

# NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM by President Jim Krueger

Board Members Present: Jim Krueger, Steve Riley, Denise Dupras, Tom Nelson, Tim Browne, Lisa Holt,  
Board Members Absent: Phil Rasmussen

NLA Member Attendees: 8

President Jim Krueger thanked Howard Sibbald and Dane Bonk for the use of the Grand View Townhall for the meeting.

Minutes of April 18, 2009, were read and approved by motion with correction of spelling and minor wording changes.

## Treasures Report

Submitted by Tim Browne. Total income \$1225. Total expenses of \$2453.59. Balance as of May 31, 2009, \$36,217.09. Read and approved by motion.

Guest Speaker – Brian Hinrichs, Project Manager: FOTH Infrastructure and Environment, LLC.

*Section to be added after review of report.*

Denise Dupras made a motion that FOTH put in an implementation grant that included an option to develop a lake district. Steve Riley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Grant Update – No additions to FOTH discussion

## Lake Buoy Repair and Installation

President Krueger thanked Tom Nelson and Tim Browne for assisting in putting in the lake buoys. The green buoy at Duck Point was damaged Memorial Day and a temporary has been placed. President Krueger thanked Dave Vaillancourt for cutting off the chains. He also indicated that there may be a donation of a pontoon boat for the use of the Town and the NLA. The Board and members agreed this would be a good idea and could also be used by FOTH for the lake surveys.

## Lake Shoreline Cleanup

Tim Nelson thanked all the volunteers for their help. They will be recognized in the upcoming newsletter. The Board appreciates and recognizes the efforts of the 2009 volunteers: Hanks, Skololowski, Semmer, Mohr, Grange, Wishart, Yerhot, Oftedahl, Pietsch, Holm, Wethington, Krueger, Kennedy, Budzisz, Nystrom, Jackman, Missionary Point Association, Stawicki, Best, Lage, Cooley, Kofal, Browne, and Rasmussen.

## Brochures at Public Landings

Denise Dupras requested the support of the NLA to pursue putting brochures at the public landings. The DNR has approved this as part of the grant. President Krueger will contact someone to make the boxes. Additional discussion surrounded options for getting additional signage as Diamond Lake has done, options will be explored.

## Fun Day Updates

Denise Dupras reviewed what has been done at prior events. The hours will remain the same, events will be listed, there will be a sign-up sheet for the participants. Denise will contact Clyde to see if he will help with the kayak races this year along with Rick Yerhot. Other volunteers were Bill Porter for Diving for Treasure, Tom Nelson and Tim Browne for Fun Soccer Kick, Jim Krueger for Water Balloon Toss & Sand Sculptures. Tim, Tom and Steve Riley for food preparation. Additional volunteers are needed for casting contest, Frisbee golf, and cowboy golf. Families that pay at least 1 week before the event will be eligible

for the free raffle as in last years. Denise will contact Al and see if he has been in contact with Larry to do a presentation.

#### Boat Landing Supervision

There continues to be a need for more volunteers to supervise the County Rd D boat landing. More individuals helped in May than in prior years, but more are needed for the rest of the summer. Mr. Brakken identified one person who would work if paid. There is not sufficient money available to pay for landing monitors. The National Campground supervisor is monitoring the landing and will be available until Labor Day. President Krueger was directed to purchase more tubs and clipboards as needed. We continue to need someone to take on the position of Landing Supervisor. A request will go out to all of the membership via email and in the upcoming newsletter.

#### Clean Boat Clean Water Workshop

Denise Dupras has been in contact with Stephania Strzalkowska, who is willing to hold a workshop for all interested parties after our next NLA meeting at Namakagon Town Hall on July 11<sup>th</sup> to begin at 11:00 AM. The Board and membership support proceeding with this. A sign-up sheet will be used to keep track of who is a trained volunteer in CBCW.

#### Fishing Tournament Ordinance

Great concern remains regarding the potential for the introduction of AIS into Lake Namekagon. Mr. Karl Brooks, Deputy Chief Warden, in communication to Mr. Tom Thornton indicated that local ordinances cannot close boat landings, regulate fishing or fishing tournaments, nor require tournaments to pay for monitors. Mr. Riley has contacted Bob Rasmussen who will contact the attorney general to clarify. President Krueger indicated that we need to have an additional plan. Earlier discussion during the Public Forum emphasized that the risk is not from a single tournament. Denise volunteered to draft a letter to go to organizers of tournaments that fish our lake asking them to voluntarily limit the number of landings, consider paying for landing monitors, or making a donation to help defer the costs of landing monitors. Paying the monitors (\$10/hr) would cost approximately \$400/tourney day. Last year the Muskie tournament donated \$200 towards this. See correspondence section for information regarding Muskie Tournament.

#### Funding I-Lids and Landing Supervisors

Mr. Riley raised the issue of asking the towns for financial support of monitoring the landings. After discussion, Denise Dupras made a motion that we ask Grand View and Namakagon for \$1800 each to cover the maintenance cost for the I-Lids. The motion was seconded by Mr. Riley and approved by the Board. President Krueger will contact the towns and get on their agendas.

#### Board Nominees

Two board positions are up for election this year. President Krueger has decided not to run for re-election. Mr. Riley has withdrawn his name from the election. At this time no one has agreed to run for the upcoming election. Ballots will be mailed in July after our next meeting and will include bios at that time.

#### Annual Meeting Program

President Krueger indicated that Sue Benson has agreed to do a program on loons at our Annual meeting. He will contact Larry Stroup to see if he is willing to oversee the election and ballot counting. Other names were suggested if Mr. Stroup is not available. Cabin Life has offered to send magazines for the Annual Meeting, Denise Dupras will get these. President Krueger will contact Phil Rasmussen to arrange donuts for the meeting and will check on availability of coffee.

#### Membership

As of May 22<sup>nd</sup> there were 207 paid voting members. One hundred ninety five individuals who were members in 2008 have yet to pay their dues. Bill Porter recommended that an invoice be sent to these members. Denise will do this by email or US mail and emphasize they must be paid 60 days ahead to be eligible to vote at the August meeting.

#### WAL Conference

The 11th annual Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference is scheduled for June 19 at Telemark resort. The NLA will reimburse 50% of the fee paid by any members attending. An email will be sent with the information to members.

#### Correspondence

Questions regarding the no-wake zone were raised via email by a member. The new Wisconsin laws require boaters maintain a no-wake zone 100 ft from shore and jet-skis 200 ft from shore. This information was sent to the member. Additional communication by phone requested a no-wake buoy be placed in the channel between Jackson and Namekagon lakes. Only the DNR has the authority to place these buoys. Concerns were raised that this would potentially adversely affect the loons by drawing attention to the nesting site.

Letter from Hayward Lakes Chapter of Muskies Inc, dated May 22, 2009 was reviewed. The organizers expressed an interest in working with the towns and organizations to prevent the introduction of AIS into our waters. In 2008 they asked the participants to launch at 3 sites chosen by the NLA and made a donation to help pay for inspectors and expressed a willingness to do this again.

#### Other Topics

Stephania Strzalkowska sent information about available AIS publications. One of the new items is a temporary tattoo for kids. The Board supported Denise Dupras obtaining them for the Fun on the Water Day event. Denise Dupras also discussed potential for confusion regarding the calendar cycle for dues and requirement for payment 60 days prior to the meeting. This will be an item for the annual meeting agenda. She also requested minor changes to the membership form to facilitate accurate communication.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m., motioned and approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise Dupras