I The first general meeting of 2015 was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 AM

II. Pauline Dee called roll. Those present were Jerry Blazevic, Barb Krig, Dennis Huddleston, Gregg Hetznecker, Tom Landsberger, Janette Muller, Laurie Patrick, Tara Prachar, Chip Wells and Pauline Dee.

III. Claire Strandlie made a motion and Tara Prachar seconded it to approve the minutes of our last general meeting, August 9, 2014. Motion passed.

IV. Janette Muller reported on finances. In our General Fund, we have $14,811.53. In the Milfoil Fund, we have $17,010.19. In the Water Quality Fund, we have $1,452.23 and in the Memorial Fund, we have $295.00. Our total checkbook balance is $33,568.95.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lakes:
   
   We asked for and received $25,000 from Pine County to help us with the total lake treating of Sand and Sturgeon lakes for EWM. We also applied for a waiver to help us with obtaining the permission of lakeshore property owners to treat their lakeshore.

   Dennis Huddleston reported on Sturgeon Lake. He has found a considerable amount of EWM near the public access and also on the north side of Sturgeon Island. He will ride with DNR Rich Rezanka as he surveys the lake.

   Chip Wells reported for Ron Hansen on Island Lake. The letter, chart and pictures Ron sent to Heidi Lindgren, the state hydrologist, have been received by her and she is aware of the problem.

   Jerry Blasevic reported on Sand Lake. The lake has risen 6 inches with spring rains. Jerry monitors the lake level for the DNR. He will be riding with DNR Rich Rezanka as he surveys the lake for invasive species.

   Laurie Patrick reported on Passenger Lake and says all is well there.

b. Brush:

   Dennis Huddleston mans the brush pile in the airport quarry on the 3rd Saturday of each month from May thru October. 10:00 to 1:00. He would like some help with this job.

c. Membership:

   Chip Wells reported that as of mid-week we have 159 members. Island 26, Sand 70, Sturgeon 55 and small lakes 8.

d. Road Pick up:
Chip Wells asked for someone to take over this committee. We have been picking up 8 ½ miles of roads for a number of years. No one offered. We will check again at the July meeting.

e. Newsletter:

Our spring newsletter went out to members in April.

f. Website:

Chip Wells keeps this up to date and urged folks to check-it-out. The website address is www.minnesotawaters.org/windemerelakes

VI. Old Business ..no old business

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review of By Laws....do not need review at this time.
b. Dues: The dues will remain the same for this year.....$25.00
c. Board Members: Instead of waiting for the August general meeting to vote in a new board member as it states in our by laws, Chair Chip Wells suggested we do it now as Terry Peterson has decided to join our board. Dennis Huddleston made a motion and Barb Krig seconded it to vote Terry in now. Motion passed.
d. 2015 Pine County AIS Plan...Our lake association asked for and received funds from Pine County to use for treating the whole of Sand Lake and Sturgeon Lake. We also applied for a waiver to help us with lakeshore property owners permission to treat their shoreline if EWM is found there. So, where ever the DNR survey finds EWM, it will be treated..onshore and offshore.
e. Other...In our continuing drive for memberships, the board decided to purchase two banners to display on pontoons, etc. advertising the lake association.

We will also have a float in the Moose Lake 4th of July parade.

VIII. Adjournment

Tara Prachar moved and Tom Landsberger seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed.

Program: The Moose Lake Fire Chief, Jim Michalski, told about the volunteer fire department we have here. Many questions were asked of him by the membership.