

## Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday May 5, 2018 Hope Lutheran Church Social Hall

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pauline Dee at 9: 01AM.
- 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, Vern Anderson, Ron Goettsch, Paula Gramling, Dave Yost & Clair Strandlie. Excused: Barb Krig. Absent: Bruce Jacoby. Guest: Phil White
- III. The minutes of the September 16, 2017 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Jerry to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Patty reported a balance of \$62553 (general fund \$25938, milfoil fund \$30305, water quality \$5980 and education fund \$330). A motion was made by Tara and seconded by Ron to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- V. Membership Chair Terry reported 293 renewal notices were sent. Approximately 35% of the lakeshore owners of the three big lakes are members. The spring mailing to all Sand Lake property owners who are not members resulted in sending out 164 membership forms with a copy of the Spring newsletter. About 175 owners have paid dues for 2018. The total cost of the mailing to 457 people this spring was \$ 814.
- VI. Committee Reports:
  - a. Ron reported for Island Lake. Our legislative representatives are sponsoring a bill for \$100000 in bonding to replace the Island Lake outlet culvert. Windemere Township has approved \$30000 for the project. The DNR application for funding submitted last fall was not approved. The lake level is about 6 inches above normal. Dennis reported that there was no ice jacking this year on Sturgeon. Jerry reported that the lake level on Sand is high. Laurie reported nothing new on the smaller lakes. On Passenger she will be continuing a second year of water quality testing with the state.
  - b. Dennis stated that the brush pile will open the third Saturday of each month through October. He needs volunteers to monitor the event.
  - c. Richard & Rita reported that they will do a road pick up around Memorial Day.
  - d. It was agreed that we will continue to use color on the first page of the newsletter. Members that have suggestions for articles should contact Laurie.
  - e. Sponsorship of our website was switched from Conservation MN to MN Lakes and Rivers last fall.

### VII. Old Business

- a. Chip reported that we received a small grant from Pine County AIS to fund AIS training for six of our members. Five people will complete by early June.
- b. There was much discussion about revising the brochure. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Mark to have Laurie gather information on

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printing costs. There was also discussion about printing business cards with information about the association that could be handed out by board members. A Marketing committee was formed to be chaired by Tara. The business cards will be printed, and the committee will develop recommendations for the printing of the brochure.

c. On the subject of director liability Chip explained that our articles of incorporation state that directors will not be held liable and state statutes also protect directors that are volunteers. There was a consensus that we should not take any other action on this subject.

d. We will participate in the Moose Lake Fourth of July Parade. Dennis will use his boat. He and Laurie will purchase candy. Chip will obtain the permit and order four new banners that have our new web address. We will not have walkers. It was also agreed that we will be in the Willow River parade on July 27<sup>th</sup>. We will need walkers to hand out candy and will ask for volunteers at the June and July general meetings.

e. The new board member notebooks were presented and discussed. It was agreed that individual members will be responsible for keeping the contents up to date.

f. A committee to increase membership was formed by Vern. Barb did not respond to a meeting notice, so Vern asked Terry and Mark to participate. The committee recommends that we work with businesses in the township to distribute our brochures and have a closer working relationship with the township. We need to have signs about our association at the public landings with a box to hold our brochures. Corporate sponsors should be sought out. A Facebook page should be created. A summer youth educational event should be provided once a summer at one of the public accesses. Finally, the meetings of the association should be held in the township. Vern will investigate possible venues.

g. There was discussion about having more board meetings due to the amount of business that needs to be accomplished. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Vern to have a board meeting at 8 AM before the general membership meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup>. It would be preferable to have a location in the church separate from the social hall for the meeting. APPROVED

### X. New Business

a. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Dennis to join the Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. APPROVED

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b. Phil White the assistant township zoning administrator was present and asked for our support for a fall clean up day for people to bring trash and recyclables to a central location. There was a consensus to support this effort.

c. The agenda included several tasks for which board members could take responsibility. No one volunteered to write articles for the newspaper, seek grants, clean up after ice fishing, coordinate the AIS detector program or order tee shirts. These tasks will be presented to the June general meeting to seek volunteers. Boat rides for Pine County and the St Croix River Association will be provided by Jerry(Sand), Paula(Island) and Dennis(Sturgeon). Paula will consider being responsible for the website. Vern volunteered to be a liaison to the township and county.

d. There was no time for a review of the bylaws Some members commented that the board had too many members.

e. It was moved by Chip and seconded by Tara to set the membership dues at \$25 for 2019. Approved

XI. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 5/7/2018