

Windemere Township Lakes Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday September 13, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Benzie at 9:00 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, Kathy Burkard, Bill Lyon, Jerry Blazevec, Chip Wells & Loren Radtke. Excused was John Tasky
- II. Agenda Changes were requested. Laurie suggested a discussion on wake boats under New Business.
- III. The minutes of the May 3, 2025 board meeting were sent out earlier. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by Bill to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- IV. Joann presented the financial report. The current balance is \$110218 (general fund \$49830, AIS \$44836, water quality \$15401 & donation \$150). Joann pointed out that we have not yet paid PLM nor received our grants from the county and state. Motion for approval of the report from Noah seconded by Laurie. APPROVED. There was agreement about some of the board members attending a fall county board meeting to update them and thank them for their support last year.
- V. Laurie reported that we have 362 members. We still have good inventory of signs so there is no need to order more at this time. There was agreement to contact our members by the middle of November via email to explain our non-profit status and encouraging them to make a tax-deductible donation before the end of the calendar year.
- VI. Committee Reports
 - a. Lakes-
 - i. Sand-Jerry reported that the lake level is at a ten-year low. The secchi reading is seven and a half feet. He asked about Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) by the golf course. Joann stated that the maps she received from PLM indicated the area had been treated. Mark Lambert who owns the Sand Lake Resort has received approval to move ahead with the redevelopment project. He has also purchased the Sun Bay Resort and Campground.
 - ii. Sturgeon-Bill stated that the lake level is nine to ten inches below the ordinary high-water level. The secchi reading was sixteen and a half feet. He is planning on removing the buoys shortly.
 - iii. Island- Chip stated that water level was low with no water flowing out of the outlet. The secchi reading was only four feet.
 - iv. Smaller Lakes-Bill has been working with members on Big Slough. The property owners are attempting to get a beaver dam removed.
 - b. AIS- Loren stated that members are pleased with using PLM to treat the EWM. With our non-profit status there will be many more grants that we will be eligible for. Dan requested that we include treatment costs for Island Lake's Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in our grant seeking next year. The treatment of CLP occurs very early in the spring and is relatively inexpensive. There should be an article in newsletter seeking volunteers to raise Purple Loosestrife beetles. Island and Sand have been surveyed for Spiny Water Fleas. None were found.
 - c. Road Pick-up- Volunteers should report to Kathy when they have completed their designated road segments.
 - d. Newsletter- Noah has several articles for the Fall newsletter. It should be ready by the end of September.
 - e. Brush-Laurie reported that the brush pile will be open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 1 PM in September and October.
 - f. Website-Chip mentioned that he was going to remove some of the older information from the site.

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VII. Old Business

- a. There was agreement that the WTLA brochure needs to be updated. Laurie agreed to work with Noah on the update.
- b. We have about sixty WTLA signs so there is no need to order more.
- c. Laurie brought up the subject of wake boats, especially on the small lakes. It was decided that our concern about wake boats be brought up when some board members attend a meeting of the county commissioners.

VIII. New Business

- a. The executive committee members for 2025-2026 were discussed. All current officers were willing to continue. It was moved by Noah and seconded by Laurie that the current officers continue for another year. APPROVED
- b. There was considerable discussion about the meeting dates for 2026. It was finally agreed to have the board meet on May 2nd and September 12th at the Cashman residence. The general meetings will be June 13, July 11 and August 8 at Holy Angels if it is available. Changing the dates and number of general meetings will be discussed at the June meeting. Any change in the general meetings will require a change in the bylaws.
- c. Dan and Joann will be working with an accountant in Cloquet to file taxes for 2025.

XI. Adjournment

It was moved by Chip and seconded by Bill Y. to adjourn. APPROVED

Chip Wells, Secretary 9/14/2025