

Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes Saturday August 12, 2023 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:03 AM.
 - II. Chip stumbled through the process for using the secret ballots for electing board members and approving the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the new Bylaws.
 - III. Laurie asked for additional nominations for the board. There were none.
 - IV. Noah briefly discussed the amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the new Bylaws dated July 8, 2023. Copies of the changes were posted on the website and handed out at the July meeting. Jerry questioned the need to become a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.
 - V. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.
 - VI. The Secretary recognized the board members. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Laurie Patrick, Joann Murphy, Chris Birkholz, Bill Yechout, Russ Rechtzigel & Noah Cashman. Absent: Paula Engstrom & Clair Strandlie
 - VII. The minutes of the July 8, 2023 general meeting were posted on the website, sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Bill Patrick and seconded by Bill Yechout to approve the minutes. APPROVED
 - VIII. Treasurer Dan Benzie went over the financial report that was handed out. He reported a balance of \$112712 (general fund \$45277, milfoil fund \$58636, water quality \$8799 and education/memorial fund \$0). A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Bill Patrick to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
 - IX. Joann reported that we have 319 paid memberships(103 Sand, 113 Sturgeon, 73 Island and 31 small lakes). This is about the same number that we had a year ago at this time. The number of members from the small lakes has doubled from last year.
- VII. Committee Reports:
- a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry reported that Sand was down twenty-four inches from the Spring and six inches lower than a month ago. Water clarity is good at fifteen feet Sturgeon-Bill stated the lake level is down three- and one-half inches from a month ago. It is one half inch below the ordinary high-water mark. The secchi reading is nineteen feet. The township is working with the Minnesota DNR to rebuild the outlet of the lake that drains to Dago Lake. Island-Chip stated that water clarity was twelve- and one-half feet. The lake level is low with no water flowing in or out of the lake. Small Lakes-Chris reported an eight-foot secchi reading and a water level down about a foot on Passenger.
 - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren announced that both Sturgeon and Sand were treated for EWM In June. The lakes will be surveyed shortly to complete the requirements of our MN DNR grant. This winter Loren will be applying again for grants to fund our 2024 EWM treatment. He would like to spend more time on prevention.
 - c. Brush-Bill informed the members that the brush pile hours will go back to the third Saturday of the month starting in August.
 - d. Road Pickup-Rita stated that there will be one more pick up this Fall. We are still looking for a volunteer to take over from Rita.

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- 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.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Sturgeon High Water Committee-Noah reported for Bill. Houston Engineering's Pat Opat presented a report on options to solve the high-water issue on Sturgeon Lake at a special Windemere Township meeting. A copy of the report is on the township and lakes associations websites. The township has sent it to various government agencies for comment. Some Sturgeon Lake landowners have responded that they would like to not have the lake level reduced. Noah requested that our lake association send a letter of support to the MN DNR. There was no objection.
- b. Laurie announced the results of the voting. Dan Benzie, Kathy Burkard, John Tasky, Noah Cashman and Bill Yechout were elected to two-year terms on the board. The revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws dated July 8, 2023 were approved with only one objection.
- c. Next Steps on 501(c)(3)- Noah stated that he would be filing the necessary paperwork with the government.

IX. New Business

- a. Laurie recognized retiring board members Chris Birkholz, Clair Strandlie and Paula Engstrom

X. Adjournment

It was moved by Bill Patrick and seconded by Noah to adjourn. APPROVED

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

Chip Wells, Secretary

August 13, 2023