

Namakagon Lake Association Board/Membership Meeting

July 20, 2019 9:00am Namakagon Town Hall

Minutes

Call to order 9:00 AM by President Jim DeRoma

Attendance: Board Members Present: Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Amanda Staudemeyer, Jim Krueger, Jim DeRoma
Guests: 11 (Board and guests were introduced)

1. Minutes: June 16, 2019 meeting read by Denise Dupras, corrections made motion to approve by Amanda Staudemeyer, seconded by Jim Krueger.

2. Treasurer's report was not available, but update was provided to Jim DeRoma and is unchanged. We do not know the final income from the Fishing Tournament and Banquet, but there will be some proceeds. PayPal is up. Denise mentioned that Chris Fransch has helped other organizations put up PayPal and has a simplified system.

3. New business:

A. Milfoil treatment/Yellow Iris: Milfoil treatment has been successful. No regrowth in treated area at Lakewoods. Clear line near 4 seasons where treatment was. Will need to try and treat again potentially this fall. There will be a survey again this year and likely plan will include treat near Mogashen next spring. Yellow iris has bloomed and gone to seed. The property at the end of Namekagon is for sale and the yellow iris was not removed. Additional discussion ensued regarding whether additional plants are invasive species and the consequences.

B. Milfoil hand pulling update: differences between northern (native) and the hybrid was discussed. The center is fluorescent green in the native and red in the invasive. The importance of pulling the roots was emphasized. If the weather holds there will be a pontoon ride at noon to go and out show the identity and also hand pull today. Jim Krueger will lead the trip.

C. Annual Meeting – Four Seasons: Plan for noon, will ask Heather at Brickhouse to cater. Jim DeRoma will contact her. Will plan for the same number of members again. Denise made a motion that we rent the tent from Amanda to set up for the meeting and the meal, this was seconded by Jim Kreuger. Picnic tables will be used for sitting to eat. The meeting will have a short program updating the membership on the walleye initiative, fishsticks, need for ongoing fund raising to support the NLAs efforts to protect and lake and its activities.

D. Walleye Lawsuit: The DeRoma's received a letter from John Q Wright indicating that the use of the walleye picture on "The Big Catch" brochure for the recent Fundraising event was an infringement on copyright for John Q Wright. The NLA is being sued for willful copyright infringement. Phil Rasmussen came to meeting today in response to the phone call from Jim DeRoma and stated that PC found the image on the internet as "free image". He was told that we need the exact website where the image was taken from so that we can respond to the lawyer ASAP. He should communicate this information to Denise Dupras and Jim DeRoma so that a response can be sent. Jim DeRoma has drafted a response which was reviewed.

E. Election information: There are two vacancies on the Board this year. Amanda Staudemeyer (who is not running again) and Jim DeRoma's (who will run again) seats are opening. Larry Pribyl will run for a position. Jim Krueger has the ballots prepared which will be mailed with a SASE for return. Short bios will be sent and posted on the website prior to the election.

4. Old business

A. Landing cameras – Funny's has been down. Denise got into to Eric, but it wasn't able to restart. Eric will address. Discussed that emphasis should be to review Mon-Wed when there is no landing supervision, but that supervision does not mean the tapes do not need to be reviewed.

B. Brochure update – Brochures have been distributed, Denise will collect where too many have been dropped off so that Board has some to distribute.

C. Walleye Update – Banquet turn out less than expected, 31 fishermen, lawsuit to be addressed. 20,000 fry in pond at this time and expect 10,000 extended length to get introduced this fall which will almost double current density. "Walleye update" on the website. WDNR to help improve egg harvest next year.

D. Newsletter – Plan for after election right after Labor Day

5. Public Comment – Discussion about ideas to increase membership. General sense that member numbers are up. Ideas for general mailing to taxpayers this fall with Hunter Banquet mailing list. Attendees suggested liberalizing options for membership. Current

requirement for residence or stay of 1 month or longer, attendees suggested at annual meeting give membership option of short term visitors becoming members to support the NLA which would require a by-laws change.

8. Next meeting Annual Meeting August 18th, Noon, Four Seasons

9. Adjournment – motion to adjourn at 10:15 by Denise Dupras, seconded by Linda Fischer.

Respectfully Submitted, Denise Dupras