

# Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 23, 2020 via Zoom

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Terry Peterson at 7:03 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- II. Loren Radtke was welcomed to the board.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Patty Stasson, Clair Strandlie, Mark Dunaski, Loren Radtke & Sherry Lahti. Excused: Rita Menke. Absent: Bruce Jacoby.
- IV. The minutes of the August 8, 2020 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Patty and seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Dan's financial report was sent out earlier. The checkbook balance is \$89166 (general fund \$33153, milfoil \$44008, water quality \$10675 and memorial \$1330. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Laurie to approve the report. APPROVED.
- VI. Patty provided a report on membership. There are 317 paid families (133 Sand, 109 Sturgeon, 59 Island and 16 smaller lakes). It was confirmed that we would recruit Island Lake property owners next year.
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Lakes-
    - i. Sand-Jerry reported the lake level is down 12" from the average high-water mark. Water clarity has dropped to 8'. Beavers are building another dam in the outlet creek. The Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatment appears to have been highly effective.
    - ii. Sturgeon-Mark reported. The lake level had dropped 8" from May but the water level is still high. The water clarity was 13' down from 16'. The township zoning administrator has reported that he has issued twice the number of permits this year compared to last dealing with the high water. He estimates property owners have spent \$750,000 this year and over two million in total since the high-water issue started.
    - iii. Island- Chip reported 3' secchi reading today. It is the lowest reading he has observed in 5 years of monitoring. The lake looks like "pea soup".
    - iv. Smaller Lakes-Laurie stated that the water has been rising on Passenger Lake. Small floating bogs have been observed.
  - b. Brush-Laurie reported for Bill. The brush pile will be monitored one more time in October. There was discussion about the gate always being open and the need to have a monitor. Jerry made a motion seconded by Patty to inform the township that we favored leaving the area open for residents to dispose of branches and yard waste. APPROVED.
  - c. AIS-Sherry reported that the EWM treatment results were mixed. On Sand all areas were treated with ProcellaCor and it was highly effective. On Sturgeon the large areas were treated with 2-4-D. The treatment was effective by the boat landing, but no so in the other areas. There was discussion about using ProcellaCor on all areas in 2021.
  - d. Road Pick Up-Rita sent a note that the road fall pickup has been completed.
  - e. Newsletter-Laurie will do another newsletter for the fall. Loren volunteered to write a short biography to be included.
  - f. Website-Chip reported that he added information about a dock removal company. Sherry requested that the telephone number for her be changed.

## VIII. New Business

- a. Mark reported for the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. The water level is still high and the damage  
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continues. The township has been discussing the issue at their monthly meetings. Response to the problem from Pine County and the Minnesota DNR has been less than positive. Supervisor Heidi Kroening has been discussing the issue with our two state legislators. They will be invited to the January township meeting to discuss what might be done to resolve the problem. The township zoning administrator continues to work with property owners affected by the high water.

- b. Mark discussed potential changes to the bylaws. Chip suggested changes to voting for directors. Mark had other technical changes. Board members that have suggestions should get them to Mark. We will have more discussion and finalize recommendations for the general membership at our Spring board meeting.
- c. Chip stated that logo apparel is now available from Valley Printing. Lake association members can order online at [vplink.xyz/windemere](http://vplink.xyz/windemere) and have the items shipped to them.
- d. Chip informed the members that the association will be 50 years old next June. He encouraged board members to think about how we might celebrate the occasion.
- e. A list of committee members was sent out with the agenda. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Patty to reestablish the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. APPROVED
- f. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Mark to have board meetings on May 1, 2021 and September 11, 2021 and General Meetings on June 12, July 10 and August 14, 2021. APPROVED
- g. Due to COVID-19 and not knowing whether we can have in person meetings it was decided to postpone the discussion of presenters and location of the general meetings. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Clair to have a special board meeting February 24, 2021 at 7PM to discuss meeting locations, presenters and other business of the association. APPROVED
- h. Clair made a motion seconded by Sherry that the officers of the association remain the same for the next year except for the position of vice chair. Loren Radke was nominated for the position of vice chair. APPROVED

### IX. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/25/2020