

## Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes Saturday September 10, 2022

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:00 AM. The meeting was held at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Present were Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Joann Murphy, Laurie Patrick, Dan Benzie, Clair Strandlie, Noah Cashman, Bill Yechout, Chris Birkholz, Russ Rechtzigel, Paula Engstrom & Loren Radtke.
  - II. The minutes of the May 7, 2022, board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED.
  - III. Dan reported that the financial report was unchanged from the one presented at the August General meeting. The balance is \$102,416.01.
  - IV. Committee Reports
    - a. Lakes-
      - i. Sand-Jerry reported that the lake is 18" below the ordinary high-water mark(OHW) but 6" higher than this time last year. Water clarity has dropped to 8.5'. Some property owners were doing shoreline work without a permit. The Windemere Zoning Administrator followed up. The treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM) appears to have been very effective.
      - ii. Sturgeon-Bill reported that the lake is .78" above the OHW. Houston Engineering has developed three options for the high-water level, but they cannot finalize the report because the DNR has not responded. Bill, Noah, and Mark Dunaski will meet to discuss how to proceed. The buoys on the lake will be taken in next week. Bill continues to work on keeping the stream to Dago Lake open.
      - iii. Island- The water quality has dropped significantly since mid-July. During August the secchi readings have been 4.5 feet. The lake is low with no water flowing at the outlet. The final report from Stantec has been received. 58% of the phosphorus load is in the lake with 3% from the atmosphere, 6% from runoff, 17% from the large Island Lake culvert and 15% from Echo stream. The next step would be to collect and analyze sediment samples in preparation for treating the lake with alum. The cost is estimated to be about \$20,000. The estimated cost of treating the lake would be \$300,000 to \$500,000. The board felt that we would need to obtain grant funds to do the alum treatment and that we should not incur the cost of taking and analyzing sediment samples without the funds to cover the cost of treatment. Chip will prepare a report on the status of the study to be included in the Fall newsletter.
      - iv. Smaller Lakes-Chris reported a 9' secchi reading on Passenger.
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- X. New Business
  - a. The following members were nominated by consensus as officers : Chair Laurie by Noah, Vice Chair Noah by Dan, Secretary Chip by Laurie, Treasurer Dan by Chip and Membership Joann by Noah. APPROVED
  - b. There was discussion about the dates and location for 2023 meetings. Some members expressed concern about the lack of attendance at general meetings. It was suggested that the meetings be streamlined. It was agreed that Laurie and Noah would work on this issue. It was agreed that we would have board meetings on May 6<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup> and general meetings June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and August 12<sup>th</sup>. There was agreement that we continue to meet at Holy Angels. There was discussion about presenters, but no decisions were made.
  - c. For 2023 the board agreed to continue our Chamber and MN Lakes and Rivers memberships and provide a \$500 scholarship each to a Moose Lake and Willow River graduating high school senior.

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- d. Chip discussed continuing to provide a small gift to presenters at the general meetings. It was moved by Laurie and seconded by Noah that the gifts should not exceed \$25 each. APPROVED
- e. Chip moved that Laurie Patrick, Noah Cashman, Franklin Wells, Daniel Benzie and Joann Murphy be authorized to sign checks. The motion was seconded by Dan APPROVED
- f. Laurie handed out a list of priorities for 2023. She asked the members to rank them from 1 to 9 in order of importance. The priorities were as follows :Business Sponsorships-what to do with them, Thank You Notes for Large Contributors, Bylaws-Review and Updates, 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Setup, Software Repository of Documents, where to put our brochures, Boat Launch Signage, Focus on “Clean, Drain & Dry” and “Get the Lead Out Program”
- g. It was moved by Loren and seconded by Laurie that we donate \$350 to Holy Angels Catholic Church for the meeting space for the 2022 three general meetings and one board meeting. APPROVED

XI. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/12/2022

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