

August 16, 2008

2008 Namakagon Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

- The meeting was held on August 16, 2008 at the Namakagon Town Hall
- The meeting was called to order at 9:35 am by President Jim Krueger
- Board members in attendance were: Jim Krueger, Steve Riley, Bill Porter, Rick Yerhot, Phil Rasmussen, Denise Dupras and Tom Nelson.
- Members in attendance: 39
- Introduction of Guest Speaker, Butch Lobermeier, Bayfield County Zoning.
- The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were read by Bill Porter. Motion to approve minutes made by Steve Riley and seconded by Rick Yerhot; Motion Carried.
- Treasurer's report was introduced and read by Rick Yerhot. Balance at end of July 2008 was \$37,689.82. Copy of Treasurers Report on File. Move to approve report by Steve Riley and second by Denise Dupras. Motion carried.
- PROGRAM: Guest Speaker, Butch Lobermeier, Bayfield Zoning was introduced by Bob Parsonage, Bayfield County Lake Forum President. Butch spoke about Shoreland Restoration, Shoreline Buffer, Controlling runoff and Erosion and protecting the resources of our beautiful lake. Much interest was shown by the questions that followed. Grants are available through the WDNR and Bayfield County. A sign up sheet was circulated to indicate interest in a group grant. A very informative program indeed.
- 2007 Accomplishments were read and elaborated on by Jim Krueger.

Recap of Accomplishments 2008

NLA Membership stands at 418

Lake shore cleanup (17 zones) 25+ volunteers

Update cameras at Funny's Bay and Garden Lake boat landings

Boat Landing volunteers @ DNR Boat landing & Chicago Ave landing

Boat Landing paid supervisor at National Forest campground landing

Buoy additions, updating, placement and removal

Conferences and Workshops

Fun on the Water-Youth Safety and Skills Day

Water Testing and Monitoring (Special thanks to Clyde Wishart, Glen Grage and Ralph Nystrom.)

Updated brochures

Lakeshore Committee (buffer zone)

Correspondence with membership

Three Newsletters to members and distributed outside membership through Chamber and local real estate offices

WDNR Grants

OLD BUSINESS

- “Fun on the Water” Youth Safety and Skills Day was a huge success. Much thanks to Al Stawicki. This is an annual event sponsored by NLA for all youth in our area. Forty-One families attended July 20th at the Federal Camp Ground on our lake.
- DNR Grants Update. Steve Riley gave an accounting of how we are progressing with the three grants awarded to our association this year.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION:

- Introduction of Nominees for NLA Board of Directors. The slate consisted of Phil Rasmussen, Tim Browne and Lisa Holt. Additional nominees were requested from the floor. Being none, votes were cast by those who had not yet done so and the counting procedure began.
- The membership brought up the question of increasing dues. With our present responsibilities of maintaining our ILIDS cameras and increasing our grant activities some felt that an increase was needed. The \$10. Per member dues has been in effect since the establishment of the association. A motion was made to increase the dues \$5. By Eleanor Pascher. The motion was seconded and approved by 24 members. A second motion was then made by Paul Didzerekis to increase the dues by \$10. The motion was seconded and approved, by 26 members. Discussion followed concerning changing the options available on the membership form to accommodate those wishing to contribute extra towards a special program, ie, AIS Grant fund, ILIDS fund, etc.
- Bob Parsonage spoke on an ordinance revision suggested by BCLF
Increasing the severity of punishment for multiple offenses of the “AIS Transport law”
- Steve Riley was thanked for his undaunted efforts in dealing with the political aspects of our WDNR Grants.
- Frank Pascher touched on membership types & real estate rentals receiving and passing onto their customer’s info of NLA Courtesy code brochures.

ELECTION RESULTS:

The results from the Election Committee verified that the nominees were elected to the Board: Tim Browne 165 votes; Lisa Holt 149 votes & Phil Rasmussen 174 votes. Also noted was that the quorum was met with 49% membership casting votes.

OTHER ISSUES

- Phil Rasmussen spoke about working with the tribe to receive the roe & spawn from Walleyes.

The tribe will raise the tiny fish for us but we need to come up with a suitable pond to transfer them into, before stocking size is reached. Phil is in contact with WDNR to use one of the hatcheries ponds to raise the fry.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Steve Riley and second by Tom Nelson

Respectfully submitted by Bill Porter (NLA Secretary)

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PUBLIC FORUM COMMENTS

The first NLA Public Forum of 2008 was held August 16, 2008 for the purpose of hearing concerns pertaining to Lake Namakagon. Sixteen guests were present. These comments will be addressed during the Comprehensive Lake Plan Grant discussions.

Clyde Wishart – Lake Level should be discussed & established with WDN
- Discuss increasing Walleye population with the WDNR

Ralph Nystrom – Recognized efforts of the NLA Board and feels an exerted effort should
be put forth to encourage NLA members to run for the
Board.

Mike Cibulka - Encouraged less restrictions for the lake. Mike referenced
“No
Wake” buoys as litter. Decrease “No Wake” buoys
and other restrictions put on the lake users. No more
“can’t do this or
that” policies.

Jerry Jurries - Increase work on water quality as it should be our
foremost concern.

Ruth Lull - Ruth took offense to the reference that “No Wake” buoys
were
referred to as litter. They should be utilized as necessary
and
increased to control traffic on the lake.

Glen Grage - Encouraged use of signage (No Wake) buoys and
increase use if
necessary for safety reasons.