

## Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday September 16, 2017 Moose Lake Community Center

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pauline Dee at 9: 03 AM.
- II. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Richard Menke, Rita Menke, Mark Dunaski, Patty Stasson, Dennis Huddleston, Terry Peterson, Ron Hansen, Laurie Patrick, Tara Prachar, Barb Krig, Vern Anderson, Bruce Jacoby & Clair Strandlie. Excused: Paula Gramling & Dave Yost. Absent: Ron Goettsch.
- III. The minutes of the May 6, 2017 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Tara and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Janette reported a balance of \$55278 (general fund \$22263, milfoil fund \$27830, water quality \$4855 and education fund \$330). A motion was made by Ron and seconded by Tara to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- V. Membership Chair Terry reported 245 paid members (64 Island, 84 Sand, 87 Sturgeon & 10 smaller lakes). The spring mailing to all Island Lake property owners who are not members resulted in doubling the membership. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Tara to do a recruitment mailing to all nonmember property owners on Sand in the spring. APPROVED. Terry was asked to determine the number of property owners on each lake so we can learn what percentage of them are members. It was moved by Barb and seconded by Bruce to form a membership subcommittee to develop additional ideas to increase membership. APPROVED Vern and Barb will meet to develop recommendations on increasing membership and report at the May 2018 board meeting.
- VI. Committee Reports:
  - a. Ron reported for Island Lake. Both he and Pauline have talked to state representative Mike Sundin. The township has submitted a grant request to the DNR for funding to replace the culverts. The DNR will decide by November 22, 2017. Dennis reported that the representatives from the township, DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers recently examined the shoreline on Sturgeon. Many violations were noted. Jerry reported that the lake level on Sand has dropped six inches since spring. Laurie reported nothing new on the smaller lakes.
  - b. Dennis reported that the brush pile was open today and will be open on October 21 for the last time this year.
  - c. Richard & Rita reported that the roads were looking good. They will try for one more pickup this fall.
  - d. It was agreed that Laurie would do both a fall and spring newsletter. Ryan Clark will be asked by Laurie to do an article on lakeshore issues. A draft of the newsletter will be provided to the executive committee for comment prior to printing.
  - e. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Tara to switch the sponsorship of our website from Conservation MN to MN Lakes & Rivers. Chip will make the change and inform the board of the new website address.

### VII. Old Business

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a. Clair reported that he had a discussion with a CPA in Duluth about our IRS status. He was told we were fine as we are.

b. Chip reported we have 11 AIS early detectors (Sturgeon-4, Island-3, Sand-3 and Passenger-1). He will be collecting reports from each detector and provide a summary report to Pine County. Chip suggested that we apply for funding from Pine County to offer additional AIS training for those detectors who so desired. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Mark to authorize Chip to submit a funding request for the advanced AIS training. APPROVED

c. Because of switching the sponsorship of the website we will not renew our membership with Conservation MN.

d. It was agreed to have walkers during the July Forth parade. They will hand out information. We will ask for volunteers at the June general meeting.

e. Terry brought up the issue of director liability. We will discuss this issue at the board meeting in May 2018.

### X. New Business

a. Discussion of forming a grant committee was postponed until the next board meeting.

b. Providing notebooks to board members was discussed. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Vern that board members be provided notebooks. APPROVED. Chip will have them ready for the spring 2018 board meeting.

c. Discussion occurred about encouraging our members that are eligible to vote in the township election in March. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Mark that an article be placed in the fall newsletter encouraging our eligible members to vote and to describe the process for obtaining an absentee ballot. APPROVED

d. It was agreed that next year the board will meet on May 5 and September 15 from 9 to 11 in the Moose Lake Community Center. The general meetings will continue to be held on the second Saturday of June, July and August (6/9, 7/14 & 8/11) from 9 to 11 at Hope Lutheran. Dennis will investigate the possibility of moving the general meetings to a location in Windemere Township in 2019.

e. Considerable discussion occurred about the presenters at the 2018 general meetings. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Pat that the

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association would send letters to DNR Officer Dustie Speldrich and the Windemere Township supervisors inviting them to address our members at the start of the meetings. APPROVED. It was moved by Chip and seconded by Terry that the June speaker would be Ryan Clark, July Tony Lourey and Mike Sundin and August Jeff Forester. APPROVED

f. It was moved by Tara and seconded by Vern that Pauline, Dennis, Chip and Terry retain their positions and that Pat assume the position of Treasurer. APPROVED. The Chair appointed Rita to the position of assistant Treasurer.

### XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Ron and seconded by Vern to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/19/2017