

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday May 4, 2019 Doc's

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Huddleston at 9:00 AM.
- II. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Pauline Dee, Richard Menke, Rita Menke, Patty Stasson, Dennis Huddleston, Terry Peterson, Vern Anderson, Dave Yost, Mark Dunaski, Laurie Patrick. Bruce Jacoby & Clair Strandlie. Excused: Barb Krig. Guests: Dan Benzie & Sherry Lahti.
- III. The minutes of the October 13, 2018 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Mark to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Patty Stasson presented the financial report. The checkbook balance is \$65062 (general fund \$23352, milfoil \$33600, water quality \$6780 and memorial \$1330. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Clair to approve the report. APPROVED
- V. Terry reported that 303 membership renewals were sent out. 157 membership applications were sent to property owners on the smaller lakes. The cost was \$895. It was determined that Tara Prachar has the brochures. Dennis will contact her and get the brochures to Terry. The holders for the brochures have been ordered. When they arrive, the brochures will be distributed. 15 businesses have been identified to be contacted for sponsorship. Businesses sponsorship certificates are being designed. After some discussion the idea of holding a youth event has been dropped.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Pauline reported that Rich Rezanka will survey the lakes later in the season. We will treat the EWM with Tricolpyr this year and may experiment with a new herbicide Procellacor. Sherry Lahti our AIS coordinator discussed a new program that will identify the type of milfoil that is in Sand and Sturgeon and get recommendations on the best method of control. The project is funded by Pine County AIS funds. Board members agreed that the EWM the last two years was not effectively controlled. Jerry reported high water on Sand and that the outlet has running water year-round. Dennis reported for Sturgeon where the water is high. The ice went out April 23rd. Fond du Lac tribal members harvested 176 pounds of fish the night of April 24rd and 25th using gill nets. Chip and Dan Benzie reported on the Island Lake outlet. They and other Island Lake members will be attending the May meeting of Windemere Township to support having the township own the outlet easement and provide maintenance. This item is the last barrier to completion of the project. Laurie and Bill have completed a two-year project with the MPCA to access the water quality of Passenger. Elevated chloride levels were identified. The high levels can be caused by failing septic systems. It was moved by Chip and seconded by Pauline to have Laurie send a letter to Passenger Lake property owners informing them of the MPCA study findings. APPROVED
- b. Dennis reported that the brush pile will again be open on the third Saturday of each month (May to Oct) from 10 AM to 1 PM. The township will post a notice. Dennis is looking for volunteers to staff the activity.
- c. The concept of having business card sized information about the lake association was discussed. It was agreed to drop the idea.
- d. Rich & Rita stated that road pickup will start. They are looking for a volunteer to pick up from Harmony Lane to Military Rd on Lakeland Rd.

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- e. Laurie asked for input on articles for the fall newsletter.
- f. Chip reported nothing new about the website

V. Old Business

- a. There was considerable discussion about the pros and cons of becoming a 501(c) (3) organization. It was decided to table the idea.
- b. Vern reported that the ice fishing cleanup signs have been installed at the public accesses.
- c. The Fourth of July parade participation was discussed. Dennis does not want to use his boat and trailer. He will ask for volunteers at the June General Meeting.
- d. Pauline will continue to post notices in the local newspapers about the general meetings. Chip will email the members and attach an agenda and minutes from the last meeting. It was decided to have attendees sign in at the meetings. Dave will staff this function.
- e. The idea of having someone regularly write articles for the local paper was dropped.

XI. New Business

- a. The review of the bylaws was postponed until a special board meeting at 8 AM on June 8th before the general meeting at Camp Miller. Chip will send out an electronic copy of the bylaws for board members to make changes. Those will be returned to Chip prior to the meeting so he can consolidate the recommended changes.
- b. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Pauline to keep the membership dues at \$25 and business sponsorships at \$100 for 2020. APPROVED
- c. Chip reported on the Pine County COLA meeting that was held on May 3rd. The concept of having Pine County create a no wake ordinance during high water periods was discussed. It was decided to discuss the idea with the members at the June general meeting.

It was moved to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 5/5/2019