

## Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday September 14, 2019 Home of Dennis & Dorie Huddleston

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dennis Huddleston at 9:02 AM.
- II. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Rita Menke, Patty Stasson, Dennis Huddleston, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Mark Dunaski, Bruce Jacoby & Clair Strandlie. Excused: Sherry Lahti. Guest: Bill Yechout
- III. The minutes of the June 8, 2019 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Patty Stasson distributed the financial report. The checkbook balance is \$77967 (general fund \$28110, milfoil \$39886, water quality \$8640 and memorial \$1330. A motion was made by Chip and seconded by Laurie to approve the report. APPROVED
- V. Terry provided a report on membership. There are 291 families (102 Sand, 114 Sturgeon, 53 Island and 22 smaller lakes). The special recruitment to the small lakes yielded few new members. It was moved by Dennis and seconded by Patty to target Sand lake property owners next year. APPROVED It was noted that Doc's and Northern Pine Riders had sent \$1000 to the township to be forwarded to us for EWM treatment. The secretary will send a thank you letter.
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Lakes- Sand-Jerry reported the lake level was up after recent rains and the outlet is flowing again. The treatment of the EWM seems to have mixed results. If Rich Rezanka has time, he may look. Sturgeon-Dennis reported that the secchi reading was down to 14' which is typical for late in the summer. The lake level has dropped 2.04" since May 28<sup>th</sup>. Island- Chip reported a 7' secchi reading which is typical for this time of the year. The new outlet for the lake should be created shortly. The Pine County Soil and Water District will be submitting a grant to fund lakeshore stabilization projects. Rich Rezanka will survey the lake for AIS next week. Smaller Lakes-Laurie stated that Passenger's water level had gone down and she had no information from the other small lakes. Bill Yechout reported before the start of the meeting on the status of the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. The surveys returned by Sturgeon Lake property owners show \$950,000 in damages and that amount continues to get larger. The committee continues to collect information so that a comprehensive report can be created and used to influence decision makers.
  - b. Brush-Dennis reported that he needs volunteers to monitor the brush pile for September and October. Bill Patrick volunteered to assume the responsibility for the brush pile.
  - c. AIS-No report
  - d. Road Pick Up-One more trash pickup needs be done this fall. We still need a volunteer for Harmony to Military Rd on Lakeland Rd.
  - e. Newsletter-Laurie will produce a fall and spring newsletter. Members that have suggestions for articles should contact her. Dan suggested bullet points for our objectives for 2020
  - f. Website-The Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee should send Chip information to post on the website.

### IV. Old Business

- a. Terry reported that the following businesses have become sponsors: Doc's, Sand Lake Resort, Moose Lake Golf Course, Sturgeon/ Rush Owner's Association, Sun Bay Resort & Webber Grace LLC. We will acknowledge the business sponsors in the newsletters and on our website.

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- b. Chip discussed the issue of “no wakes during high water”. We do not know what our members think about the subject. It was agreed that Dan & Chip will create a survey that will be mailed to our membership in the spring membership mailing.

### V. New Business

- a. Dennis has sold his home on Sturgeon Lake and will be moving back to the cities. Chip presented a certificate to him thanking him for serving 17 years on the board. His resignation effective at the end of the meeting provided an opportunity to fill his position on the board with another member from Sturgeon Lake. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Rita to appoint David Yost. APPROVED
- b. Chip distributed updated and additional pages for the board member notebooks. Page updates will be provided regularly in the future.
- c. Dennis discussed committee membership. We have the following committees: Lake Reporters (Jerry Blazevic, Chip Wells, Sturgeon(?) and Laurie Patrick); Road Pickup(Rita Menke, Chair, Rich Menke, Chip Wells & Steve Winchester; Membership(Patty Stasson & Mark Dunaski); AIS(Sherry Lahti, Chair, Jerry Blazevic, Rita/Rich Menke, Paula Gramling, Deb Griffith, Jim Anderson, Rich McNamara, Bruce Jacoby, Mark Behrends, Becky Haass & Denise Barby); Newsletter(Laurie Patrick); Sturgeon High Water(Bill Yechout, Chair, Mark Dunaski, Tom Anderson & Terry Peterson); Logo Wear(Michy Wells)
- d. Review of the bylaws for the spring board meeting was discussed. Board members that have potential changes should send them to Mark. He will coordinate the recommendations for discussion and approval at the spring 2020 board meeting. Chip will send out a couple of reminders during the winter.
- e. 2020 Meeting Dates-It was agreed that the board will meet May 2<sup>nd</sup> & September 12<sup>th</sup> and the general meetings be June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup>. The general meetings will be held at Camp Miller and the board meetings at either the Golf Course, Doc’s, Gamper’s or the Moose Lake Community Center. The Vice Chair will make the arrangements this fall and follow up with each venue prior to the meeting. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Dennis to purchase a projection screen and an audio system with wireless microphones for our general meetings. Bruce will research options and purchase the equipment after consulting with the chair.
- f. It was agreed that the presenters for our 2020 general meetings will be Tim Schwartz, MPCA, John Wesley, Windemere Township Supervisor and a panel presentation by the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. An optional presenter will be Leslie George, DNR Fisheries. The Vice Chair will make the arrangements this fall with follow up before the meetings.
- c. The following board members were elected for a one-year term: Chair, Terry; Vice Chair, Bruce; Secretary, Chip; Treasurer, Dan and Membership, Patty. The secretary will assist the membership chair with completing the membership spreadsheets.
- d. It was moved by Chip and seconded by Terry that the following board members be authorized to sign checks: Terry Peterson, Bruce Jacoby, Franklin Wells, Dan Benzie, Patricia Stasson and Rita Menke. Two signatures are required. APPROVED

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XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Chip and seconded by Dan to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/15/2019

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