

## MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

### WINDEMERE TOWNSHIP LAKE & LANDOWNERS ASSO.

I. Chair Chip Wells called the meeting to order at 9 AM.

II. Roll was called: Those present were: Janette Muller, Shirley LaFond, Laurie Patrick, Pauline Dee, Ron Hansen, Ron Goettsch, Dennis Huddleston, Tom Landsberger, and Chip Wells.

III. The minutes of the August 11, 2012 general meeting were read and approved.

IV. The treasurer's report showed we have \$29,301.31 in the checkbook. Of that, \$18,945.55 is in the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) fund, \$1,257.23 is in the Water Quality fund, \$245.00 is in the Memorial fund and \$8853.53 is in the General fund. Treasurer Janette Muller announced that the Sturgeon-Rush Association has once again given us \$500.00 for help with EWM.

### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Lakes: Sturgeon Lake... Dennis Huddleston reported that Sturgeon has been permitted to have 18 acres of EWM sprayed by Lake Management, Inc. if needed.

Island Lake... Ron Hansen reported on the study we had done last fall by A.W. Research on the lake level and its connection with the large algae blooms that occur there during the summer. More work will be done with this problem. Ron also brought up the culvert problem at the outflow of the lake. This growing problem will again be addressed this year as it was in 2001 and in 2012.

Passenger, Rush, Johnson, Lake 11 and Lake 12... Laurie Patrick reported these are lakes with no public access, therefore, the DNR does not get involved with them.

Sand Lake... Pauline Dee reported Sand has been permitted for 15 acres of EWM to be sprayed by Lake Management, Inc. if needed. The weather is too cold, as is the water, for EWM to begin to grow so it cannot be surveyed yet. Perhaps in 2 weeks or so this will happen and the acreage will be determined. This survey is on the off-shore or outer waters..150 feet out from shore. The cost for the spraying this year is \$566.00 an acre. We will receive grant money from the state at \$100.00 an acre to help with the cost. Rich Rezanka, the DNR invasive species specialist for our area will do the survey and inform us of the findings. The lakeshore properties where property owners have indicated a need for spraying their shoreline will hopefully be sprayed at the same time the outer waters will be done. The cost for lakeshore spraying is up to the property owner.

The Fisheries department reported that the biggest issue in 2012 was a population study of Sand Lake. They found that the smaller Northerns are overabundant and a slot rule may be applied in Sand as it was in Sturgeon Lake. People are asked to harvest small Northerns. Also there is a low population of Perch which is the primary food for Walleyes. Walleyes are at lo-normal

amounts for a lake of this type. In 2011 it was decided to stock Walleye fingerlings every fall in Sand Lake. The pan fish and bass population is good.

b.Brush...Dennis Huddleston is again manning the brush drop-off quarry. He asked for volunteers to help. His phone number is 1-651-900-9085.

c.Education...Barb Krig was absent but it was noted that we must check with the Pokegama Association as to the date of their Fresh Water Fair. Barb's phone number is 1-218-485-8862.

d. Membership...Janette Muller reported as of June 6, 2013, we have 131 members. Island Lake has 19, Sand Lake has 57. Sturgeon Lake has 51 and the smaller lakes have 4 members. Janette's phone number is 485- 8048.

e. Road Pick-up...Shirley LaFond reported the first of our 3 annual road pick-ups of our 8 ½ miles of road has been done. Shirley's phone number is 372-4209. Pauline Dee requested help around Sand Lake. Pauline's phone number is 485-8578.

f.Newsletter...Sandy Schumann was absent but it was reported we are considering going to 1 newsletter a year, instead of 2. A show of hands showed nearly everyone at the meeting does read the newsletter. Sandy's phone number is 1-218-390-1141.

g.Web Site...Chip Wells encouraged everyone to look at our website every now and then. The link is [www.minnesotawaters/group/windemere](http://www.minnesotawaters/group/windemere).

## VI.NEW BUSINESS

a.Dues...The board has been discussing a dues change..from \$25.00 down to \$20.00. A motion was made by Shirley LaFond and seconded by Ernie Muller to leave the dues at \$25.00. After a discussion, a vote was taken. Motion passed. The dues will stay at \$25.00 a year.

b.By-Laws..A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Laurie Patrick to accept a revision of Article II of the by-laws as indicated on the handout. Motion passed. Also the word "unit", where ever found in the by-laws, will now be changed to "member".

c. Board members...Chip Wells encouraged people to become board members. Chip's phone number is 485-8254.

d.Conservation Partners Legacy Grants...There are grants now available from the Legacy Grant to help people with shoreline native plantings, rain gardens, shoreline stabilization and gully erosion. This grant is good for 2013 and 2014. To apply for a grant for one or more of these situations, call Sam Martin, Pine County SWCD by June 15. Sam's phone number is 320-216-4242.

Minutes by Pauline Dee

