

# Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday September 14, 2024

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Laurie Patrick at 9:05 AM. The meeting was held at Noah's home at 37510 Sunrise View Rd. Present were Bill Yechout, Joann Murphy, Laurie Patrick, Dan Benzie, Noah Cashman, John Tasky, Kathy Burkard, Bill Lyon, Chip Wells & Loren Radtke. Excused was Jerry Blazevic.
- II. The minutes of the May 4, 2024 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Laurie to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- III. Dan presented the financial report. The current balance is \$123961. Motion for approval of the report from Chip second by Noah. APPROVED. It was moved by Chip and seconded by John that the treasurer is authorized to contribute on an annual basis \$500 each to Moose Lake and Willow River Dollars for Scholars, pay membership dues to Minnesota Lakes and Rivers including the fee for our website and the premium for Directors and Officers Insurance. APPROVED. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Bill that an accountant be retained to review our financial records at a cost not to exceed \$1500. APPROVED.
- IV. Joann reported that we have 360 members(141 Sand, 117 Sturgeon, 75 Island and 27 smaller lakes). This may be a record. 250 signs have been installed with 48 still available.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Lakes-
    - i. Sand-John reported for Jerry. The lake level is down. Volunteers have been removing the beaver dams blocking the outlet stream.
    - ii. Sturgeon-Bill reported that the water is two tenths of an inch below the ordinary high-water level(OHW).
    - iii. Island- Chip reported that the recent secchi reading was only four- and one-half feet. He will be inspecting the outlet next week. Dan added that one member had applied for a buffer grant but is having difficulty finding a contractor to do the work.
    - iv. Smaller Lakes-Bill stated that no one has contacted him.
    - v. Chip stated that the Pine County Sheriff was interested in having a county ordinance to control wakes on county lakes. Mike Gainor shared an ordinance from Chisago County that concerned wakes. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Laurie that our lakes association support the concept. APPROVED. Chip will inform Mike Gainor.
  - b. AIS- Loren discussed Purple Loosestrife. The locations where it has been found have been placed on EDD MapS where Rich Rezanka can review the information. Loren will talk to him about treatment procedures for next year. There were over 75 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil found on Sturgeon Lake and only two acres on Sand. It was decided to select a new treatment applicator. The cost greatly exceeded our grant from Pine County. Some of our board members requested and received an additional \$45000 from the county thanks to the strong support of our county commissioner J.J. Waldhalm. It was moved by Noah and seconded by Chip that we also use up to \$30000 of our AIS funds for the cost of treatment this year. APPROVED. Treatment by PLM of both Sand and Sturgeon will take place next week. Within the last month volunteers surveyed Island, Sand and Sturgeon Lakes for Spiney Water Fleas. None were found.
  - c. Road Pick-up- Kathy had additional supplies available. Volunteers should report to Kathy when they have completed their designated road segments.
  - d. Newsletter-Laurie plans on putting together the Fall newsletter shortly. She again asked that someone else assume the responsibility. Noah volunteered to take over after the Fall newsletter is published.
  - e. Brush-Laurie reported that the brush pile will be open two more times this fall. The township is not interested in having it open any more frequently than once a month.

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- f. Website-No report.
- VI. Old Business
  - a. 501(c)(3) Status- Noah will wait to file until after an accountant has been able to review our financial records and advise us on filing taxes.
  - b. Business Sponsorships-John has met with more local businesses. Purchase of Sponsorship signs approved last meeting need to be ordered. More recruitment will be done in the spring. The membership chair will create a business spreadsheet and Chip will post the current sponsors on the website.
  - c. WTLA Member Signs-We have about 50 signs remaining. We will wait until the Spring board meeting to decide how many more to order.
- X. New Business
  - a. It was moved by Dan and seconded by Laurie that the following board members be the executive committee: Chair-Dan Benzie, Vice Chair-Noah, Secretary-Chip, Treasurer-Joann & Laurie-Membership Chair. APPROVED
  - b. 2025 Meetings- It was agreed that we would have general meetings at Holy Angels on the second Saturday of June, July & August. Board meetings would be at Noah's home on the first Saturday in May and second Saturday in September. Presenters will need to be determined early so they may be announced in the Spring Newsletter. The board understood that we would need to purchase insurance for meeting at Holy Angels.
  - c. Check Signing Authorization-It was moved by Chip and seconded by Dan that in accordance with the bylaws of the Windemere Township Lakes approved August 12, 2023 two signatures are required for checks. The signatures shall be the treasurer, Joann Murphy, and anyone of the other board members: Laurie Patrick, Loren Radtke, Franklin Wells, William Lyon, Daniel Benzie, Jerome Blazevic, John Tasky, Noah Cashman, William Yechout and Kathleen Burkard. APPROVED
  - d. Review of 2024 Priorities:
    - 1. AIS Management-Continue with Loren as chair.
    - 2. Sturgeon Lake Level- The next step would be for the property owners to form a Lake Improvement District.
    - 3. 501(c)(3)-Wait for input from accountant
    - 4. Thank you Notes for Large Contributors- Kathy will help Laurie in the preparation of the hand written notes.
    - 5. "Clean, Drain & Dry-Continue
    - 6. Software for Document Repository- Waiting for 501(c)(3) status.
    - 7. Business Sponsorships-Discuss at the Spring board meeting.
    - 8. Boat Launch Signage-Lake representatives review and inventory signs at the accesses and report at the Spring board meeting.
    - 9. Updated Board Job Descriptions- Review and send changes to Laurie before September 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - 10. Revise committee membership-Review and send changes to Laurie by September 21<sup>st</sup>.
    - 11. Update WTLA Brochure-Noah will update the brochure by September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- XI. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/15/2024