

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM by President Jim Krueger

Board Members Present: Jim Krueger, Steve Riley, Denise Dupras, Tom Nelson, Tim Browne, Lisa Holt, Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Absent: none

NLA Member Attendees: 1

Minutes of November 8, 2008 to read and approved by motion with the following corrections: year changed from 2009 to 2008, wording under the 2007 WDNR payment update was changed to read "the WDNR paid \$5,800 to the town of Namakagon", and wording under the boat landing supervision to "only four hours from August 1 to the end of the summer."

Treasures Report

Read and submitted by Tim Browne. Total income \$966.49. Total expenses of \$403.59. Balance as of April 17, 2009, \$36,507.57. Approved by motion.

Budget Approval

Generally annual budgets are approved at the February meeting; however, no meeting was held in February so the budget was reviewed and approved at this meeting. The budget was spared by President Jim Krieger and Tim Browne. Estimated income including dues, donations, and grants is \$35,300. Itemized expense list total is \$35,300. Budget was approved by motion.

Grant Update

Steve Riley provided an update on the grants. The errors on the bill from FOTH have been corrected. The NLA grant submitted for the AIS control program was not funded. They NLA received a priority score at 18. The cutoff for funding was 23. IA letter from Jane Malischke, Environmental Grants Specialist indicated that there will be the creation of an education, prevention and planning subcategory which will provide a better opportunity for the NLA to be funded during the next grant cycle which is August 2009. Steve Riley recommended you submit for the next grant cycle this was motioned and approved by the board. At this time there is no plan to buy additional ILIDs for monitoring launch sites on Lake Namakagon.

Installation of Lake Bouys

President Krueger updated the board on the status of the bouys. All of the chains have been replaced with ropes. Four of the bouys were replaced. Since the lake is open, the bouys will be placed prior to fishing opener on May 2. Volunteers to help President Krieger and included a Tom Nelson, Tim Browne, Steve Riley, and Rick Yerhot. Phil Rasmussen will donate the boat for placing the lake bouys.

Lake Shoreline Cleanup

Tim Nelson will coordinate lake shoreline cleanup again this year. He will be in contact with prior volunteers.

Boat Landing Supervision and ILIDs

Denise Dupras has been in contact with Eric regarding the ILIDs. Since the grant was not funded and the board has not authorized the purchase of any additional ILIDs she will contact Eric to get the two installed. Clyde Wishart has indicated he no longer wants to be the boat landing supervisor. The responsibilities of the supervisor and options for filling this spot were discussed by the Board. Lisa Holt expressed interest in helping with the boat landing supervision until a supervisor can be determined. President Krueger will also contact an individual expressed interest in the team this summer. In the past newsletter boat landing volunteers were recognized. Inadvertently Mr. Ron Caple's name was left off the list.

Fishing Tournament Ordinance

Steve Riley discussed ongoing efforts toward establishing a fishing tournament ordinance. He is currently working with Tom Thornton. The overriding goal is to make sure that our waters are protected from AIS. After discussion, Phil Rasmussen made a motion for a resolution requiring fishing tournament organizers to pay for trained monitors at designated landings used in fishing tournaments. Further the resolution also recommends limiting the number of landings used to three. The motion was approved and the resolution will be forwarded to the towns to initiate the process. Steve Riley will continue to work with Mr. Thornton on this issue. Mr. Riley stated he was willing to take additional action as an independent citizen should our efforts fail; however, members of the board cautioned him regarding unintended consequences of this action.

Fun on the Water

Fun on the water will be held July 26. Denise Dupras has been in contact with Al Stawicki. He is willing to coordinate the event again. He has requested some additional funds to ensure that all children who attend this event will be able to go home with some type of gift. This was endorsed by the board and is reflected in the budget. Membership forms for the NLA will be at the event. The cost for attending the event or remain at \$5 per family. Denise will work with Al to have a sign-up sheet with a list of events available to go in the June newsletter. Additional discussion was held regarding cooking the brats and hotdogs.

Shoreline Committee

President Krueger has contacted Mr. Parsonage who remains interested in coordinating the Shoreline committee. He has been ill so there have been no recent actions by the committee. Continuation of the Shoreline committee was motioned and approved.

Membership

As of April 18, the total number of NLA members is 433. 143 members have paid their 2009 dues totaling \$2770. Other donations made by 38 members total \$2015. There was

discussion regarding acknowledging those members giving a donation in addition to their dues. The newsletter will contain a thank you but will not list individual member names.

Board Nominees

Two board positions are up for election this year. The position held by Steve Riley and the position held by President Krueger. Mr. Reilly indicated he would be running again. President Krueger has elected not to run. All nominees will need to submit a short bio for the June newsletter.

Website Update

Denise Dupras has been in contact with the webmaster. The website should now be correct. President Krueger informed the board that the town was getting a website which will have a link to our website.

WAL Conference

The 11th annual Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference is scheduled for June 19 at Telemark resort. Information is now available on the website www.BayfieldCountyLakes.org. The next clean boats, clean water's workshop will be held May 7, 5:00 - 8:00 pm at Cable Natural History Museum in Cable, WI; Stefania Strzalkowska, AIS Coordinator, Bayfield County, 715-373-6167; Kristy Maki, AIS Coordinator, Sawyer County, 715-634-6463

Correspondence

Denise Dupras read a letter from an NLA member regarding "swimmers itch". She will respond to the letter and also develop an article for the June newsletter.

Other Topics

Phil Rasmussen updated the board on ongoing efforts with the Red Cliff and Bad River organizations to get walleye spawn. The plan would be to use silk pens in Lake Namakagon to develop the fish. The money in the fisheries fund will support this effort.

President Krueger reminded board members to keep track of their time as this is counted towards the grant applications.

The board also discussed the corporate donations initiative. They recognize the difficult economic times. Rick Yerhot will be contacted to determine if he remains interested in working on this.

Lisa Holt recommended to the board that we consider sending the newsletters by e-mail rather than by US mail. This would decrease the amount of cost for both printing and also mailing. There was agreement among the board to add an option for e-mail of the newsletters to the dues form. The June newsletter will be mailed to all of the members to facilitate the election of new board members in August.

The next meeting will be held June 6 at the Grandview Town Hall. The meeting will begin it with an open forum at 9 a.m. and the meeting will follow at approximately 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Dupras