

Minutes from the June 14, 2008 General Meeting of the Windemere Lake & Landowners Association

The meeting was called to order by President Chuck Erickson.

The minutes of the May 17, 2008 board meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed we have \$7949.21 in the checkbook and \$6748.10 in the Sand Lake Milfoil Fund. The milfoil fund can only be used to treat the off-shore Eurasian Watermilfoil. The treasurer's report was approved.

Membership reported we now have 185 members 17 of which are new members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**BRUSH:** Dennis Huddleston asked for volunteers with the brush project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, May through October, Windemere residents can bring their leaves and brush to the gravel pit by the airport. The hours are 10:00 – 1:00. Brush will be collected to be burned in the winter and the leaves will be composted. If you can help, call Dennis at 372-3005.

**ADOPT-A-HIWAY:** Your association picks up 8 ½ miles of roadways around the lakes 3 times a year...after Memorial Day, after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July...and after Labor Day. Shirley Arnold is in charge of this project. If you can help, call Shirley at 372-4209.

**NEWSLETTER:** Sandy Schumann is in charge of the semi-annual newsletters you receive as members.

**EDUCATION & GET THE LEAD OUT:** Your association sponsors a Fresh Water Ecology project for the Moose Lake fifth graders. We purchase their books and also pay the bus fare for a trip to the Fresh Water Fair held in Pine City each May.

This year we are having a Get the Lead Out campaign . We are hopefully educating you to turn in your lead tackle because of its danger to wildlife. Because the lead is a hazardous material, it must be disposed of properly. Barb Burkhard of our membership has offered to collect and dispose of it for us. Pauline Dee is in charge of these projects.

**DNR INTERFACE** Steve Kozak is our interface with the DNR.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL:**Because of our late spring and start of summer, the spraying of the milfoil is delayed. Nothing has happened yet ..even the milfoil isn't showing. This year the DNR has said if you are using state money for the off-shore treatment 2,4-D can not be used. We have applied for a grant to the DNR for funds to treat the off-shore waters but have not heard anything yet. The maximum grant the DNR allows for the treatment of nuisance aquatic plants is \$5000.00. If it is discovered we have a lot of off-shore water to treat and we do not get a grant, we will need to spend our Sand Lake Milfoil Fund money..if we have enough..for the treatment. The price of chemicals has increased greatly this year. Your association board has authority to spend \$500.00 without membership approval. Because we do not have another general meeting until July12, a motion was made by Tom Landsberger and seconded by Doug Hultberg to allow the

board to spend more than the \$500.00. The motion was voted on by the membership and passed.

In the article in the Arrowhead Leader on the milfoil problem, the wrong information was given to them. It was stated that the EPA will begin study of 2,4-D in the year 2010. We retracted that date.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Eurasian Watermilfoil was discovered growing near the public access in Sturgeon Lake. The 1<sup>st</sup> step will probably be to hire a company to do an aquatic study of the lake. However, our speaker for the morning, Roger Hugill from DNR Fisheries, spoke of his group doing the very thing.

**PROGRAM:** Roger Hugill from DNR Fisheries spoke for 1 hour about the 3 lakes. how and when they are stocked, catch and release rules, size of fish you are allowed to keep, netting of fish for counting and more.

Meeting adjourned about 11:00.

Minutes by Pauline