

# Windemere Township Lakes Association General Meeting Minutes

## Saturday June 13, 2026 Holy Angels Catholic Church

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Dan Benzie at 9:02 AM
- II. Dan suspended the business meeting and introduced Troy Olson from Prairie Restorations. Troy spoke briefly about plants that could be used for shoreline restoration. He had a table set up with native plants for sale and he was available to speak with members. Lily Carr from Minnesota Lakes and Rivers gave a presentation on her organization and program that encouraged lakeshore restoration.
- III. The Chair brought the meeting back to order at 9:45 AM and asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. It was moved and seconded by Bill Patrick and Bill Yechout to approve the agenda. APPROVED
- IV. 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.
- V. The minutes of the August 9, 2025 general meeting were sent out earlier and distributed at the meeting. A motion was made by Noah and seconded by John Tasky to approve the minutes. APPROVED
- VI. Treasurer Joann Murphy presented the financial report that was sent out earlier and handed out at the meeting. She reported a balance of \$123765 (general fund \$52562, AIS fund 50871, water quality \$19656 and education/memorial fund \$675). A motion was made by Ernie Muller and seconded by Noah to approve the treasurer's report. APPROVED
- VII. Membership Chair Laurie reported that we have 320 members.
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Lakes: Sand-Jerry stated that the lake level is the same as last fall. In 1961 the lake level was two feet below the current level. The secchi reading is 14 feet. The recent algae blooms are getting better. Jerry has not found any Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Someone reported that there is a beaver dam on the stream coming in from Island Lake. Sturgeon- Bill reported that the lake level is thirteen inches below the ordinary high water (OHW) mark. The lake level is down three feet from 2022. The secchi reading is twenty nine feet. Bill will place the "No Wake" buoys shortly. Some members have reported muskrats chewing the wiring in their boats. Bill has not observed any EWM in the lake. Island-Dan stated that the water level is two and one half inches above the OHW mark and some water is flowing through the outlet. The secchi readings are very good. Seventeen and one half feet was reported earlier this week. Some Curley Leaf Pondweed(CLP) has only recently been observed in some of the shallow bays. Smaller Lakes-Laurie reported for Bill Lyon. She reported that the crappies in Passenger Lake have disappeared. The lake level in Lord's Lake is very low.
  - b. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)-Loren stated that he had written out the process that he uses for dealing with AIS. He has shared the document with the Hanging Horn Lake Association. He will continue to oversee the process for monitoring and treating AIS in our lakes: EWM, Spiney Water Fleas (SWF), CLP, Zebra Mussels, Purple Loosestrife (PLS) and others. Island was surveyed three times for CLP and none was found. The state grant that was to be used for CLP treatment

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will be switched to EWM. All three large lakes will be surveyed by the DNR next week and plans developed if necessary for treatment. Loren noted that lakeshore owners can object to treatment in their lakeshore area by contacting him.

- 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 through the end of October.
- d. Road Pickup-Kathy asked volunteers who pick up report to her. She also has vests and bags available.
- e. Newsletter- Noah requested articles on family lake histories that could be included in newsletters.

### VIII. New Business

- a. Dan noted that half the board member's terms are expiring in August. We will be nominating members to serve on the board at the July meeting.
- b. Dan informed the members that the Pine County Coalition of Lake Associations (COLA) recently met. Our association had four board members in attendance. The group that includes all lake associations in the county had not met in a couple of years. Those in attendance agreed that we should meet regularly to exchange information with each other and Pine County.
- c. Noah mentioned that the board was considering a prize raffle and maybe breakfast sandwiches for the August meeting

### IX. Adjournment

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

Chip Wells, Secretary

June 14, 2026