

Namakagon Lake Association Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Dehring at 9 a.m. Board members present: Jeanne Baxter, Greg Dehring, Delores Dumanch, Jim Krueger, Kent Lage, and Steve Musser. Absent: Barb Best
Attendees: None

Minutes: Co-Secretary Jeanne Baxter read the minutes of the July 12, 2014 NLA meeting. The minutes were approved as read on motion by Dehring, seconded by Lage.

Treasurer's Report: Our current financial report includes \$25,312.80 in checking account; \$11,986.18 in Certificate of Deposit, for a total of \$37,298.98 total Liabilities and Equity. Treasurer Musser reported that to maintain our IRS 5013C standing, we must submit records of the last three years. Normally, we are not required to submit a long form because NLA income from revenue sources does not require it. In addition, the IRS does not permit direct telephone or email exchanges, prompting delays in communication. Exchanges with IRS by mail have required 990 forms. On motion of Baxter, seconded by Krueger, the Board voted to authorize Treasurer Musser to pursue requirements for retroactive reinstatement of tax status, including any charges up to \$800, to assure our non-profit status.

Election of Officers: On motion of Krueger, seconded by Dumanch, the Board voted to retain the current slate of NLA officers for the following year. They are: President Greg Dehring; Vice President Jim Krueger; Co-secretaries Jeanne Baxter and Delores Dumanch; and Treasurer, Steve Musser.

Grants: Jim Krueger reported on our grants status. Our Landing Grant is completed and NLA will be billed from Northland. The grant is mostly covered from encumbered DNR funds and monies from the Grandview Town Board.

The recent survey, part of the Planning Grant, sent out by Northland to lake residents was discussed and concerns (from NLA members) were noted in areas of emphasis on managed shore line, fish, and septic issues. Jim Krueger explained that the current grant studied shoreline habitat and water quality samples were taken to further target possible problem areas. The findings will be shared (most likely this winter) and results can lead to further tests in the problem areas to help isolate the cause of the problems. All of these tests/samples should show any septic seepage into the lake. Septic issues have been studied in past grants and will continue to be an area of focus; fish will be a separate survey in the future.

We are eligible for new (\$4,000 each) grants for Funny's Bay and County D landings; the deadline for grant applications is February 1st. Krueger will meet with Pam Toshner and Randy Lehr to discuss future surveys. He will relay our request to preview future surveys prior to mailing. The Town Board will be asked to continue to budget available funds for NLA at its' upcoming budget workshop.

Old Business

Membership: Jeanne Baxter reported that membership remains constant, at approximately 200 memberships; these memberships most often include two or more voting members. Ideas for contacting new lake owners were discussed, including a story in *Bottom Line*, inviting new Namakagon Lake residents to contact us and referring people to our website. Jim Krueger will contact the paper's editor, Alan Ralph. It was also decided to ask for the mailing addresses on our township tax rolls and expand our newsletter to all of lake residents. Baxter will receive a copy to forward to our printers when our next newsletter goes out.

Newsletter mailing dates: Winter will go out late February or early March; Summer will go out late June or early July. **Board members are asked to get their articles into Jeanne Baxter by January 1st.** Contents for Winter: Letter/recipe from Dehring; Results of Survey; Membership/dues; Meeting Dates; Article on Volunteering from Krueger

Terms of office: As clarified at the Annual meeting, terms of office are three year terms as stated in our By-Laws. When needed to fill an unexpected vacancy, the person nominated may serve out a one or two year term and still be eligible to run for a maximum two (3 year) terms after that. Terms of office for current board: 2014 – Krueger and Musser were re-elected to three year terms. 2015 - Baxter, Best and Dehring will be up for re-election. 2016 – Dumanch and Lage will be up for re-election. Additional candidates may be nominated to run for the Board.

Fall Landing Supervision and SWIMS data: Supervisors for the period ending Labor Day until October closing date were successfully trained. Jim Krueger made arrangements for training and Dodo Dumanch took charge of scheduling. SWIMS data (summary of number of boats, etc.) must be downloaded to DNR website. Baxter will contact a volunteer she believes will be willing to complete the task.

Camera Reviewers for Lakewoods: The Board still needs to identify a volunteer to review the ILID videos as part of our grant obligation and monitoring duties. Dodo Dumanch agreed to explore this issue with our other volunteers, Diane Grage and Janet Porter, and report back to the Board.

Election Follow-up: Jim Krueger reminded the Board that when our Summer newsletter goes out to the membership, separate ballot and envelopes are included in the mailing for those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting.

NLA Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Lunch follow-up: The Board discussed the pros and cons of combining our Annual Meeting with a Volunteer Recognition Lunch to follow or partnering with the Namakagon Community Club for a separate volunteer recognition event and program that will give NLA publicity to a larger number community residents. Jim Krueger will discuss a September Community Club option with Town Chair, Bob Rasmussen. The board was reminded that at our annual meeting, members are encouraged to bring motions to the floor and vote.

New Business:

Future Meeting Dates: Next meeting, Saturday, November 8, 2014. 2015 dates are: Saturdays at 9 a.m., Namakagon Community Hall, April 18, June 13, July 11, August 22 (Annual Meeting), September 19, October 10 and November 7. FOTW (Fun on the Water) will occur in July with date to be set.

Kids Don't Float Program: This program, sponsored by the DNR (explained in July 12 minutes) will partner NLA and the DNR in providing vests to boaters who are determined to be non-compliant. Greg Dehring and Bunk Kofal have volunteered to build a vest container (DNR specifications) this winter and locate it at our County D Landing next summer.

IPC World Cup January 21 to February 1, 2015: Jim Krueger invites **ALL NLA MEMBERS** to sign in as a volunteer. Hundreds are needed, because thousands of paraplegic world competitors and supporters will arrive in Cable and we need to provide a warm welcome to all. Go to www.cable.2015.com and click on "volunteers".

Correspondence and comments from audience: There were none this month.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary