

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Tom Nelson, Tim Browne, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Lisa Holt, Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 10

Guests: 3

Minutes of June 19, 2010 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. Corrections were made. A motion to approve was made by Tim Browne and seconded by Tom Nelson. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 7/19/2010 was reported as 30,507.94 and corrected to 34,867.59. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Linda Fischer. The report was approved.

Landing Monitor Update:

Julia Campbell introduced Mike Gardner, Program Manager at Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute. He updated the Board and membership on the role and activities of the Institute and the opportunity to employ students from Northland College through a Memorandum of Understanding in conjunction with the Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC organization to monitor landings on Lake Namekagon. The two students, Kira Hefty and Sascha Yates were in attendance and will begin monitoring at Hwy D landing and Funnys Bay. The tentative plan for the monitoring will include coverage on Friday night, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Julia Campbell indicated that we have 80 hours logged and have met our volunteer time requirement. She thanked the members for their time in this activity. Linda Fischer and Julia Campbell were thanked for their time and efforts in organizing and coordinating this and the landing monitors. Julia Campbell indicated that Jim Krueger has donated sleeping accommodations for the monitors when they are here during the weekends. The Board and membership recognized and thanked Jim Krueger for this.

Fun on the Water:

Linda Fischer provided an update on the planning for the event. She is coordinating with Al Stawicki. She and Al Stawicki are going to buy prizes. She brought a picture of the new updated shirt. The membership was very supportive of the sponsorship of the event and thanked Linda Fischer for all of her efforts in soliciting donations. The newsletter has been sent out and will contain a registration form for the event.

Board Candidates:

Denise Dupras indicated that she would run for the board again, but no other candidates have come forward. Many individuals have been asked. The procedure for the election will be the same as last year. August 1 will be the deadline for submission of names for the ballot. A write-in space will be provided. If a candidate is identified at the meeting, he or she will still need to be supported by a quorum of members. If there are not enough members at the annual meeting, a mailed ballot will be sent to all members for vote.

Barnes Overlay:

Jim Krueger, an NLA member and member of the Town Comprehensive planning group discussed the Barnes Overlay. There has been approval for the Town Board to evaluate the Barnes Overlay, but it has not been adopted by the Town of Namakagon. Jim Krueger presented schematics to explain our current zoning and indicated that “key holing” which is on Missionary Point, is no longer possible. He indicated that the Town is looking not only at Lake Namekagon, but at all of the surrounding lakes and other navigable waters (including streams and rivers) that would be impacted by the Overlay. Currently on Lake Namekagon, there are no imminent dangers that require adoption of the Overlay. He also indicated that there are ongoing issues with exceptions where the promised mitigation has not occurred, which are a concern for many as there has not been an effective means of enforcing mitigation. Bob Parsonage who is on the BCLF Board indicated that their organization is looking at this from a county perspective, with a goal of providing for responsible development of the lakes. Mike Gardner is also on the BCLF and indicated that there are a number of complexities with the Overlay. When asked, Bob Parsonage indicated that he was in favor of the Overlay. Jim Krueger indicated that the Overlay would have to be modified before it would meet the needs of the Town of Namakagon and that there is ongoing investigation and consideration of the needs of all who would be impacted by the Overlay. He asked the membership to provide input to the Town on this important issue. The NLA as an organization has not been asked to take a position on this issue. It was suggested that this topic be discussed at the upcoming Annual Meeting as well.

New Business:

Program for the Annual Meeting: Mike Gardner was invited and tentatively accepted to make a presentation on behalf of the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute. We will also invite a presentation on the status of the Common Loon and concerns regarding the impact of the oil spill in the Gulf.

Fish Sticks Project: Bob Parsonage, member of the Bayfield County Lakes Forum briefly discussed the “Fish Sticks Project” and its importance as a means of improving the fisheries and shoreline restoration. More information can be found in the recent Bayfield County Lakes Reflection newsletter. (www.BayfieldCountyLakes.org) He encouraged the membership to provide input and comments on this activity.

Old Business:

Signage: The towns of Namakagon and Grand View gave final approval to the new signs.

Hwy D Renovation: There is no update and work has not started.

Surveys: The surveys are being returned to FOTH. Thirty-three surveys have been returned without sufficient postage, which has been paid by the NLA. We have no update from FOTH on the number of returns.

Member Offer: Julia Campbell indicated that one of the NLA members has made the generous offer to match up to \$1000 to support the payment of landing monitors. The Board expressed appreciation of this offer. Phil Rasmussen offered a donation of \$200 for this purpose. Denise Dupras will determine the amount of money above dues that has been donated and contact the member to see if this would count towards this offer.

Voting Eligibility: A discussion regarding the deadline for dues payment and eligibility for voting was begun by Denise Dupras.

Next Meeting Date: August 21, 2010, 9AM, Namakagon Town Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 10:29 and seconded by Linda Fischer. The meeting was adjourned.