

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday August 8, 2020 via Zoom

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Peterson at 9:02 AM.
- II. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Dave Yost, Patty Stasson, Rita Menke & Sherry Lahti. Excused: Clair Strandlie, Bruce Jacoby & Mark Dunaski.
- III. The minutes of the June 13, 2020 board meeting were sent out earlier. Terry requested the addition of the word "have" be inserted in the last sentence under Old Business. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Dave to approve the minutes as amended. APPROVED
- IV. Three items with expenditures have been approved between meetings via email votes: Island Lake Water Quality Study (\$7500), Three "No Wake" buoys (\$1200) & 2020 EWM Treatment (\$31000). There was a consensus that no additional action was necessary beyond the email approval.
- V. Dan's financial report was sent out earlier. The checkbook balance is \$88290 (general fund \$33187, milfoil \$43328, water quality \$10445 and memorial \$1330. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Sherry to approve the report. APPROVED.
- VI. Patty provided a report on membership that was sent out earlier. There are 279 paid families (113 Sand, 96 Sturgeon, 54 Island and 16 smaller lakes). Two months ago, we had 237 members. Both Dan & Patty stated that recruiting members by mail works. As a result of our Sand Lake mailing, we have 26 new members. It was decided that we would recruit Island Lake property owners next year.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported the lake level had been down over 17" from the average high-water mark but after last night's rain it came up 6". Water clarity has dropped from 11' earlier to 9.5'. Some people have cleaned out the outlet creek.
 - ii. Sturgeon-Dave, Sherry & Terry reported. Dave reported that the lake level had dropped 3" from May. The water clarity was 16' down from 19'. Sherry reported that the new buoy placed by her house has been highly effective in slowing down boat traffic. During the Fourth of July it was moved illegally to the southern end of the lake. The sheriff was involved, and it has been returned to its original location. Two of the purchased buoys were found to be defective and will be replaced by the supplier. A large barge is at the public access and will be used by a contractor to build a retaining wall on Sturgeon Island.
 - iii. Island- Chip reported an 11.5' secchi reading in early July and is the best reading he has gotten in five years. At the end of July, it had dropped to 8'. Last night he received over 5" of rain and the lake level has come up. Two DNR conservation officers were patrolling the lake during the Fourth of July boat parade. In past years there have been problems with people throwing water balloons in the lake. The water quality study has been postponed until next year.
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-Laurie stated that she had not heard from the other small lakes. We do not have many members from the other lakes. It was decided that Laurie would write a letter to our members on the smaller lakes that would be included with the 2021 membership form. The letter would encourage them to contact Laurie about their concerns.
 - b. Brush-Laurie reported for Bill that the gate to the gravel pit is always open. This raises the question as to why the lake association needs to staff the area for brush disposal.
 - c. AIS-Sherry reported that Rich had surveyed the Sand & Sturgeon. There is less Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Sand but more in Sturgeon. Lake Management Co (LMC) will be treating both lakes early next week. There was discussion about why the permit issued by Rich had less areas to be treated than indicated on his maps. Patty moved seconded by Sherry to go ahead with the treatment as indicated on the permit. APPROVED. Sherry will discuss the discrepancy with Rich. It was requested that the maps

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generated by Rich in the future be larger, show only those areas where treatment would be effective (not areas where it is too deep) and distributed to all board members.

- d. Road Pick Up-Rita said another pickup will be done in the fall.
- e. Newsletter-Laurie will do another newsletter for the fall. The board was pleased with the summer one.
- f. Website-Terry has received a request by a member on Island Lake to list the sale of his cabin on the website. After discussion it was agreed not to place such information on the website.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mark was not able to attend the meeting and the discussion about changes to the bylaws was postponed until the next meeting.
- b. Dan discussed a study by the University of Minnesota on the damage done by wake boats. Dan reported that about 75% of our members that responded to our spring wake study supported some control over boat wakes. The university study is requesting funding for the study. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Chip to provide \$1000 from the general fund to the study. APPROVED.
- c. MN Lakes & Rivers sent out some information on a Lake Steward program. Laurie will include information about the program in the Fall newsletter.
- d. Terry discussed the recent board member election held via mail. All unopposed members were reelected to another two-year term: Chip, Jerry, Patty & Laurie. The Sturgeon Lake open position was won by Loren Radtke.
- e. A member from Sand Lake requested information of regulation of marinas. Terry determined that the DNR has rules about marinas. The board decided not to take a position on marinas and have Terry inform the member of the regulating organization.
- f. Another member asked Terry about supporting limits on panfish on our lakes. Terry discussed this with DNR fisheries. Laurie will put information in the newsletter about the subject.
- g. Dan asked how members felt about the Zoom meeting and if we were going to continue could the meeting be on a weeknight rather than a weekend? It was decided to continue with Zoom, have the next meeting on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening (7:00-8:30 PM) in the last half of September. Chip will pole members determine the date.
- h. David Yost is retiring from the board. Everyone thanked him for serving.

IX. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 8/10/2020