

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday July 8, 2023 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:01 AM.
- II. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.
- III. The Secretary recognized the board members. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Clair Strandlie, Laurie Patrick, Joann Murphy, Chris Birkholz & Noah Cashman. Excused: Bill Yechout and Russ Rechtzigel. Absent: Paula Engstrom
- IV. The minutes of the June 10, 2023 general meeting were posted on the website, sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Clair and seconded by Noah to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Treasurer Dan Benzie went over the financial report that was handed out. He reported a balance of \$113166 (general fund \$44979, milfoil fund \$59652, water quality \$8534 and education/memorial fund \$0). A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Clair to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VI. Joann reported that we have 277 paid memberships(90 Sand, 99 Sturgeon, 59 Island and 29 small lakes). She asked for volunteers to assist with the voting at the August meeting.
- VII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry reported that Sand was down twenty-seven inches from the level in the Spring. The secchi reading was fourteen feet and the surface water temperature was 77 degrees. The treatment of the Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM) looks very effective. Finally, he reminded people that the sandbar on Sand was private property. Sturgeon-Noah reported for Bill. The lake level is a little over five inches above the early Spring level and a little less than three inches down from last month. Water clarity is seventeen and a half feet. Noah participated in the Moose Lake Fourth of July parade. He stated that the float was well received. Island-Chip stated that water clarity was thirteen feet which is the highest reading he has taken in five years. Unfortunately, people participating in the Island Lake parade continue to throw water balloons into the lake. Small Lakes-Chris reported an eleven-foot secchi reading and a low water level on Passenger.
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren announced that both Sturgeon and Sand were treated for EWM In June. The number of acres treated were significantly less than last year. We still need to have the lakes surveyed to assess the effectiveness of the treatment to complete the requirements of our state grant.
 - c. Brush-Bill informed the members that due to inappropriate use of the brush pile the township closed access. He worked with the township to have it open each Saturday from ten to one until the end of July if the lake association monitored the disposal. At the end of July, the township will decide on continued access.
 - d. Road Pickup-Laurie reported for Rita. One more pickup will occur this Fall. We are still looking for a volunteer to take over from Rita.
 - e. Newsletter- Laurie stated that there will be a Fall newsletter. Please send her suggestions for articles.
 - f. Website-Suggestions for changes on the website should be provided to Chip.

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VIII. Old Business

- a. Sturgeon High Water Committee-Noah reported for Bill. Houston Engineering will be presenting their report via Zoom to the township on Thursday July 27th at 6:30 PM at the town hall. They will have five options. Noah urged all members to attend the meeting to show support for resolving the high-water issue.
- b. Non-profit status-Noah handed out rewritten bylaws and amended articles of incorporation to the members. He outlined the changes that would be necessary to move forward with seeking 501(c)(3) status. He estimated that the costs for the first year would be under \$1000. The documents are on the website. We will vote on the changes at the August meeting.

IX. New Business

- a. Board Member Election-Laurie outlined the process for electing board members at the August meeting. Half the board members' terms are up. We will vote by secret ballot with one vote per registered member.
- b. Nominations-Laurie requested nominations for the board: Island-Kathy Burkard by Bob Burkard/Dan & Dan Benzie by Loren/Noah; Sand-John Tasky by Jerry/Clair; Sturgeon-Noah by Bill Patrick/Laurie and Bill Yechout by Bill Patrick/Noah All nominations were APPROVED. Additional nominations will be requested at the August meeting.
- c. Rain Barrel- The Pine County SWCD provided a rain barrel that was won by a member.

X. Adjournment

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

Speaker: Ted Shaw, Mayor of Moose Lake

Chip Wells, Secretary

July 9, 2023