

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Denise Dupras, Steve Riley, Lisa Holt

Board Member Absent: Julia Campbell, Linda Fischer, Tim Browne

NLA Member Attendees: 1

Guest: 1

Minutes of April 16, 2011 Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Steve Riley and seconded by Lisa Holt. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne, read by Denise Dupras. The General Accounting balance as of 5/11/2011 was reported as \$28,818.95. Motion to accept report made by Steve Riley and seconded by Lisa Holt. The report was approved

Board Candidates:

The group discussed the need to identify at least 3 candidates to fill the outgoing Board positions. All were encouraged to identify and talk to potential candidates. With the increased involvement with Northland College, the work related to grants should be substantially less. Notice will be placed in the upcoming newsletter.

Fun on the Water Update:

Denise updated the Board on the event. The date has been changed to Saturday July 23. The permit has been purchased. Al Stawicki and Linda Fischer will again coordinate the event.

Shoreland Restoration:

Denise will contact Mike Gardner to see if he will be able to come to the Annual Meeting and give a presentation on this. Bob Parsonage has a list of potential interested land owners which will serve as a starting point. Information about this will be included in the upcoming newsletter.

Lake Clean-Up:

Tom Nelson is coordinating the activity this year. Some of the areas have been canvased others will be done as soon as boats are in.

Update on HWY D Landing Renovation:

Phil Rasmussen updated the group on the timetable for this. Jim Krueger told him that at this time, they do not anticipate doing any work at the landing until after Labor Day. Denise will update Eric Lindberg as the ILIDs will need to be delayed further. Steve Riley also raised the concern that we may need another extension for the WDNR Grant as implementation of the 4th ILID is delayed again.

FOTH Update:

The WDNR has made final payments to the NLA for the grants. All funds have been paid to FOTH based on the prior agreement made between Brian Hinrichs and the NLA (via email with Denise Dupras). The Board considers this relationship and obligations completed.

Facebook Update:

Denise will contact Ruth Lull to determine where we are with regards to the Facebook page.

New Signage at the Landing:

The new sign at Lakewoods will be moved to the Landing site. Lisa Holt will take care of the installation of the sign. Phil Rasmussen will be reimbursed for his contribution towards the sign. Monies from the Town will be used to offset the additional cost.

Bayfield County Lakes Forum Presentation:

Jim Brakken presented information on the pilot project for "Tackle Swap on Lake Namekagon". He brought materials on the project as well as non-toxic tackle. The NLA will participate in this project at selected landings for 3 hours on selected days. The landing monitors will help with this. Mr. Brakken said that the exchange is voluntary at this time and that only limited amounts will be able to be swapped for any given individual. He also talked about the benefits of this for improving the habitat for wildlife. At the landings there will be a short survey to assess the attitudes of the fishermen. He will also work with the Cable Chamber of Commerce to educate the businesses and encourage the use and sale of non-toxic tackle going forward. There will also be tackle swap at NLA events including FOTW and the Annual Meeting.

The second project is a fund raising project with the potential to bring income to the NLA. An independent photographer has taken multiple pictures of the local lakes in northwestern Wisconsin including Namekagon, Garden, Cable, Owen,... in Bayfield County. All available can be seen at www.bayfieldcountylakes.org. For group orders of > 6 photos, the NLA will get a 10% commission, an additional 20% will go to fund the BCLF. An article will be in the newsletter promoting this project.

Old Business:

Membership: Denise updated the Board on the current membership. As of May 20, there are a total of 376 members, but only 175 are paid for 2011. 78 members have not paid since 2009 and will be dropped from the mailing. An email will be sent to all members to remind them that the dues must be postmarked by June 1 to be eligible to vote in August.

Newsletters:

Denise apologized for not having the newsletter out, but will get all the materials to Jamie and have them out soon. The group discussed the costs and recognized that mailing through the chamber would not result in significant savings, but potentially a more complicated process for the NLA. Decision was made to continue the current process.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on June 25th. Because of a scheduling conflict the May meeting could not be held at Grand View. We will tentatively plan to meet at Grand View at 9 AM.

Correspondance:

Janet Porter recently attended the Loon Ranger training program and would like to coordinate the loon watch activities on the Lake. There was unanimous support for this. Phil Rasmussen appointed her NLA Loon Watch coordinator. An article will be placed in the newsletter encouraging all interested parties to contact Janet directly.

Next Meeting Date: June 25th 9AM, Grand View Town Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 1:37 and seconded by Steve Riley. The meeting was adjourned.