Minutes of the Windemere Lake & Landowners June 14, 2014 General Meeting

I. Chair called meeting to order at 9:08.

II. Roll was called. Those present were Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Ron Goettsch, Ron Hansen, Barb Krig, Dennis Huddleston, Shirley LaFond, Tom Landsberger, Janette Muller, Laurie Patrick, Chip Wells and Tara Prachar.

III. The minutes of the last general meeting, August 10, 2013 had been sent electronically to those members whose e-mail addresses we have and copies were also on the tables at today's meeting. By doing this before each general meeting, the Chair made a recommendation that we could dispense with the reading of the minutes at every meeting. A motion was made and seconded by Clair Strandlie that we deal with minutes in this way. Motion passed

IV. Treasurer's report: As of 6/12/14, the General Fund has $10,662.03, the Milfoil Fund has $19,071.19, the Water Quality Fund has $366.73 and the Memorial Fund has $245.00. This brings the total checkbook balance to $30,344.95. A motion was made by Tom Landsberger to accept this report and was seconded by Barb Krig. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lakes: Jerry Blazevic reported on Sand Lake. The lakes have not yet been surveyed by Rich Rezanka from the DNR. We expect it may be done the week of June 16. Jerry will ride along with Rich on the survey. Jerry now has the lake level stick placed at his waterfront. He will monitor the water level on it and report on it to the proper authority. Since May 20, the lake has gone down 9.6 inches however it is still very high and is flowing out the outlet creek.

Dennis Huddleston reported on Sturgeon Lake which will be surveyed along with Sand. Water there is also high as it is in all the lakes. He also will accompany Rich Rezanka on the survey of Sturgeon.

Ron Hansen reported on Island Lake where we have no milfoil but an algae problem at certain times of the summer. Ron told how we have hired A.W. Research out of Brainerd to fly over the lake and photograph the lake shore trying to see hot spots where nutrients are coming into the lake. Also last winter, Ron and Sam Martin who is with the Soil and Water Division of Pine county, drilled through the ice to the bottom in the north and south ends and brought water up to be tested. There is also a problem on this lake with the out flow culverts. Ron asked for help from Island Lake people to form a group to deal with the situation. He reported that the lake is down 11”.

Laurie Patrick reported on the small lakes in our association. These lakes are under 100 acres, do not have a public landing and are mostly private. Laurie hopes that if a homeowner on any of these lakes sees a problem, they will call her for help.

Brush: Dennis Huddleston asked for help in manning the airport quarry some of the remaining Saturdays between now and October. If you can help call him at 651-900-9085.
Education: Barb Krig reported that the 5th grade Fresh Water program we have funded for many years is ending. The main event of the program is a Fresh Water Fair at Pine City hosted by the Pokegama Lake Assn., and the date has been changed making it impossible for the Moose Lake fifth graders to attend.

Membership: Tara Prachar reported that as of June 13 we have 115 members. Sturgeon has 37, Sand has 31, Island has 20 and our small lakes have 6.

Road Pick-up: Shirley LaFond reported we pick up 8 ½ miles of roads around our lakes. We pick up 3 times a summer after each holiday. Some folks have a designated road to pick up and many others pick up trash as they are out walking. Thanks to all. However, those who have a designated roadway should remember to call Shirley when you have completed each of your pick-ups. Then Shirley can notify Pine County to pick up the bags that have been deposited at the stop sign by Blomskog Cemetery.

Website: Chip Wells keeps our website up to date but for some time now, has not been able to update information. This is due to Conservation MN who hosts many lake association websites and is in the process of a change over within their organization. It is expected to be up and running smoothly by mid July.

NEW BUSINESS: Walk-a-Round: Our membership and contribution walk-a-round will probably be finishing up by the end of June. When finished, we will have walked to about 1000 residences. Our thanks to all who helped in this huge effort. Hopefully we will see a major number of new members and some help in paying our spraying bill for the milfoil invasive plant.

By Laws: At this time there is no need to change the bylaws. Also there will be no dues change at this time. The dues will remain at $25.00 a year.

Adjournment: Ron Hansen moved we adjourn and Dennis Huddleston seconded it. Motion passed. Adjournment was at 11:15 A.M.

Program: Meredith Keller from Conservation MN was our speaker.