Minutes of the Windemere Lake & Landowners Asso.
General Meeting  June 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Vice President Barbara Krig. The minutes of the May 16, 2009 board meeting were read and accepted. Janette Muller gave the Treasurer’s report. We have $16,763.11 in the checkbook. Of that amount, $9845.38 is in the Milfoil Fund leaving $6917.73 in the General Fund. The membership report was given. We have 138 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Brush Days: Dennis Huddleston reported that all is going well and he thanked the volunteers who assist and requested more volunteers.

Road Pick-up: Shirley Arnold thanked everyone for helping clean up the roads. The first pick-up of the summer was done after Memorial Day and the 2nd is due after July 4th.

Education: The Fresh Water Fair was held in May at Pine City. The Moose Lake 5th graders attended and our association paid for the buses.

Get the Lead Out: Barb Burkhart is in charge of this program. She handed out material sent to us by the DNR. She will continue to do this and collect lead tackle at each general meeting this summer after which she will dispose of it for us at a proper location.

NEW BUSINESS

Sand Lake outlet creek/Beavers: The beavers are again building a dam in the creek and someone is tearing it down to make the water flow and lower the water in Sand Lake. According to Scott Staples, the Carlton County Conservation Officer, this is illegal as is shooting the beavers and also trapping w/o a perm. is illegal. Scott will attend our next meeting to advise and answer questions about this on-going problem.

SPEAKER

Rich Rezanka, the DNR Invasive Species Specialist for our region, was our speaker. His power-point presentation gave a review of milfoil and its spread throughout MN. He also gave an update on Sand and Sturgeon Lakes. He had surveyed the lakes on June 7 and on Sand could only find a very small spot of milfoil. However, the Sturgeon Lake milfoil patch had expanded from it’s 2008 size of 1 acre to 5 acres now. He presented us with grant availability. There is a new grant called EDRR or Early Detection Rapid Response which he said is perfect for Sturgeon at this time. During the question period following his presentation a motion was made by Mary Nelson and seconded and passed. The motion is that this association apply for this EDRR grant, hire a company to treat the milfoil on Sturgeon and use money from the milfoil fund if necessary. Rich R. also suggested that Sand Lake property owners who had contracted to have treatment on their shoreline, put it on hold as he saw no milfoil in the lake to speak of. He will survey again at the end of June. 30 people had signed up for treatment of their shoreline.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Hansen reported on the water quality numbers Island Lake got from last summer water sampling. He will be setting up a meeting with Steve Heiskary, DNR, who can explain to us what the high levels of phosphorus found in Island Lake mean to the health of Island Lake. We hope to have a report at the July general meeting on this.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Minutes by Janette.