage of phosphorous after our lake sampling last summer. We decided we will form a task force to gather information and do a walk-a-round on Island Lake to inform and educate homeowners of a pending problem.

Sewer: Chuck will again speak to the town of Sturgeon Lake about any interest they may have to help get sewer around the lake.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Bluegill Kill: On the first very warm weekend of the summer, hundreds of dead bluegills were washed up on Sand Lake and also many on Island Lake. We were told by the Fisheries Dept. that bluegills have a bacteria called columnaris bacteria and

when the fish are spawning and making nests they get stressed out. If the water temperature should suddenly become warmer, many will die.

Sturgeon Lake Walk-a-Round: A walk -a-round is being planned for Sturgeon Lake in the next few weeks. The packets are ready to go and walkers are being rounded up.

**SPEAKER**

Julie Olson, a Wetlands Conservation officer for Pine County, was our speaker. She told interesting and startling facts about the water in our country. Her power point presentation was eye opening.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Minutes by Pauline Dee