

# Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes

## Saturday August 10, 2024 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:03 AM.
  - II. The Secretary recognized the board members. Present: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Dan Benzie, Loren Radtke, Laurie Patrick, Joann Murphy, Noah Cashman, John Tasky, Bill Yechout & Kathy Burkard.
  - III. Chip described the voting procedure and ballots were distributed.
  - IV. The Chair asked for additional nominations for the board. There were none. Laurie made a motion seconded by Bill Patrick that we cast a unanimous ballot for the following members to serve a two-year term on the board: Chip Wells, Jerry Blazevic, Joann Murphy, Laurie Patrick, Bill Lyon and Loren Radtke. APPROVED
  - V. Laurie asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.
  - VI. The minutes of the July 13, 2024 general meeting were posted on the website, sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Noah to approve the minutes. APPROVED
  - VII. Dan went over the financial report that was handed out and emailed to all members. He reported a balance of \$121514 (general fund \$47014, AIS fund \$62881, water quality \$11519 and education/memorial fund \$100). He reported that the cost of Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM) will be more than the balance in the AIS fund and he will need to use general funds. However, he will reimburse the general fund when funds are received from the county. We also may need to use some of the AIS fund if the county is not able to increase the amount of our AIS grant for 2024. A motion was made by Chip and seconded by Jerry to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
  - VIII. Membership Chair Joann reported that we have 339 members(113 Sand, 110 Sturgeon, 69 Island and twenty-seven small lakes). Today she received twelve more for a total of 351 which is the highest number in two years. Tony Bakhtiari from Sturgeon reported that he had been distributing brochures while walking his dog. About two hundred of the membership signs have been posted by our members.
  - VII. Committee Reports:
    - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry stated that the lake level is nine inches below the ordinary high water (OHW). Water clarity is eight and a half feet. Sturgeon-Bill reported that the lake is six inches above OHW. Water clarity is fifteen feet. He and other volunteers have been keeping the outlet clear. Our buoys are less effective this year in calming watercraft traffic. Some boat lifts were flipped over recently with the high winds. Island-Chip stated that water clarity had dropped to seven feet, which is typical for this time of the year. The water level has been slowly dropping. Chip will work with the township to inspect the outlet and provide a report in the Fall newsletter. Smaller Lakes- Laurie reported for Bill L. Passenger's water level has stabilized. The Conservation Officer visited the lake and reminded some of the watercraft owners about the regulations. All lake representatives commented on the amount of vegetation in the water.
    - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren requested that members report purple loosestrife plants in the township so we can work with the DNR next year to
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control it. Rich Rezanka discovered two acres of EWM on Sand and over 70 acres on Sturgeon. He has issued permits to Lake Management for treatment with ProcellaCor. Rich is unsure why there is such a significant increase on Sturgeon. Loren will be discussing the ProcellaCor warranty with Lake Management. He will also request addition funds from the county to cover the cost of the treatment. The cost is \$1000 an acre.

- c. Brush-Bill reported that a lot of property owners used the brush pile in July. It will be open again on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 1PM. He would like a volunteer to monitor the brush pile on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- d. Road Pickup-Kathy has bags and safety vests for volunteers that need them. Those members that pickup should report to Kathy.
- e. Newsletter- Laurie asked for suggestions for articles in the Fall Newsletter which she hopes to send out around October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- f. Website-No report

### VIII. Old Business

None

### IX. New Business

None

### X. Adjournment

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

Speakers: Tony Bakhtiari, Vice Chair Windemere Board, Vern Anderson, Windemere Road Supervisor, Scott Beckman, Windemere Zoning Administrator and Brittany Stampohar, Windemere Coordinator

Chip Wells, Secretary

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