

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday June 9, 2018 Hope Lutheran Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pauline Dee at 9:03AM.
- II. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Richard Menke, Rita Menke, Vern Anderson, Ron Hansen, Clair Strandlie, Dennis Huddleston, Terry Peterson, Pat Stasson, Paula Gramling, David Yost, Laurie Patrick, Tara Prachar, Bruce Jacoby & Barb Krig. Excused: Mark Dunaski.
- III. The minutes of the August 12, 2017 general meeting were posted on the website and were distributed. A motion was made by Mark Behrends and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Dustie Speldrich DNR Conservation Officer for the northern third of Pine County Spoke briefly about the trash left on the lakes from ice fishing. She also addressed the issue of water balloons used during the Fourth of July boat parade on Island Lake. Leaving the water balloons in the lake is considered littering. Rob Haberman the DNR Water Enforcement Officer for area plans on speaking at another meeting. To reach Dustie call her at (218) 232-2697.
- V. Pauline announced that John Hanson a long-time member with a cabin on Sand passed away in May. His family will be providing \$1000 to our association to be used to increase membership.
- VI. Treasurer Pat Stasson reported a balance of \$62915 (general fund \$25005, milfoil fund \$31190, water quality \$6390 and education/memorial fund \$330). A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Mark to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VII. Terry Peterson reported on membership. We have a total of 196 members. Additional memberships were received during the meeting. 293 renewal notices were sent out this Spring. 164 non-members on Sand lake were invited to join. The renewal notices and additional Sand Lake mailing included the Spring 2018 newsletter. An Island Lake non-member mailing was conducted last year and resulted in 37 new members. The membership committee will be working with area businesses to join our association and distribute information about us. The committee will also place signs and provide information at the public landings. A youth educational event is being designed for next summer and the group is investigating a mass mailing to all Windemere residents.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Pauline stated that both Sturgeon and Sand Lakes will be treated with 2-4-D this summer. The onshore areas will be included. Property owners that do not wish their onshore areas treated should contact Pauline or Chip. Sand-Jerry reported that the lake level has dropped 2.5" since May. He noted that the DNR has excellent historical information on their website about lake levels. Sturgeon-Dennis noted that the ice went out May 4th and there was no ice jacking on the shore. A recent secchi reading of 22' was reported. Dennis also commented on the need to repair the black top at the public landing. Island- Ron Hansen reported that the water level was down by 4" from the Spring high. The ice went out May 2nd. State bonding money to replace the Island Lake outlet culvert was not included in the final bonding bill passed recently. Small Lakes-Laurie reported on a pan fish survey and water quality testing on Passenger Lake. Bruce Jacoby reported a fish kill over the winter on Passenger and the discovery of Chinese Mystery snails in the lake.

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- b. Marketing: Tara reported that new brochures will be printed shortly. Four new banners with our new website address have been ordered. She will also create a Facebook page for the association
- c. Dennis Huddleston reported that he could use volunteers to monitor the brush pile. The hours are 10 to 1 on the third Saturday of each month. He reported that there was some good leaf compost and woodchips available.
- d. Richard & Rita Menke reported that they had completed the first trash pickup and are planning on two more pickups this year.
- e. Laurie reported that she would like ideas about what to include in the newsletter.
- f. The website is up to date.

VII. Old Business

Cindy Carlson a member of the Windemere Township Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee spoke about the yearlong process by the advisory committee to write a new plan. There will be a meeting on Saturday June 23 at 9:30 AM at Camp Miller to discuss the plan before it is formally submitted to the township supervisors. All property owners in the township are encouraged to attend the June 23rd meeting

VIII. New Business

- a. Pauline noted that some of the board members felt that the board had too many members and that the board was recommending changes to the bylaws as follows:

Proposed Article III Bylaws Changes

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall have a minimum of ~~ten (10)~~ *eleven (11) and a maximum of thirteen (13) Directors. (The current board members will remain until he/she resigns or is not reelected.)*

Section 2 ~~Every effort shall be made to insure representation from all the lakes and adjacent areas. Approximately three (3) Directors each will be affiliated with Sturgeon, Sand and Island Lakes and two (2) from the smaller lakes.~~

The membership will vote on the change at the July general meeting.

- b. The board has kept the membership dues for 2019 the same at \$25

IX. Adjournment

Clair motioned to adjourn and seconded by Jerry Blazevic. APPROVED

Program: Ryan Clark, Windemere Zoning Administrator and Phil White Windemere Zoning Compliance.

Chip Wells, Secretary

June 10, 2018