

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Acting President Steve Riley

Board Members Present: Denise Dupras, Jeanne Baxter, Steve Musser, Greg Dehring

Attendees: 5

Minutes of May 23, 2013 Meeting

Read by Denise Dupras. Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve with was made by Greg Dehring and seconded by Steve Musser. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Read by Steve Musser. Current balance as of 6/15/13 = \$27,695.73 and the CD value = \$11,977.23 for total assets of \$39,672.96. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Jeanne Baxter. The report was approved.

Landing Blitz 2013:

Denise Dupras shared information about the WDNR sponsored Landing Blitz scheduled for July 4-7 this year. The Blitz this year will include handing out CBCW towels at the landings. Up to 25 towels per landing will be available at no charge from the WDNR. Linda Fischer has been in contact with Jeremy Bates. Steve Riley will be meeting with Randy Lehr soon and will find out if we can hire students for this. Jeanne Baxter will help identify local volunteers to for landings as well. We discussed using money from the Towns to cover this expense, as it is not included in our current Lake Management Grant.

County Journal Article on NLA:

Jeanne Baxter has been in contact with the County Journal who is willing to put an article in the paper about the NLA. She will work with Denise Dupras to get the information to the Journal by Wednesday for inclusion in the paper. We hope to focus on the importance of volunteers, the use of WDNR grants and that the lake remains free of the most damaging AIS, which is in many of the surrounding lakes.

Grant Update:

Steve Riley provided an update on what has been going on with the grant. Northland College is administering the grant and has done water sampling, and is in the process of setting up the lakeshore and stakeholder surveys. There was a high level of satisfaction with what has been done this far.

Landing Monitoring:

The group discussed on going issues with the Garden Lake landing. Steve Musser told the board that the cost of the monthly operation has gone up. Janet Porter indicated that she was concerned about the functioning of the Garden Lake ILID. There are times where there are no videos to review and it is unclear if the camera is functioning. This camera works on solar power, so this may be part of the issue. Denise will contact Eric Lindberg to determine what the set up is for power and transmission so that we can make this more cost effective. Janet Porter also indicated that Funnys Bay ILID was out much of the past month after lightening strike. They have tried to switch out transformers with no success.

We clarified that the current grant does not cover students monitoring the landings and that we would like to unify the landing monitoring scheduling for both the college students and local volunteers. Jeanne Baxter will work with Barb Best and Randy Lehr to coordinate efforts. The group recommended that we find monitors for County D, the campground and Funnys Bay landings.

Video viewing was discussed and will identify other members who can help in this effort.

Lake Report:

Greg Dehring provided an update on the status of the lake. The lake is the highest it has been since the 1940's. It has come down over 1 foot. He discussed the contribution of the late ice out, heavy snow, rain and saturation of the surrounding areas to this phenomenon. There are increased tannins in the water changing the color, but has no effect on the lake health. The water remains cold 62-66 degrees. The changes have affected the fish populations but overall the populations of walleye, northern pike, perch and pan fish are good. He also shared that he has a wonderful recipe for pike patties and will share it on the next newsletter.

Board Members Discussion:

Three members will rotate off this year, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras and Steve Riley. We discussed recruiting volunteers for the positions and the goal to get some new members involved.

Membership:

Denise Dupras received the receipts from paid members and will update the records. She will send a postcard with important NLA dates and information about membership/dues to new and old members

Old Business:

Fishing Opener: Governor Scott Walker was at Lakewoods for a delayed fishing opener event. He caught a walleye and shared information on the Walleye for Wisconsin initiative. Greg Dehring provided additional background on this project.

Web Updates: Denise Dupras has updated the web site to reflect the most recent information and upcoming meetings.

Membership Drive: Denise Dupras mailed out 156 postcards to households. She shared that 107 households as of today have paid through 2013. The members thought this was a good option for future years as well.

New Business:

Propane Discount Option: Steve Riley indicated the Lake Owen Association has a buyer's cooperative for propane gas. Each year it puts out the contract for bid, often resulting in a substantial discount. If NLA members are interested they can contact Steve Riley with the information.

New Grant Opportunity: Denise Dupras led a discussion about the Clean Boats Clean Water Project Funding Request and Agreement. This would provide up to \$4000/landing for 200 hours minimum inspection. They require a 25% local match and the deliverables are straightforward which include entering the data into the SWIMS database. After discussion, Denise Dupras made a motion to submit an application for 2 landing, County D and the federal campground. This was seconded by Jeanne Baxter and unanimously endorsed.

2013 NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference: Denise Dupras shared information about the upcoming meeting to be held in Spooner on June 21, 2013. As in past years if there are members who would like to attend, the NLA will reimburse the \$40 registration fee.

Correspondance:

Discussed above

Next Meeting is July 13 at 9 AM at the Namakagon Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Dehring at 9:58 AM and seconded by Denise Dupras. The meeting was adjourned.