

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Jim Krueger

Board Members Present: Krueger, Riley, Yerhot, Dupras, Nelson

Board Members Absent: Rasmuessen, Porter

NLA Member Attendees: 4

Minutes of May 10, 2008 read, moved and seconded by Riley & Yerhot.

Treasurers Report read, moved & seconded by Riley & Dupras. Balance as of May 31, 2008 was \$19,688.63.

Quest Speaker was Stefania Strzalkowska, Aquatic Species Project Coordinator: She provided an update on AIS, VHS and enforcement. Bayfield Ordinance signs for the 9 landings were to be delivered by Jim Brakken to Lakewoods. They have not been posted yet. She will determine if Lakewoods received the posters. She discussed the DNR Water Guard Deputy Warden program. Kathy Oginski is assigned to our area and does have enforcement authority. The Board and attendees discussed ways that the DNR might increase awareness of the rules, in particular through educating the organizers and participants in the various fishing tournaments in the area.

Grant Update: Steve Riley updated the Board on the schedule for the plant survey which will likely be delayed by 1 week by the WDNR because of the late ice out. He also indicated the person we had been working with at Leisch had left and now we were working with 2 new people. The survey will have 2 individuals sample for 5 days three different weeks during the season. They suggested staying with someone on the lake and they would discount the costs in return. Steve indicated there were no offers from NLA membership to house them and that the grant covered the costs of their housing. Options for discounted lodging were discussed.

Public Forum Discussion: Steve Riley and Jim Krueger discussed the requirement for public forums as a condition of getting the grants. Steve shared an email communication from Pam Toschner indicating there are no rigid guidelines about the forums, other than the public must have an opportunity to comment. The timing of meetings is also not specified. After discussion, the Board and members agreed that the first meeting will be held on August 16, 2008 at 9:00 AM and will be followed at 9:30 AM by the annual meeting. The second meeting will also be held at 9:00 AM followed by the NLA meeting in October 2008. Arrangements will be made to have this meeting at the Grandview Town Hall. Steve and Jim will determine if one or two notices need to be posted before the forums.

Shoreline Cleanup: Tim Nelson indicated that everyone has been contacted and clean-up is underway.

Courtesy Map Update: Denise Dupras distributed an updated map. Members provided input on the positioning of the rock buoys. Clyde Wishard commented that the Bayfield Ordinance which is more restrictive than the Wisconsin laws was not on the handout. Denise asked Stephania to send her an electronic version which will replace the current warning box. Denise discussed printing options and indicated that one internet site would print 500 on the glossy paper for 22 cents each. Clyde indicated that the last time they had a printing they got 5000 and distributed them widely. Denise indicated that she would make the changes and the Board directed her to print without further review.

Fun Day Update and Volunteer List: Jim Krueger indicated that we still need someone to volunteer to cook at fun day and coordinate the food. Jim passed the sign up list around for attendees to volunteer. Fun day will be July 20, 2008 and begin at 11:00.

Boat Landing supervision: Jim Krueger has met the campground hosts and Mr. Otto and his wife have agreed to monitor the boat launch and pass out information during the season. They are paid for their time. Jim Krueger will get the reports approximately every 2 weeks. Denise Dupras has volunteer for the computer entry of the information. Clyde Wishard is coordinating the monitoring at the County Road D launch. Three individuals have offered to participate, but on one has signed up. The Board and attendees also discussed potential changes in launch availability at the Four Seasons and the Garmish resort. Clyde discussed the expectations of monitoring for 4 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings, beginning as early as the person is willing to go. He has all the materials needed for monitoring and handouts ready to go.

Board Nominees Update: Jim Krueger indicated that there are 2 new members running for the 3 open positions and that Phil Rasmussen will likely run again. The bios for the new members are in the June newsletter.

Annual Meeting Program: Jim Krueger asked for ideas for the annual meeting. Denise Dupras offered the idea of a program on loons. She has been in touch with the Loon Watch organization out of Ashland and understands that Sue Benson at the Cable natural History Museum is an excellent speaker on loons. Jim offered to contact her and determine availability for August 16. Tim Nelson also suggested a program on elk management or wolf management.

W.A.L. Conference: The conference will be held at the Telemark Resort on June 20th. Denise will be attending her first conference. Additional NLA members attending include Steve Riley, Julie Riley, and Clyde Wishard. Stefania told the group that 3 workshops will be held on Thursday, one focusing on AIS, another on Clean Boat/Clean Water, and a third related to lake association and planning.

Next Board meeting: July 12, 2008 at 9:00 AM.

Motion to adjourn/carried at 10:05 AM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Dupras (NLA member)