

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 7, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:03 AM. The meeting was held at the Moose Lake Community Center.
- II. Dennis Genereau was added to the agenda.
- III. Dennis Genereau, Windemere Township Zoning Administrator stated that water quality was a concern of the township. He is working with Pine County on water plans. The township is also working on a new comprehensive plan with emphasis on the shoreland area. He requested a contact from the board. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Chip that Dan be Dennis's contact. APPROVED
- IV. The Secretary called the roll. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Terry Peterson, Laurie Patrick, Dan Benzie, Clair Strandlie & Loren Radtke. Excused: Patty Stasson. Absent : Bruce Jacoby, Noah Cashman, Bill Yechout & Paula Engstrom
- V. The minutes of the March 8, 2022 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Terry and seconded by Dan to approve the minutes. APPROVED.
- VI. A financial report as of May 1, 2022 was distributed earlier. Membership renewals are beginning to arrive. Dan reported the checkbook balance is \$96633(general fund \$38054, milfoil \$51230, water quality \$7019 and memorial \$330). A motion was made by Chip and seconded by Laurie to approve the report. APPROVED.
- VII. Laurie reported for Patty on membership. 110 memberships have been received but they have not been recorded. Dan stated that there were many comments on the forms about the positive work of the board. 330 membership renewals were sent out at a cost of \$2.95 each. 185 membership packets were sent to Sturgeon Lake nonmembers at a cost of \$1.50 each. 29 business memberships were mailed out at a cost of \$1.85 each. There was discussion about the need to better recognize the businesses. Ideas were to list them in the newsletters, on the website and at the general meetings and encourage our members to support the businesses. Terry will investigate providing certificates.
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported that the lake is ice free and is at the average high-water mark.
 - ii. Sturgeon-No report
 - iii. Island- Chip stated that the ice went out Tuesday May 2nd in the afternoon. Chip and Dan have met with Stantec to discuss the water quality analysis. Based on the sampling done last summer 54% of the phosphorus load is in the lake with 3% from the atmosphere, 16% from runoff, 3% from the large Island Lake culvert and 24% from Echo stream. Due to very low water flow the two major tributaries were only sampled twice. This lack of data could cause the above percentages to be off by 20%. Chip recommended additional tributary sampling and a revised analysis. Chip moved and Laurie seconded a motion to increase the total Island Lake Water Study budget from \$10000 to \$13000 and to increase the amount of the Stantec contract from \$5000 to \$7000. The remaining \$1000 will be used for lab costs. APPROVED
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-No report.
 - b. AIS-Loren reported that we will receive grants from both the state and the county. The state grant will be for two years. It requires a point intercept study both before and after treatment. Loren is investigating potential contractors.
 - c. Road Pick Up-Laurie stated that Rita is still willing to coordinate road pickup but would like someone else from Sand Lake to pick up the West Frontage Road.
 - d. Newsletter-Laurie did a great job getting the newsletter out on time. We need to find a new editor.

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- e. Brush-Although the gate is open Bill will continue to staff the activity for the remainder of the year on the third Saturday on the month.
 - f. Website-No report
 - g. There was general discussion about keeping files and records of the association. Loren will investigate if there is a way to keep our records in the cloud and give all board members access.
- IX. Old Business
- a. Chip stated that the new apparel wear website at Valley Printing was active. It was agreed that we purchase some of the items to display at the general meetings.
 - b. Laurie discussed the WTLA brochure and its distribution. It was suggested that they be provided to the chamber office, be available at the general meetings and business sponsors asked to display them. It was determined that they not be available at the public landings.
- X. New Business
- a. Chip discussed the availability of rain barrels and compost bins from Pine County. There was an article in the spring newsletter.
 - b. Laurie talked about "Get the Lead Out". She has obtained some sample packs from the MPCA and will tell our members about the program at the general meetings.
 - c. Chip moved and Dan seconded a motion to keep the 2023 membership and sponsorship dues unchanged at \$25 and \$100 respectively. APPROVED
 - d. There was a brief discussion about continuing to provide apparel wear to presenters at the general meetings. Chip has purchased hats for this year.
 - e. The assessed value of property has increased significantly for taxes payable in 2023. However since taxing authorities have not yet determined tax rates we decided not to take a position on the issue.
- XI. Adjournment
- It was moved by Chip and seconded by Dan to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 5/8/2022