

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday July 9, 2022, Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:02 AM.
- II. The chair informed the members that the Windemere Township Planning Commission was holding a public hearing on vacation rentals by owner. The hearing will be at 6:30 PM July 26th at Holy Angels.
- III. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. The agenda was changed to the correct date (June 11, 2022) for the minutes from the last meeting.
- IV. The Secretary recognized the board members. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Terry Peterson, Clair Strandlie, Laurie Patrick, Paula Engstrom, Patty Stasson & Noah Cashman. Excused: Bill Yechout. Absent: Bruce Jacoby.
- V. The minutes of the June 11, 2022, general meeting was posted on the website, sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Terry to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- VI. Treasurer Dan Benzie went over the financial report that was handed out. He reported a balance of \$102,860 (general fund \$41,407, milfoil fund \$54,148, water quality \$6,975 and education/memorial fund \$330). Membership revenue is about \$1300 less than this time last year. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Terry to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VII. Patty Stasson reported on membership. We have a total of 253 (Sturgeon 102, Sand 83, Island 55 and smaller lakes 14). Inputting has not been done recently.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry reported that Sand was 9 inches below the ordinary high-water (OHW) mark and 11 inches lower than the high point this Spring. The beaver is still working in the outlet stream. Residents cleaned out the culvert under Mirror Lake Road. Water clarity is 10.5 feet Island-Chip stated that water clarity has significantly improved this month and was 10.5 feet on July 3rd. The lakes association has received a revised report on the water quality study. 59 % of the phosphorus load is in the lake with 3% from the atmosphere, 6 % from runoff and 32% from the tributaries. Stantec is recommending that the next step would be to collect core samples from the lakebed for a feasibility study for an alum treatment. We have asked about estimated costs and whether working on the input from tributaries and runoff would be more cost effective. The revised report is on the website and members that have questions should contact Chip or Dan. Sturgeon-Loren reported for Bill. The lake level is 6.25 inches above the OHW and the water clarity is 17 feet. Four "no wake" buoys have been placed on the lake. Bill has been working on keeping the outlet clear. 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. Small Lakes-Laurie reported for Bruce. She asked if other small lake members were present and would like to report. On Passenger Laurie stated that she has been working with the DNR on root stalks on the south end of the lake.
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren stated that the grants from the state and county are in place. Rich Rezanka did a preliminary survey of Sand and Sturgeon and determined that the treatment last year was effective on the Eurasian Water

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Milfoil(EWM). He completed a three-day point intercept survey of both lakes in late June. Maps of the EWM are posted on the website. Notices to onshore property owners were mailed earlier this week. If they object to the treatment of the EWM they have until July 14 to notify Loren or Chip. The treatment will occur after that date on a calm day. Later this summer Rich will be doing a follow-up survey. The members thanked Loren for his efforts.

- c. The gate to the township gravel pit/brush pile is always open. Last month only one person dumped brush on the third Saturday.
- d. Rita announced that the next road pickup will occur in September.
- e. Laurie announced that there will be a Fall newsletter. Members that have ideas for articles or would like to write one should contact Laurie.
- f. No report on the website.

IX. Old Business

- a. Noah reported on our float in the Moose Lake Fourth of July parade. Despite the inclement weather his wife Paula and two friends enjoyed the experience, and he is willing to participate next year. He suggested that we skip the candy next year and use labeled bobbers.
- b. Dan provided an update on the University of Minnesota study on the effect of wake boats. The lakes association contributed \$1,000 two years ago. A link to the study will be posted on the website. The university will be doing further research on wake boats and is soliciting contributions. Terry moved that we contribute \$1,000. It was seconded by Dan. APPROVED

X. New Business

- a. Noah reported on the "Get the Lead Out" Program. Ingestion of lead is a significant cause of death for loons and other water birds. Minnesota would like anglers to stop using lead tackle and bait shops to sell alternatives to lead. Noah has "no-lead" tackle that he will provide to people that turn in lead tackle.
- b. Laurie announced that we will be electing board members at the August meeting. The two-year terms for about half the board are up. She asked for nominations. Chip Wells (Island) by Dan & Noah, Joann Murphy (Sand) by herself & Noah, Jerry Blazevic by himself & Clair, Loren Radtke (Sturgeon) by Laurie & Clair & Laurie Patrick(smaller lakes) by Chip & Noah. We will also take nominations at the beginning of the August meeting.

XI. Adjournment

Speaker: Deb Vermeersch, Assistant Area Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Hinckley Office

Chip Wells, Secretary

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