

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 17, 2021 via Zoom

- I. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Loren Radtke at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- II. There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Patty Stasson, Mark Dunaski, Rita Menke, Loren Radtke & Sherry Lahti. Excused: Bruce Jacoby. Absent: Clair Strandlie
- IV. The minutes of the September 23, 2020 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Mark and seconded by Sherry to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Dan's financial report was sent out earlier. The checkbook balance is \$88619 (general fund \$32606, milfoil \$44008, water quality \$10675 and memorial \$1330. A motion was made by Laurie and seconded by Mark to approve the report. APPROVED. Terry took over as Chair.
- VI. Patty provided a report on 2020 membership. There are 321 paid families (135 Sand, 110 Sturgeon, 60 Island and 16 smaller lakes). It was confirmed that we would recruit Island Lake property owners this year. It was decided to do recruitment of more business sponsors. Dan will work with the Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce in a recruitment effort to Chamber members. Patty will revise the Business Sponsorship form to indicate the year.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported the lake is frozen. The outlook creek is flowing. ProcellaCor was highly effective on the Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). There are many fish houses.
 - ii. Sturgeon-Mark reported that Sturgeon was frozen as well. Significant ice jacking has occurred on the southwest side of the lake. Three-to-four-foot berms have been created. There have not been many fish houses on the lake. With not much precipitation this winter hopefully the water level will down this spring.
 - iii. Island- Dan reported that the outlet is flowing. There are several fish houses on the lake, but fishing has been slow. The township in partnership with the county soil and water district will be repairing Island Lake Road where the large culvert is located.
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-Laurie stated that she has no information to report.
 - b. Brush-Laurie reported for Bill. The pit area has been cleaned up and the brush pile pushed together. Mark reported that the township will be leaving the gate open. Residents will be able to continue to dispose of brush and leaves. It was decided that the lakes association will no longer need to monitor the brush pile.
 - c. AIS-Sherry reported that Pine County has awarded us two grants for EWM treatment this summer. \$35640 is available for Sturgeon and \$8910 for Sand. She has not yet received information about applying for a state grant.
 - d. Road Pick Up-Rita did not have anything to report.
 - e. Newsletter-Laurie will do another newsletter for the Spring. She asked for board members to volunteer to provide a short biography.
 - f. Website-No report
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Mark reported for the Sturgeon Lake High Water Committee. The township has invited both our state legislators to attend a township meeting in March or April to discuss the issue. The township discussed
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hiring a grant writer for \$17000 to write a \$60000 grant to investigate the high water but decided it was not a good idea. It appears that there are no easy fixes for the situation.

- b. Mark stated that he is still working on changes to the bylaws.
- c. Chip reported that the lakes association will be fifty years old this June. There was considerable discussion about writing a history of the lake association and the township. Loren volunteered to work on the idea and Mark will investigate finding a graduate student that might be interested in the project.
- d. There was discussion about the venues for the board and general meetings this summer. It was decided that if all possible the meetings be in person. We will have to wait until later to determine if that will be possible.
- e. The presenters for the general meetings will be determined once we decide if we will have in person general meetings.

IX. New Business

- a. Chip reported that he was going to proceed with the Island Lake Water Quality Study. The board has already approved \$7500 for the study which includes tributary water testing and an analysis and report by WENCK. Chip is hoping that he will be funded by the MPCA to test the in-lake water quality. If not, he requested an additional \$2500 to cover the cost of the in-lake water testing. It was moved by Mark and seconded by Sherry to approve an addition \$2500 for the study. APPROVED
- b. Terry discussed having an association Facebook page. No board members were interested so Terry will seek out a volunteer from our membership.
- c. Making an additional contribution to MN Lakes and Rivers was discussed. It was decided to take no action.

X. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 2/19/2021