

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Jim Krueger

All Board Members present: Yerhot, Riley, Rasmussen, Porter, Riley, Nelson, Krueger and Dupras

Besides the Board Members there were 4 NLA members

Minutes of November 3, 2007 read. Motion to approve by Riley and Yerhot.

Treasurers Report read. Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$17,882.95. Motion to approve by Rasmussen and Riley.

Shoreline Restoration: Letter from Bob Parsonage, Lake & Habitat Improvement Project Coordinator, was explained by Steve Riley in Bob's absence. The letter is on file with the secretary, for your inspection if interested. In short, it explains that grant monies are available from DNR only if restoration is restricted in perpetuity. Reversal would result in return of restoration funds and a fine. However grant monies are also available from Bayfield County in the amount of \$100,000 for restoration work that is maintained for ten years with no restrictive covenant thereafter. Dr. Parsonage asked that NLA members be poled as to their interest in restoration of their shoreline.

A motion was made and second by Porter and Riley to extend the trial period of this committee's work for another year.

Grant Writing Progress: Steve Riley explained that three grants are in the process of acceptance by the WDNR. 1) Early Detection & Rapid Response under the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant. 2) Lake Management Planning Grant A) Aquatic Survey of Lake. B) Sanitary Survey and User Survey.

Notification from WDNR by April of approval is anticipated.

ILIDS Presentation: Denise Dupras gave a video presentation of "captures" by the boat ramp surveillance cameras used to detect boats/trailers entering and exiting our lake. If weeds are detected, they must be removed per Wisconsin Law or violators will be ticketed. The presentation was an explanation of how the cameras capture and showing the quality of the pictures. Some discussion followed and suggestions included repositioning the cameras, clearing foliage that may restrict light and trigger motion sensors, improvement of software and hardware, etc.

Denise will work with Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC who is the company we purchased the equipment from. Monies used to purchase the two cameras that belong to NLA were donated almost in entirety by individual NLA Members.

Voting Procedures Committee: Per minutes of the September 22nd meeting, the July/August Newsletter will be replaced by a mailing to all NLA Membership. The mailing will consist of a Unique Ballot, Bio's of Board Member Nominees and a letter of explanation on voting procedures. Jim Krueger and Bill Porter will be responsible for this task. There is great concern by the Board that we receive ballots from a majority of the members in order to meet our quorum requirements.

April Newsletter: Denise Dupras will take responsibility of the April Newsletter. A request for info for the letter was made. Members interested in running for the NLA Board will be encouraged; Membership renewals will be encouraged.

Business Sponsorships: A committee of Jim Krueger, Rick Yerhot and Phil Rasmussen has been researching ways to build interest in local businesses to purchase sponsor memberships in NLA. Among some of the advantages will be exposure of their services to the area through NLA media, certificates of appreciation and the knowledge of knowing they are helping preserve and protect our lake. Three levels of sponsorships will be available.

2008 Projects: Fun On The Water (Porter will ask Stawicki to spearhead project again); Lake Clean Up (Tom Nelson and Tim Brown will take responsibility for this project); Boat Landing Supervision (Clyde Wishart will again take the lead in this project) Clyde suggested a brochure to assist volunteers in approaching the public at the boat ramps concerning AIS & lake maps with designated points of interests and information for hand-outs at the boat ramps. Newsletters will continue with three editions during the year; Water Testing will continue with the volunteer help of Wishart, Grage and Nystrom; Trapping Beaver in Castle Creek will be done by USDA on a "will call if necessary" basis; Updating Literature and flyers to new property owners and visitors was discussed and put on hold for the time being.

Correspondence & Information: Phil Rasmussen asked for info on Buoy locations for an area map being finalized & distributed; VHS (Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia) a fish kill AIS, literature to the Board.

Wisconsin Area Lakes Association Dues/Donation of \$500. was approved by motion from Porter and Yerhot.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 AM by Rasmussen and Riley

Respectfully,
Bill Porter (Secretary NLA)

