

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Acting-President Steve Riley

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

NLA Member Attendees: 3

Minutes of June 6, 2009, were read and approved by motion. Additional report of the FOTH Presentation was also read and approved.

Treasures Report: Submitted by Tim Browne. Total income \$1995. Total expenses of \$ 825.95. Balance as of July 11, 2009, \$36,832.84. Read and approved by motion.

NW Wisconsin Waters Consortium: Mr. Jim Brakken presented information on a new organization, the NW Wisconsin Waters Consortium. It is a consortium of county wide lake associations in NW Wisconsin. So far there are 11 counties who have joined the consortium. Mr. Brakken listed some of the accomplishments of the consortium and requested a 1 time donation from the NLA. Lisa Holt made a motion that we contribute \$200 to the Consortium. This was approved by the majority of the Board members. Mr. Brakken indicated that future support of the Consortium is expected to come from grants and not from the lake associations. There will also be a meeting of the Consortium on July 19th at 9 AM. Mr. Riley has the flyer with the information.

Board Candidates: Thus far, we have no candidates for the upcoming election in August. Denise Dupras requested that if no members step up as candidates, ballots will be sent out for write-in candidates. Mr. Riley was asked if he re-consider and run again. He indicated that he would not run under any circumstance. We also continue to need someone to serve as the official ballot counter. Denise will contact Jim Krueger to determine if Larry Stroup will be available and willing to do this again. Other potential members have declined to count ballots.

Board Supervision Landings: We continue to be in need of a supervisor for this task. Stephania Strzalkowska will be holding a Clean Boat, Clean Water workshop after the meeting today to train more volunteers. The data entry for the SWIMS was done last year by Jim Krueger. Steve Riley has contacted Bill Porter who has an account with the DNR and is willing to do this for the NLA this year.

Membership Update: Denise Dupras indicated that there are currently 279 paid members. Invoices sent by either email or US mail resulted in a significant number of dues being paid. The Board recommends that we consider sending invoices again, but earlier in the year. We will also discuss the timing of the dues at the Annual Meeting in August.

Fun Day Updates: Al Stawicki updated the group on the Fun on the Water Event. Mr. Jurries will again buy the food. Charlie Best has volunteered to cook, so Tim, Tom and Steve are excused from cooking, but will serve as back-up. Brochures have been hung around the Lake at all of the establishments. Flyers were given to Board members to distribute as needed. Clyde Wishart has agreed to do kayak event with Rick. All other activities with the exception of sand castle judging are covered. Al will check with everyone before the event to make sure there aren't any changes. It was suggested that we recycle the cans and bottles. Rick Yerhot will bring two large containers and Denise will bring bags to collect the recyclable goods. Al indicated that only a few had pre-paid, which continues to make it challenging to estimate food and prize needs for the event. Al previewed the t-shirt for this year, which was met with approval by all.

Lake District Proposal: Steve Riley asked the Board and membership whether we should invite a speaker to provide more information on Lake Districts at the Annual Meeting. He has been in contact with Patrick

Goggin, Lake Specialist from the U of WI, Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources who is willing to come to the annual meeting. There was agreement that the Annual Meeting would be the best venue to have this and support Steve inviting him to our Annual meeting.

NLA Insurance: Steve Riley indicated that at the WAL meeting, he found out that most of the Lake Associations carry insurance to protect them. The primary event that would put the NLA at risk is the Fun Day Event; however, other activities such as putting in and taking out buoys carry the risk of injury as well. Lisa Holt volunteered to contact Larry Fischer to find out additional information.

Correspondence: Denise Dupras read correspondence from Howard Sibbald that she received in response to her question for clarification regarding the amount of money he understood the NLA would asking from the towns to cover the costs associated with the I-Lids. Mr. Sibbald stated in the note that he had indicated that \$900 would be a reasonable amount. He also pointed out that only the town board can make a decision regarding this. Steve Riley indicated that he will be going to the Namakagon Meeting on Monday and that based on his discussion with Grand View they would match the amount of money approved by Namakagon.

Old Business

1. Brochures at Public Landings: Denise Dupras will contact Jim Krueger to see if he was able to find someone to make the boxes.
2. Diamond Lake Signage: Lisa Holt will contact Dave Reichert to determine who made the Diamond Lake sign.
3. Fishing Tournament Ordinance: Denise Dupras asked if Mr. Riley as the Acting President would be sending the letter to the fishing tournaments as an Ordinance is not an option. Mr. Riley indicated he would contact Bob Rasmussen to see if he would sign the letter and would be discussing this with him on Monday. Additional discussion ensued regarding the risks for AIS introduction into Lake Namekagon. Stephania Strzalkowska, AIS project coordinator for Bayfield County, indicated that there is no evidence or data to support the contention that the fishing tournaments pose a greater risk than others who use the lakes. She emphasized that education especially for the novice boater is essential.

New Business

Stephania Strzalkowska , presented a Certificate of Appreciation plaque to the NLA Board of Directors and Members on behalf of the Bayfield County AIS Committee in recognition of the efforts to prevent the introduction of AIS into our lakes. She also indicated that the current recommendation of the state's AIS Committee is for Lake Associations to partner with Fishing Tournaments towards continue to protect the waters.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 A.M., motioned and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Dupras