

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by President Jim Krueger

Board Members Present: Krueger, Riley, Dupras, Nelson, Browne, Holt, Rasmussen
Board Members Absent: none

NLA Member Attendees: 2

Minutes of September 28, 2008 read. Approved & seconded by Riley & Holt Additional comments from Board members: A NLA project was not included in the list, the Fisheries which is coordinated by Phil Rasmussen. Also at the time of removal the I-LID at Funny Bay did have functioning audio.

Treasurers Report

Submitted by Tim Browne. Income of \$20, Expenses of \$83.88 leaving a balance of \$25,703.12 with an additional 91 Day CD valued at \$11,757.62. Board discussed and approved including the CD in the Treasures Report to give a Total of \$37,450.74.

Environmental Sentry Protection (I-Lids)

Treasurer Tim Browne presented a bill from the for 2.6 months of monitoring at the two landings. The Board reviewed and directed Tim to pay the bill in full.

2007 WDNR Payment Update

President Jim Krueger - \$5800 was given to the town of Namakagon. The costs associated with paying monitors at the landings will be deducted and the balance will be given to the NLA.

State Annual Report

Treasurer Tim Brown indicated that \$10 fee will be paid on behalf of the NLA.

Buoy Removal

President Krueger expressed thanks to the members who helped remove the buoys on October 19th. Jim Krueger, Bill Porter, Tim Browne, Tom Nelson, and Rick Yerhot removed the buoys. 3 of the buoys were discarded and will be replaced. The chains that anchor the buoys will also be replaced with ropes which should make removal easier and prevent the rust damage to boats used in removal.

Newsletter Contributions

Denise Dupras reviewed the items that are included in the upcoming newsletter and encouraged members to submit items of interest. Jamie at Advance Printing is currently working on printing and will send for distribution.

Website Update

Denise Dupras told the Board she has not yet been able to contact the WebMaster (Steve Schlitz) but has sent another email. The Website needs updating and she will send information about current Board members, the PDF for the new brochure, minutes for the meetings and also a list of contacts for NLA projects.

Bayfield County Lakes Forum

Denise Dupras recently learned that the BCLF now offers a free web page to member lake associations for posting of their minutes and information. After discussion with Board they unanimously supported submitting NLA information to BCLF for a web page. She also indicated that BCLF now offers individual membership, which could be included as an item for upcoming newsletter.

Lake Maps Distribution

Denise Dupras discussed the distribution of the updated brochures. Both she and Jim Krueger have many brochures. Brochures were given to businesses around the lake. The Board suggested additional distribution sites and consideration of putting brochures at landings such as County D and the National Forest Campground. Also at Vacation Reality who has an office in Cable, the Evergreen Bar, the Rookery, & Cable Nature Lodge. Board members will also distribute to private owners who rent their lake properties and local Cable businesses

2008 Grant Updates

Steve Riley discussed the recent bill from FOTH which is under review. His discussion with his contact indicated that there were errors in the current bill. He reviewed the contract with the Board and indicated that correcting the bill should put the project back within the budget. The DNR has approved the roll over of funds and expectations so that no additional reporting is needed for this year. Jim Krueger reminded Board members to track the time spent on NLA issues as that is considered volunteer time so it can be reported to support our grants.

I-Lids Grant Opportunity

Steve Riley learned that there may be opportunities in the coming year to apply for grants to pay for I-Lid monitoring based on a successful DNR pilot project in the area. The Board discussed the potential for funding and unanimously support Steve proceeding with contacting the DNR and moving ahead to apply for funding. The Board also directed Mr. Riley to apply for additional grant money if available to fund the acquisition of additional I-Lids.

2009 Grants

Nothing additional needs to be done at this time

Fishing Tournament Ordinance

Steve Riley reviewed the past events related to the attempt to pass a fishing tournament ordinance. The Board discussed the various threats to the health of the lake which include not only the fishing tournaments but also the novice fishermen who may be unaware of

the measures essential to keep our lakes clean. There was unanimous support for Steve to proceed with working on developing an ordinance with the help of Mr. Tom Thornton from Grandview who is a former DNR Warden. The overall goal would be to develop an ordinance that can be passed by the towns of Namakagon and Grandview which will require trained and qualified monitors of all landings used in fishing tournaments. Tournament sponsors should be required to obtain and pay for the monitors during their respective tournaments.

Boat Landing Supervision

President Krueger reviewed the difficulties associated with getting volunteer monitors for the boat landings. During the past year, the County D landing was monitored for only 4 hours. The Board recognizes the challenges to providing supervision at the 9 landings around the lakes.

Beaver Activity at Dam

President Krueger told the Board that the initial removal of the beaver dam, was quickly rebuilt by the beavers. There is now a plan to have a back hoe come in and remove the debris. The lake level is high and poses a threat to the shoreline if not lowered. He also indicated that Jim Anderson is conducting a survey of the Dam height to determine if it is as the 1929 standard. The dam is under the control of the Town and the Forest Service.

Budget Development

President Krueger and Treasurer Tim Browne will develop a budget for the NLA to cover the calendar year. Since there are expenses and income associated with the various grants, this information will also be included in the budget.

Correspondence: None

Other new Business

The June 6th meeting tentatively will be held at the Grandview Town Hall and include a public forum prior to the meeting. Phil Rasmussen updated the Board on the status of the fisheries projects. He is now in contact with the DNR and parties in Rhinelander as a potential source of fish stock.

Next Meeting will be held tentatively January 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Dupras
NLA Secretary