

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday August 13, 2022 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:01 AM.
- II. The chair asked Terry Peterson to explain the board member voting procedure. Terry asked for additional nominations for the board. Bill Patrick nominated Chris Birkholz to represent the small lakes. The nomination was seconded by Laurie. Bill Yechout nominated Russ Rechtzigel to represent Sturgeon Lake. It was seconded by Bill Patrick. There being no more nominations Noah moved and seconded by Clair Strandlie that the following individuals be approved by acclamation to the board: Chip Wells (Island), Chris Birkholz and Laurie Patrick (small lakes), Loren Radtke and Russ Rechtzigel (Sturgeon), and Joann Murphy and Jerry Blazevic (Sand). APPROVED
- III. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.
- IV. The Secretary recorded the board members. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Terry Peterson, Clair Strandlie, Laurie Patrick, Paula Engstrom, Bill Yechout, Patty Stasson & Noah Cashman.
- V. The minutes of the July 9, 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 Bill Patrick to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- VI. Treasurer Dan Benzie went over the financial report that was handed out. He reported a balance of \$101,481 (general fund \$40,612, milfoil fund \$54,443, water quality \$6,096 and education/memorial fund \$330). A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Russ to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VII. Patty Stasson reported on membership. We have a total of 285 (Sturgeon 115, Sand 94, Island 62 and smaller lakes 14). Inputting has not been done recently. Last year at this time we had a total of 307. 145 reminder letters were sent out on July 22nd.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry reported that Sand was fifteen inches below the ordinary high-water (OHW) mark. No water is flowing out of the lake. Water clarity is ten feet Island-Chip stated that water clarity has significantly declined this month and was only 6.5 feet two weeks ago. There is no water flowing in or out of the lake. The lakes association has received a final 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. Steve Winchester an Island Lake resident and retired chemical engineer has agreed to work with Dan and Chip. Steve has recommended that we get surface sediment samples rather than core samples. We will discuss it with Stantec. The estimated cost for core samples would be around \$20,000. Sturgeon-Bill reported the lake level is one inch above the OHW and the water clarity is twelve feet. Bill has been keeping the outlet clear. There is about five inches of silt in the creek. The township has awarded a feasibility study for releasing water from the lake to Houston Engineering. Three options for the high-water situation have been developed by Houston Engineering but release of the report is being delayed by the DNR. Small Lakes-Laurie stated that she would like to hear from members on other small lakes.

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- b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren stated that both Sand and Sturgeon were treated with ProcellaCOR by Lake Management on July 29th. The treatment this year appears to be highly effective. He is finding a third party to survey both lakes to determine the results of the treatment. A member mentioned the issue of overuse of the lake accesses. A question was asked about restricting parking on the roads by the assesses. Another member encouraged more education of our members on aquatic invasive species.
- c. The township has decided that the gate to the township gravel pit/brush pile will be locked, and disposal of brush and leaves will only be allowed on the third Saturday of the month for 10AM to 1 PM.
- d. Rita announced that the next road pickup will occur in September.
- e. Laurie stated that there will be a Fall newsletter and the Paula will be the editor. Members that have ideas for information in the newsletter should contact Paula.
- f. No report on the website.

IX. Old Business

- a. Chip reported that the Windemere Township Planning Commission held a well-attended public hearing on July 26th on a proposed short term vacation rental ordinance. The commission is meeting again on August 16 at 6:30 PM at the town hall.

X. New Business

- a. Laurie welcomed Chris, Joann and Russ to the board. She thanked retiring board members Terry Peterson and Patty Stasson for their service. They were each presented certificates and received a round of applause.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Russ and seconded by Paula to adjourn. APPROVED

Speaker: Rich Rezanka, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, Minnesota DNR

Chip Wells, Secretary

August 14, 2022