

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes

Saturday July 8, 2017 Hope Lutheran Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pauline Dee at 9:03 AM.
- II. Dustie Speldrich, DNR Conservation Officer for northern Pine County spoke to the group about the use of water balloons during the boat parade on Island Lake on July 2nd. Hundreds of water balloons were left in the lake and are considered litter. Next year the parade will be observed by law enforcement and citations will be issued to those individuals throwing water balloons.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Richard Menke, Rita Menke, Janette Muller, Ron Hansen, Clair Strandlie, Dennis Huddleston, Pat Stasson, Paula Gramling, David Yost, Laurie Patrick & Barb Krig. Excused: Terry Peterson. Absent: Ron Goettsch & Tara Prachar
- IV. The minutes of the June 10, 2017 general meeting were posted on the website and were distributed. A motion was made by Clair Strandlie and seconded by Pat Stasson to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Janette Muller reported a balance of \$54,793 (general fund \$22,458, milfoil fund \$25,490, water quality \$4710 and education fund \$330). A motion was made by Jim Ash and seconded by Ron Hansen to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VI. Pat Stasson reported for Terry Peterson. We have a total of 210 members (Sturgeon 75, Sand 72, Island 56 and smaller lakes 7).
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Sturgeon-Dennis reported a recent secchi reading of 20 feet. Dave Yost who takes water level readings reported that the lake was down almost 2 inches since May 19th. Rich Rezanka with Dennis surveyed the lake on June 20th. Our permit for EWM will be for 34 acres this year. Sand-Jerry reported that Rich found less milfoil during his survey compared to last year. Our permit will be for a little less than 6 acres. The water level has dropped 5 inches. Island-Ron reported a nine-foot secchi reading and a normal water level for this time of year. No progress on the culvert issue. Small Lakes-Laurie reported on a pan fish survey and water quality testing on Passenger Lake. Pauline commented on the misuse of weed killing chemicals in our lakes. The misuse of these chemicals kill invasive species but also beneficial native plants.
 - b. Dennis Huddleston reported that he could use some volunteers to monitor the brush pile which is open 10 to 1 the third Saturday of each month between April and October.
 - c. Richard & Rita Menke suggested that road pickup be delayed until after the ditches are mowed.
 - d. Laurie requested input on what members would like to see in the newsletter.
 - e. The website is up to date.

VII. Old Business

- a. Pauline reported that she would be taking orders for tee shirts at this meeting. This will be the last time to order this year.
- b. Chip reviewed the three suggested changes to the bylaws that were presented at the June meeting. Mark Behrends moved and Clair Strandlie seconded a motion to approve the changes. APPROVED

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- c. Chip reported that there are three AIS Early Detectors each on Sand and Island Lakes, four on Sturgeon and one on Passenger. We still need another detector on one of the smaller lakes.

VIII. New Business

- a. Board member from Island Lake, Paula Gramling presented a draft letter to be used by Island Lake property owners to encourage a resolution to the culvert issue. Sending a letter to Minnesota elected officials was discussed at a recent Windemere Township meeting.
- b. Pauline mentioned that there will be an election at the August meeting of board members. She encouraged members to consider serving on the board.

IX. Adjournment

Mark Behrends motioned to adjourn and seconded by Doug Hultberg. APPROVED

Program: Leslie George, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor

Chip Wells, Secretary

July 9, 2017