

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by President Jim Krueger

Board Members Present: Krueger, Riley, Dupras, Nelson, Browne, Holt
Board Members Absent: Rasmussen

NLA Member Attendees: 1

Minutes of July 12, 2008 read/approved & seconded by Riley & Dupras

Treasurers Report unchanged from Annual meeting, Balance as of August 31, 2008 was 37,789.82.

Board Officer Nominations were opened and elections held. The following are the results and officers for 2009:

President Jim Krueger, Vice-president Steve Riley, Secretary Denise Dupras, and Treasurer Tim Browne.

2008-2009 Meeting Dates:

November 8, 2008, January 17, 2009, April 4 2009, May 9 2009, June 6, 2009*, July 11, 2009, & September 19, 2009.

The Annual Meeting will be held on August 15, 2009.

The June 6th meeting tentatively will be held at the Grandview Town Hall and include a public forum prior to the meeting.

Newsletter Articles:

The upcoming newsletter will include a report from "Fun Days", list of new board members and contact information, Letter from the President, Updated dues information, and information on the surveys conducted and Grants. Members will be encouraged to submit materials as well. All information should be turned in by November 1, 2008 so that the mailing can go out by November 15th.

NLA Website:

Denise Dupras has been trying to contact Larry Stroup who is the contact for our Web Master, Steve Schlitz. Denise indicated that one of the NLA members had expressed an interest in taking care of the web site. Steve offered the opportunity to contact the web master that he uses for his business as well. The WebSite is in need of updating.

Cable Days/Fall Fest:

There was little interest from NLA members in putting up a booth this year, so no booth was at Fall Fest. The timing of the meeting next Fall and a plan to have NLA participate in Fall Fest 2009 was discussed. Based on comments made at the Annual Meeting, we would plan to bring both information but also allow individuals to sign up for NLA at the tent.

Grant Updates:

Steve Riley updated the status of the grants and surveys. The survey has begun and is about 50% completed. So far there have been no problems. The DNR has approved the roll over of the monies from this year to complete the work in 2009. Brian of Foth Incorporated is now the contact for the lake project. There is an unplanned fee of \$3500, that is a grant application or implementation fee. Steve indicated that Brian would be happy to meet with the Board to discuss this fee at an upcoming meeting. The Board discussed having him come to the January meeting if there are questions.

Muskie Tournament:

At the last meeting Steven Riley presented a proposal for an ordinance to limit access Lake Namakagon and use of a single monitored landing with tournament supplied monitors. Due to a number of factors, this ordinance was not adopted. The current plan is to ask fishermen to limit their launching to 3 landings (Lakewoods, National Forest Campground, and County D public ramp) that will be monitored. Phil Rasmussen will be contacted to determine if monitors are arranged for Lakewoods. The Board remains concerned not only about this tournament but the potential for other fishing tournaments to spread AIS or VHS to our lake. Steve indicated that there are current DNR regulations that will be helpful in the development of a plan during the winter to provide for better lake protection. A letter from Bill Porter was read at his request to the Board and meeting attendees.

Correspondance sent by NLA: Jim Krueger reminded Board members that any correspondence sent that may be interpreted as representing the opinion/policies of the Board should be reviewed by the Board prior to sending. This includes written, verbal -and e-mail communications. Denise indicated that she has been very cautious to not express opinions that may be contrary to the feelings of some NLA members, in case it may be interpreted as representing the opinion of the NLA Board.

Corporate/Business Sponsorship: Jim Krueger, Rick Yerhot and Phil Rasmussen had been working on this previously. There will be an effort to restart this initiative.

Buoy Removal: Jim Krueger indicated that the removal of buoys will be either October 25th or 26th. Lakewoods may be having a fishing tournament on the Saturday so the buoy would be removed the following day if it is held on the 25th. Volunteers for this activity are: Rick Yerhot, Steve Riley, Tim Browne, Tom Nelson, and Angelo Bollero.

NLA Projects for 2008-2009: Jim Krueger discussed the upcoming activities and individuals willing to take responsibility for each project were identified.

1. Fun on the Water – Al Stawiki will be asked again, usually the 3rd Sunday in July
Additional discussion surrounded cooking the meat to ensure safety.
2. Cable Days/Fall Fest – Will begin to identify volunteers early and plan for 2009
3. Lake Clean Up – spring activity, Tom Nelson will organize
4. Newsletters – Denise Dupras
5. AIS Monitoring – ILIDs, currently sound is NOT working on either, Denise will contact Eric and indicate this will need to be fixed over the winter
6. Water Testing – Clyde Wishart and Glen Grage will be contacted regarding this
7. Beaver control in Castle Creek – while beavers have been active in this area of Garden Lake, there is water flowing in the creek, nothing needs to be done

Membership & Dues: Jim Krueger indicated that the membership has not been notified of the increase in dues to \$20. In his letter from the President he will include the reasons behind the increase. The dues form will need to be updated. Dues are for the Jan to Dec year and the newsletter label shows the date paid through.

Correspondence: A letter from Bill Porter was read at the meeting. There was no other correspondence.

Other issues: A question arose regarding requirements to maintain non-profit status. Denise volunteered to contact Bill Porter and Rick Yerhot for further information about requirements.

Next Meeting will be held tentatively November 8, 2008.