

## NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Steven Riley, Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 66

Guests: 3 Mike Gardner, Roger Dreher, Jeremy Bates

President Phil Rasmussen invited those at the meeting to introduce themselves and indicate where on the lake they have property

### **Minutes of August 21, 2010 Annual Meeting**

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. Corrections were made. A motion to approve was made by Steve Riley and seconded by Linda Fischer. The minutes were approved.

### **Treasures Report:**

Submitted by Tim Browne. The report was read by Linda Fisher. The General Accounting balance as of 8/15/2011 was reported as \$28,837.23. A motion to approve was made by Steve Riley and seconded by Denise Dupras. The report was approved. There was a brief discussion about the cost of Fun on the Water and suggestions to request money from the towns to support this annual event. The possibility of using an accounting program such as quick books was also suggested.

### **Guest Speaker:**

Mr. Roger Dreher (Tri-Lakes Assn & BCLF) made a presentation about multiple unit developments (MUD) and concerns about the potential for negative impact on lakes. He suggested that the NLA endorse a resolution for an Equal Shoreline Frontage Density Overlay District. He also recommended we pass this information on the Towns of Namakagon and Grand View. The ordinance would not affect current owners, their properties would be grandfathered in. Steve Riley reminded the members that proactive measures for lake protection are part of our mission statement. After discussion, Steve Riley made a motion that we endorse the resolution. This was seconded by Denise Dupras and approved by the Board.

The resolution follows:

*“The Namakagon Lake Association Board strongly supports the action for the Towns of Namakagon and Grand View to petition Bayfield County to adopt a zoning ordinance overlay district which requires equal shoreline frontage density for all type of development within the shore land zones abutting lakes and streams in the Towns of Namakagon and Grand View.”*

### **Re-Cap of Accomplishments:**

Denise Dupras read a list of accomplishments and thanked volunteers for their efforts.

- Buoy placement/removal, lake clean-up, water testing, installation of new signs.
- Landing monitoring with the Northland College students has been very helpful. Julia Campbell indicated that 817 individuals were contacted at the landings. Julia and Jim Krueger were recognized for their contribution of lodging for the students.
- Ruth Lull has started a Facebook page for the NLA
- Janet Porter is our Loon Ranger and coordinating observations on the lake
- Newsletters and better ways of distributing were discussed

- Events – special thanks to Julia Campbell, Linda Fischer, Steve Riley, Al Stawicki, Charlie Best, Gerry Juries
  - The volunteer appreciation dinner was a success and will be repeated.
  - Fun on the Water was delayed until Sunday because of weather but was a success

Membership paid through 2011 stands at 218, down from a high of 464 in 2007.

### **Correspondance:**

Denise Dupras read an email from Steven Spickerman, Plant Ecologist with the US Forest Service. A 3 day lake survey did not find any AIS. They plan to survey every 5 years. The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission also surveyed for other invasive (non-plant) and did not find any concerns.

### **Board Candidates:**

Denise Dupras introduced Barb Best who is a candidate for the Board and the other candidate Steve Musser who was unable to be at the meeting. There were no nominations from the floor.

### **Election:**

Linda Fischer and Julia Campbell were the official vote counters. Ballots received by mail were not available at the time of the meeting. Julia Campbell will add them to the counted (25) ballots to determine if we have a valid election. The membership will be notified next week of the outcome of the election.

### **Old Business:**

- FOTH Update – Brian Hinrichs has contacted the Board indicating that the NLA still owes money to FOTH. Tim Browne has given a list of payments to Denise Dupras. She and Steve Riley will work together on resolving these issues.
- The students from Northland college monitored the landings for additional hours last year. The NLA owes Northland \$545 for this. Denise Dupras made a motion that the NLA pay this money and also contract with the students for additional monitoring hours this year. Steve Riley seconded the motion. It was approved.
- Hwy D Landing Update – nothing has happened this year. The initial plans could not be completed. It is unclear what will happen at that site.
- Grant Updates – there are no new updates
- ILID Video Reviews – pending completion

### **New Business:**

Denise Dupras briefly discussed the WebSite and plans to have it updated this year.

### **Speaker:**

Mr. Mike Gardner from Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute gave a presentation on the history of the Namakagon Lake Association and the monitoring of the lake's health. He also discussed the 2 categories of grants available and noted the deadlines. (Lake Protection and Classification & Lake Management Planning) He also recommended that the NLA think about what our needs are and use comprehensive planning to develop a plan for strategic action. He indicated that there are missing pieces so that a state of the lake report would not be comprehensive at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 11:32 and seconded by Linda Fischer. The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, the remaining Board met briefly, discussed the volunteer appreciation dinner and set it for October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will ask Kenny Becker to cook a fish boil, and set the next meeting date for either September 17 or 24 depending on availability of Board members.