

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Steve Riley, Tim Browne, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Lisa Holt

Board Member Absent: Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 3

Minutes of September 18, 2010 Meeting

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

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 1/6/2011 was reported as 17,938.67. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Lisa Holt. The report was approved. There was discussion about investing in a computer and the program Quick Books after a new treasurer is elected this summer to allow better ability to track expenses/payments to meet grant needs, and also provide a snap shot yearly of the finances of the NLA. Denise made a motion that "NLA reimburse Mr. Larry Stroup for his "autopay" of the website hosting and domain name." Motion seconded and approved. She will take care of switching to NLA autopay for this going forward.

Grant Update:

The Board and members discussed the challenges of applying and meeting the requirements for fulfilling the grants. Denise has been working on completing the requirements for a prior grant and she and Steve will work to complete what is necessary for current grants. Julia will coordinate with Eric Lindberg to complete the work needed towards the monitors. There were additional expenses associated with monitor landings for the Muskies Inc Tourney. As in the prior year Muskies Inc made a donation towards these expenses. It will be noted in the Newsletter and a thank you sent to the organization. Denise made a motion that "NLA pay the additional costs associated with monitoring during the Muskies Inc tournament and that the donation from the organization be applied to those costs." Motion seconded and approved. Opportunities to work with Northland College on current and future grants will be investigated by Steve Riley working with Mike Gardner. Members in attendance were very supportive of moving forward with this. The sanitary survey done by FOTH does not meet the needs of the town or provide sufficient information regarding the health of the lake. Denise made a motion "Authorize Steve Riley to work with Northland College to assume our grant writing/fulfillment activities and retain them for help in completion of current grant activities if possible." Second by Lisa Holt. Motion approved.

Membership:

The Board and membership supports sending an invoice out in the next newsletter for the 2011.

Newsletter:

A list of items to include in the newsletter was developed. The newsletter will be sent out this month.

Schedules:

The list of meeting dates and events was reviewed and confirmed.

Board Responsibilities:

Denise reviewed the Board responsibilities list and led a discussion. The group also discussed getting members to run for the Board. With the involvement of Northland in grants, the work of the Board should decrease significantly. There was recognition that clearly identifying leads for our project and also increasing the contribution of non-Board members would be beneficial.

New Business:

1. New sanitary survey of the lake is a high priority and options with Northland College will be investigated.
2. Fish Sticks – Phil Rasmussen and Jim Krueger are working with the DNR to allow felling of some trees to improve fish habitat.
3. Cell tower update – the plan is to install a new cell tower in the Lakewoods area, likely Verizon, this year
4. The Forest Service is supporting the construction of wind turbines on “picnic point”. The NLA does not support this action and a motion was made to “send a letter to the Forest Service indicating that the NLA does not support this action and that it may be inconsistent with conditions of the land donation.” This was seconded and approved.
5. Fundraising options – Phil will investigate the potential for a fishing tournament as a fund raiser for the NLA
6. February Agenda Items –
 - a. ILID costs at the Landing site and options for payment
 - b. Board Membership – number and responsibilities
7. Upcoming Events
 - a. AIS roundtable – board attendance requested, February/March meeting – request input from membership in newsletter
 - b. USA National Snowshoe Championship – likely need for volunteers, March 12th
 - c. Public forum at upcoming Town of Namakagon meeting to discuss “no wake ordinance” for channel from bridge to dam. February 8th 2011.

Old Business:

1. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Huge thank you to Linda Fischer and Julia Campbell for the coordination of the event. It was well attended and a huge success.
2. Thank you to Charlie Best for the use of his pontoon for buoy removal
3. Thank you to Rick Yerhot for the installation of the new landing signs

4. Buoys – new buoys will not be required when the “no wake zone” signage is posted at the channel, GPS coordinates will be registered with the DNR

Correspondance:

None

Next Meeting Date: February 19th , 9AM, Namakagon Town Hall

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 10:31 and seconded by Linda Fischer. The meeting was adjourned.