

# Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes

## Saturday August 9, 2025 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Benzie at 9:00 AM
- II. The Chair asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. It was moved and seconded by Noah Cashman and Clair Strandlie to approve the agenda. APPROVED
- III. 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. Excused was Bill Lyon.
- IV. The minutes of the July 12, 2025 general meeting were sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Clair to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- V. Treasurer Joann Murphy presented the financial report that was sent out earlier and handed out at the meeting. She reported a balance of \$110650 (general fund \$50340, AIS fund 44773, water quality \$15386 and education/memorial fund \$150). A motion was made by Ernie Muller and seconded by Dean Hovey to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VI. Membership Chair Laurie reported that we have 359 members( 126-Sand, 126-Sturgeon, 86-Island and 21- small lakes).
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry stated that the lake level is five inches below last month's reading. The lake level is down significantly from last year at this time. The level is twenty four inches below the ordinary high water (OHW) mark. The Sand Lake Resort construction is moving forward. There will be forty units. Sturgeon- Bill reported that the lake level is six and half inches below the OHW mark. Bill has placed the "No Wake" buoys. Members that can see them should to report to him if the lights are working. Island-Chip stated that water clarity has dropped to seven feet which is typical for this time of the year. Water is not flowing out of the lake The level is three to six inches below the level to flow out. Smaller Lakes- Laurie reported for Bill Lyon. He has been working with members on Big Slough about a beaver dam and with a member on Passenger about too much sand on their shore.
  - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren reviewed the AIS that is present in our lakes. Sand and Sturgeon have Eurasian Water Milfoil(EWM), Island has EWM and Curly Leaf Pondweed(CLP). Purple Loosestrife is found throughout the township. Beetles that eat only purple loosestrife were released on Sturgeon and Island. There was much less EWM this year. The DNR will be issuing permits to treat the EWM next week and the commercial applicator will be treating the permitted areas. Loren mentioned that lakeshore property owners have the right to object to having their onshore area treated. Property owners should contact Loren if they object. We have not found Spiny Water Fleas. Members will be sampling the lakes in early September for this invasive species.
  - c. Brush Pile-Bill Patrick stated that the township gravel pit will continue to be open the third Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 1 PM. He thanked Jeff Puhl a member from Sand Lake, who straightened up the brush pile with his tractor.

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- d. Road Pickup-Kathy asked volunteers who pick up report to her. She also has vests and bags available.
- e. Newsletter- Noah has been working with Bill Lyon on articles for the Fall Newsletter. He expects to publish the newsletter by the end of September.

### VIII. Old Business

- a. Dan discussed the election of board members for two year terms. At the July meeting Dan Benzie and Kathy Burhart from Island, Bill Yechout and Noah Cashman from Sturgeon and John Tasky from Sand were nominated. Since none of positions were contested Clair moved that the above members be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Bill Parick. APPROVED
- b. Update on our 501(c)(3) Status-Dan informed the members that the Internal Revenue Service has approved us as a non-profit organization. The designation is effective as of the date of December 23, 2024 on our application.

### IX. Adjournment

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

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

Chip Wells, Secretary

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