

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 by President Phil Rasmussen

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

NLA Member Attendees: 26

Guests: 4 (Ralph Owen & Dave Berg, Lake Owen Lake Association), Mike Gardner, Stephania Strzalkowska

President Phil Rasmussen invited those at the meeting to introduce themselves.

Minutes of August 21, 2009 Annual Meeting

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

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 8/21/2010 was reported as \$22,222.55. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Lisa Holt. The report was approved.

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Mike Gardner, Program Manager at Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute provided an overview on the origin of the Institute. The founder and 4 of the original Board members had property on Lake Namakagon. He provided a synopsis on the activities of the institute and collaboration with Ashland, Washburn and the Takoda Lake District. One of the important roles of the Institute is to provide opportunities for students at Northland College to participate in relevant activities important for their education and future careers. He also described how the Sigurd Olson Institute can play an important role in the interpretation of the data from the lake and provide a "State of the Lake" report in addition to assisting with writing and obtaining DNR grants for lake planning, AIS, and other activities.

Re-Cap of Accomplishments:

Denise Dupras read a list of NLA accomplishments for the past year. She also distributed a list of volunteers who have given their time to complete the activities of the NLA. The list will be posted on the NLA web site. She asked for additional names and also the hours contributed by the members, which we need to track for our grants.

Board Candidates:

Denise Dupras submitted her name as a candidate for the NLA Board. She has served a 3 year term and is able to serve another term. She indicated that organizing the various

participants in the LoonWatch would be a goal of hers if elected. There were no other names submitted prior to the election and no nominations from the floor.

Election:

Jim Krueger and Rick Yerhot were the official vote counters. Denise Dupras received 123 votes and was re-elected to a second 3 year term. There were 10 “write ins”. Steve Riley received 10 votes and agreed to join the Board for a 3 year term. The following received votes: Jim Krueger, Rick Yerhot, Bob Parsonage, Stuart Hanson, Jeanne Baxter, Jan Wischoff, Tom Nelson, & Bill Porter.

New Business:

- Survey Results – Denise Dupras gave a brief presentation of some of the results from the survey of the land owners in the towns of Grand View and Namakagon. FOTH supplied the data, but has not prepared a narrative of the results. A report of the results will be posted on the NLA web-site.
- Purple Loosestrife (AIS) - Ralph Nystrom brought a sample of this invasive species for review. The weather this year resulted in more plants appearing. These were removed and destroyed as recommended by the WDNR. Ralph was thanks for his prompt attention to this and Kira Hefty, student at Northlands College was recognized as the person who identified the presence of the weed.
- Volunteer Recognition – A list of volunteers was circulated; names were added, including Dr. Evan Lindberg, who did the bulk of the work getting the survey mailed.
- FOTH Update – Brian Hinrichs from FOTH has sent a letter stating that there are additional costs associated with completing the work on 2 prior AIS grants. In particular for the water sampling the NLA did not supply a driver. The original contract agreed that NLA would pay \$2500 for this service. There were additional fees added due to the time and effort required to get the survey ready for distribution and also for the analysis since more surveys were returned than expected. Denise Dupras discussed her conversations with Jane Malischke (WDNR) and a suggested approach to dealing with FOTH and ensuring completion of deliverables to the WDNR. Denise Dupras, Lisa Holt, Tim Browne and Steve Riley will work together on resolving these issues.

Old Business:

- Hwy D Landing Update – Denise Dupras has been in contact with Eric Lindberg (EPS) and Joel Weinert (WDNR). At this time the project has been put out for bidding; however, it is unknown when the project will be started or completed.
- Grant Updates
 - Signage Grants – Lisa Holt was recognized for her work on the sign grants. Three of the signs were brought for review. She asked for volunteers to help with installation. Rick Yerhot volunteered to help with the installation. Denise Dupras discussed the weather resistant brochure holders. Linda Fischer and Julie Campbell have been in contact with Stephania Strzalkowska regarding which materials would be most appropriate for the rack.

- AIS – Denise Dupras has submitted information to Jane Malischke regarding our volunteer efforts and activities of the NLA to meet the requirements of our grants. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.
- ILID Video Reviews – Denise Dupras received a communication from Eric Lindberg (ESP) regarding the videos from the 3 ILIDs operating. Members volunteering to view some of the videos included: Evan Lindberg, Lisa Holt, Bill Porter, and Jan Cogbill. Denise Dupras will contact Eric to get copies of the videos and coordinate the review. Julie Campbell also indicated that as part of the agreement with the Sigurd Olson, we could have students review the tapes for \$8/hr.
- Fun on the Water was a great success this year due to the efforts of Linda Fischer and Al Stawicki. Through their efforts the expense to the NLA was substantially less than in prior years. Steve Riley indicated that Dave Berg from the Lake Owen Association would be a contact for shirts next year and can get them at a significant discount. Everyone was thanked for their contributions and attendance at the event.
- Lakeshore Committee – Results of the survey suggest that zoning and lakeshore restoration are 2 of the most important issues for the membership. Bob Parsonage will be contacted to determine if he will continue to lead this group. Steve Riley and Tim Browne also expressed an interest in the committee. Stephania Strzalkowska indicated that the county is interesting in taking more actions to mitigate zoning issues. She encouraged members to contact Brett Rondo who is the county supervisor with concerns about mitigation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tim Browne at 11:05 and seconded by Julia Campbell. The meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting, the new Board met briefly, elected officers (unchanged from the prior year), discussed the volunteer appreciation dinner, set for October 9th and will ask Kenny Becker to cook the fish boil, and set the next meeting date: September 18, 2010, 9AM, Namakagon Town Hall