

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday June 11, 2022 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Terry Peterson at 9:00 AM.
- II. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.
- III. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevec, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Terry Peterson, Clair Strandlie, Bill Yechout & Noah Cashman. Excused: Patty Stasson, Bruce Jacoby, Paula Engstrom & Laurie Patrick
- IV. The minutes of the August 14, 2021 general meeting was posted on the website, sent out earlier and were distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Dan to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Treasurer Dan Benzie went over the financial report that was handed out. He reported a balance of \$102949 (general fund \$40846, milfoil fund \$53620, water quality \$8153 and education/memorial fund \$330). He noted that two new expenses this year were Directors' and Officers' Insurance and two educational scholarships for a Moose Lake and Willow River High School senior. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Janette Muller to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VI. Terry reported for Patty Stasson on membership. 330 membership renewals were sent out to members and an additional 185 were sent to non-members on Sturgeon. As of June 4th, we have 253 back (Sturgeon 102, Sand 83, Island 55 and smaller lakes 14). Last year at this time we had 220. 29 business sponsorships were sent with 5 back (Doc's, Edelweiss, ML Implement, ML Golf Club & Sand Lake Resort. Follow up mailings will go out shortly.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry reported that Sand was 4.5 inches below the ordinary high-water (OHW) mark. A member asked for an update on Sand Lake Resort. Island-Chip reported that the ice went out May 3rd and the DNR placed fish traps shortly thereafter. Water clarity is only 5'5 feet which is low for this time of the year. The lakes association has received a report on the water quality study. 54 % of the phosphorus load is in the lake with 3% from the atmosphere, 18 % from runoff and 25% from the tributaries. The data from the tributaries is suspect due to the lack of flow last summer. As a result, additional sampling of tributaries is being done this summer and a revised report will be produced. Ron Hanson mentioned the issue of shoreline erosion as a contributing factor. Sturgeon-Bill reported that the lake level is 10" above the high-water mark. Due to the high-water level the "No Wake" buoys will be put out. The township has awarded a feasibility study for releasing water from the lake to Houston Engineering. Possible options will be provided by the end of August. Bill also described a beaver dam discovered on the creek flowing to Dago Lake. The water is 3 to 4 feet lower on the downside of the dam. Small Lakes-Bruce no report. A person at the meeting voiced his disappointment that no one was at the meeting to address his concerns about Passenger Lake. He has concerns about fluctuating water levels and a floating bog. He was referred to the DNR hydrologist.
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren reported that he has recently completed the AIS Detector course. A manual used to identify AIS has been posted on the website. The website also contains maps of historical Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) information on Sand and Sturgeon Lakes. Loren announced that he has been successful in

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obtaining both county and state funding for EWM treatment this summer. Members expressed appreciation for his efforts. Terry announced that property owners on Sand and Sturgeon that did not want their onshore area of the lake treated for EWM should contact Loren or Chip.

- c. The brush pile will be open on the third Saturday of the month from 10AM to 1PM.
- d. Rita announced that her crew had completed the first pickup of the season. A picture of the group and the trash collected is posted on the website. The next road pickup will occur in September.
- e. No report on the newsletter.
- f. No report on the website.

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. Terry reported that the board has decided to keep the 2023 dues and sponsorships the same for 2023 at \$25 and \$100.
- b. Chip gave some background on our association participating in the Moose Lake Fourth of July parade and asked for a volunteer to represent us. Noah agreed to be in the parade.
- c. Terry discussed the upcoming board member election in August. Two seats each from Sand and Sturgeon will be open. Jerry would like to continue but Patty will be retiring. Loren would like to continue but Terry will be retiring since he is moving. One seat is open for Island and the smaller lakes. Chip and Laurie would both like to continue.
- d. Chip had some examples of WTLA apparel wear that is available online from Valley Printing <https://vplink.xyz/windemere>
- e. Dan announced that the board had established \$500 scholarships at Moose Lake and Willow River High Schools that were awarded to a graduating senior at each school.

X. Adjournment

Dan moved to adjourn. Seconded by Noah. APPROVED

Speaker: Meg Duhr, Research Outreach Specialist, University of Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

Chip Wells, Secretary

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