

Namakagon Lake Association Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Vice President Jim Krueger. Board members present: Jeanne Baxter, Barb Best, Delores Dumanch, Jim Krueger, and Kent Lage. Absent: Greg Dehring and Steve Musser. Attendees: 2

Treasurer's Report: Prepared by Steve Musser (read by Baxter) shows checking account at \$34,208.58 and Certificate of Deposit of \$11,983.20. Monies from membership renewals are being deposited by the secretary and recorded by the treasurer.

Minutes of the November 9 Meeting were read by Baxter and approved. Minutes of the October 5, 2013 meeting were also distributed. Correspondence: Denise Dupras letter of thanks to her 'lake family' (received following the passing of her father) was noted.

Grant Updates: Jim Krueger reported on our two active grants; the **landing grant** utilizes our volunteers for viewing Ilid activity at landings and paid landing supervisors (\$12 per hour) who schedule supervision in early spring and after Labor Day. Northland College students provide supervision from Memorial Day through Labor Day. 200 hours of landing supervision must be completed to fulfill this grant; while Ilid camera time does not count as supervision, the hours recorded by volunteers who review the tapes are counted. The **planning grant's** second phase will include a shoreline evaluation and a survey that will be mailed to all lake residents. In the shoreline evaluation, any sewage or shoreline problems will be noted and recommendations provided to address them.

An ad will be placed in Bottom Line (newspaper) to advertise the positions of Landing Supervisor and volunteers for landings in the spring/fall times when Northland students are not available. This information is also posted on the NLA website. The NLA contact person is Jim Krueger at 715-798-2365. Fun on the Water information will also be included in the article.

Old Business:

a. Membership Dues Jeanne Baxter provided clarification of the motion passed by the board at the November meeting regarding a new family membership column to be added to the Annual Dues. NLA dues cover the normal calendar year of January 1 through December 31. To be able to vote at the Annual Meeting, usually scheduled in August, current year dues must be paid by June 1 or 60 days prior to the meeting. Because most members have paid their 2014 dues, the new family membership column (\$25 per family with maximum voting rights of 2 people) will take effect in 2015. The purpose of the family column is to encourage new families to join and participate in their lake association. Donations are always welcome. Future newsletters will reflect the change.

b. Shirt Orders Dodo Dumanch reported that the ordering deadline has been extended to April 30. To date, 28 shirts have been ordered and those purchasing shirts will be billed when the final totals have been determined. It is expected that shirts will be available for pick-up at the scheduled June 7 NLA meeting.

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c. **Fun on the Water** Barb Best reported that she will be assisting Al Stawicki in this annual event scheduled for Saturday, July 26 (11-4p.m.) with rain date July 27 at the National Forest Campground. Fun on the Water information will be included in the article submitted to Bottom Line.

d. **NLA Annual Meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, August 16, 2014, at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a **celebration lunch** honoring our volunteers. All are invited. Jim Krueger appointed a committee chaired by Jeanne Baxter to plan the details re invitations, catering, etc.

New Business:

a. **New members** Newsletters were distributed to each board member and they will also be distributed to Cable realty offices and the Chamber of Commerce, asking that they be given to new lake homeowners. Board members are encouraged to identify new residents and deliver the newsletter as a 'welcome gesture' to the lake and our association. Baxter reported that three April bank deposits have been made reflecting membership renewals for nearly 50 families, with more expected.

b. **Town Board Annual Meeting** Jim Krueger stressed the importance of NLA presenting a report of annual accomplishments to the town boards of Namakagon and Grand View. This report is our 'thank you' for the funding support we receive, along with the fire department, ambulance service, and others. This year, Krueger reported for our president who was unable to attend.

c. **DNR Pontoon request** Kent Lage will recruit and arrange for three lake pontoon owners to tour DNR people attending their lake conference on June 20th. Breakfast, lunch at Lakewoods and gas money will be provided these volunteers.

d. **Lake Cleanup** Tom Nelson and Tim Brown have again volunteered to head this cleanup. Jim Krueger, Dave Baum, and Kent Lage will be putting out the buoys.

e. **Julie Downs brochure** Jeanne Baxter shared a brochure received from Julie Downs of Long Lake, explaining her new business, Long Lake Lifestyle LLC, that provides customized lake products (signs, clothing, vintage signs, etc.) . Her website is www.longlakelifestyle.com

f. **Check received from Namakagon Trail Groomers** Ms. January, (Barb Best) of the Real Women of Namakagon 2014 calendar presented the board with a check in the amount of \$1,000. NLA was among the designated groups to receive some of the proceeds of calendar sales. Thank you, Trail Groomers!

Next Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2014, at 9 a.m. in the Namakagon Town Hall. Also, a **tentative NLA meeting date (if needed)** is scheduled for July 12, at 9 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary