

## Namakagon Lake Association

### Minutes of the Meeting, June 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Dehring at 9 a.m. Board members present: Jeanne Baxter, Barb Best, Greg Dehring, Delores Dumanch, and Kent Lage. Absent: Jim Krueger and Steve Musser. Attendees: 5

**Minutes:** Co-Secretary Jeanne Baxter read the minutes of the April 25, 2015 NLA meeting. The minutes were approved on motion of Best, seconded by Lage.

**Grants:** Krueger forwarded an early report to Baxter re 2015 Namakagon Lake Clean Boats Clean Water Project grant that supports monitoring, cameras and viewing at landings. Northland students are on duty until Labor Day. Volunteers are still needed to view camera footage; Glenn and Dianne Grage (volunteers for County D Landing) will train viewers for Lakewoods and Funny's Bay. This is not a time consuming job and can be accomplished efficiently. Our volunteer hours are counted as in-kind in our grant.

Andy Teal, the new AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Coordinator for the Bayfield County Conservation Department, attended our meeting and shared information. Andy can be contacted at [ATeal@bayfieldcounty.org](mailto:ATeal@bayfieldcounty.org) Andy brought flyers and ice bags (alternative to keeping fish in water buckets that can contaminate when emptied) that were distributed by NLA members to the landings after the meeting.

**Old Business: A. Membership Update:** Baxter reported that membership is now close to 400; 92 new memberships (averaging two per household) were received to date. Yearly membership runs from January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Annual dues must be received one month before the Annual Meeting, August 22, 2015, to be eligible to vote. **This year, three board openings will be balloted upon.** Check the website for bio of those who may choose to run; nominations may be sent to the NLA Co-Secretary Baxter.

**B Articles and information for Summer newsletter must be received by June 23.**

**C. Meeting Dates:** Next regular NLA meeting July 11, Fun on the Water July 25<sup>th</sup>; August 22 Annual Meeting (balloting for Board membership); September 3 Volunteer Recognition Dinner (in partnership with Namakagon Community Club).

**D. Kids Don't Float Program:** Approval by Board was tabled until the July meeting by President Dehring. There is a question of NLA liability in the partnership agreement proposed by the DNR.

**E Pollination Project:** Dehring explained a request to participate in a Forest Service project in which they distribute seeds for native plants (that families can plant on their own property) to aid

bee and butterfly pollination. A motion to approve NLA participation was approved on motion by Baxter, seconded by Lage.

**F. Fun On The Water FOTW:** The permit for FOTW has been secured for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> with a Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> rain date. To ease congestion in parking, a shuttle service (using Barb Best's drive) will be used. We will eliminate the fire truck and give the public specific parking directions in our publicity. These concerns were addressed with the Forest Service in a meeting with President Dehring.

**New Business: A. Board member chairs were assigned for the following events:** Barb Best and Linda Fischer (past president of NLA) for FOTW; Jim Krueger and Steve Musser for Annual Meeting; Jeanne Baxter for Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

**B. A request for an NLA contribution** to BCLF (Bayfield County Lakes Forum) was denied on motion of Lage, seconded by Dehring. NLA secretary was directed to explain that NLA must maintain a neutral stance re providing monetary support for the many conservation groups that request our assistance. NLA is a member of Wisconsin Lakes, a statewide nonprofit dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of Wisconsin's lake resources.

**C. A new volunteer Clean-up Coordinator** (replacing Tom Nelson) was tabled until the Volunteer Dinner.

**Correspondence:** The secretary noted a thank you for membership from the Wisconsin Lakes Association.

**Comments/concerns from audience:** Andy Teal announced the invitations (open to all) for June 25<sup>th</sup> Healthy Lakes Conference in Spooner. Jim Krueger will represent NLA at the Spooner conference. The Northwest Wisconsin Lake Conference will be held the following day, June 26<sup>th</sup> in Hayward, at Hayward High School. Registration forms will be posted on our website.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary