

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 1, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom.
- II. There were no changes to the agenda.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic. Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Patty Stasson, Paula Engstrom, Loren Radtke, Dan Benzie, Noah Cashman & Bruce Jacoby. Absent: Clair Strandlie & Bill Yechout.
- IV. The minutes of the September 11, 2021 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Loren to approve the minutes. APPROVED.
- V. The financial report for the year end was distributed earlier. Dan discussed the report. The checkbook balance is \$98586(general fund \$37769, milfoil \$50155, water quality \$9331 and memorial \$1330). A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Noah to approve the report. APPROVED.
- VI. Patty provided a report on membership. There are 328 families (129 Sand, 103 Sturgeon, 81 Island and 15 smaller lakes). We will target property owners on Sturgeon this spring.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported the lake level is down and people are ice fishing. People are concerned about wakes especially near the landing. The sheriff is responsible for enforcement, but deputies are rarely present.
 - ii. Sturgeon-Loren reported that the lake level is down to a normal level. Earlier there was a lot of slush on the lake but that has turned to ice.
 - iii. Island- Dan reported that ice fishing is good. The water quality study has completed sampling and WENCK is reviewing the data.
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-Bruce was not able to report.
 - b. AIS-Loren reported that he is completing state and county grants for 2022 funding. He has discussed the applications with both Rich Rezanka and Caleb Anderson. Lake Management has submitted a proposal for ProcellaCor at \$891 an acre.
Loren has also confirmed the dates, speakers and location for our general meetings and board meetings at the golf club.
 - c. Road Pick Up-No report. Laurie will discuss reporting with Rita Menke.
 - d. Newsletter-Paula has agreed to take over responsibility for the newsletter. We should have the Spring newsletter completed to send out by mid-April.
 - e. Brush-Laurie reported for Bill. The township pit will be open 10 AM to 1PM the third Saturday of the month starting April 16th.
 - f. Website-Chip tried to follow up on having the website separate from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers but he was not successful. There was discussion about showing members at a general meeting on how to navigate the site.
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Dan provided information on Nonprofit Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. The annual cost would be about \$1000. It was moved by Terry and seconded by Laurie that we purchase the insurance. APPROVED
 - b. Chip and Dan discussed establishing a scholarship for high school seniors at Moose Lake and Willow River Schools. It was moved by Chip and seconded by Terry that we fund a \$500 scholarship at each school for 2022. APPROVED

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- c. Chip reported that 500 copies of "Own Your Wake" brochures have been printed. There was considerable discussion about distributing them: mailing them to members, placing them at boat landings, resorts, businesses in town and at the chamber.
 - d. Laurie sent out a revised version of the WTLA brochure a while ago and did not receive many comments. She will send it out again and would like board members to respond by the end of February.
- X. New Business
- a. Dan and Paul Swanson, Manager of the Pine County SWCD announced that the district had received a two-year \$128,000 grant for Island Lake to improve the water quality. Most of the projects will involve shoreline protection. Island Lake property owners will be receiving more information about the grant this Spring.
 - b. Paul also discussed the Pine County One Watershed One Plan. In the past managing public waters was done on a county-by-county basis. Now it will be done by each watershed. Staff from Pine County SWCD will be working on the plans over the next two years with implementation and funding to follow.
 - c. Paula provided an update on the Sand Lake Resort Redevelopment. A meeting was held December 16 that about 100 people attended. The township has granted a permit for the project. Sand Lake property owners are concerned that the three-level building is too big and does not fit in with other buildings on the lake. They are also concerned about the environmental impact and the added traffic on the lake. The DNR is appealing the issuance of the building permit. The Moose Lake Windemere Sanitary Sewer District has not approved the project and some of the property owners have retained a lawyer.
 - d. Chip discussed the requirement for signing checks. With the recent change in officers the authorized signatures need to be changed. Chip moved and Noah seconded that in accordance with the bylaws of the Windemere Township Lakes Association the following are authorized to sign checks: Laurie Patrick, Loren Radtke, Franklin Wells, Daniel Benzie, Patricia Stasson and Rita Menke, Assistant Treasurer. Two signatures are required. APPROVED
 - e. Terry addressed the need to recruit more business sponsors. Patty will work on it.
 - f. Dan requested authorization to continue our membership in the Moose Lake Area Chamber of Commerce and Minnesota Lakes and Rivers. Noah moved and was seconded by Dan. APPROVED
 - g. There was discussion about having another board meeting. It was agreed to have a zoom meeting in early March. Laurie will set the date.
- XI. Adjournment
- It was moved by Chip and seconded by Noah to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 2/2/2022