

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Acting-President Steve Riley

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

Board Members Absent: none

NLA Member Attendees: 23

Minutes of July 11, 2009, were read. Motion to approve made by Lisa Holt, seconded by Tom Nelson and minutes approved.

Treasures Report: Submitted by Tim Browne. Total income \$1860. Read, motion to approve by Phil Rasmussen. seconded by Denise Dupras and report approved.

Board Candidates: Linda Fischer and Julia Campbell submitted their names as candidates for the NLA Board. Each gave a brief presentation about themselves and expressed a desire to serve on the Board. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Election: Dr. Evan Lindberg was the official vote counter. There were 104 votes for Julia Campbell and 107 for Linda Fischer. Both were elected to the NLA Board for 3 years, replacing Steve Riley and Jim Krueger.

Sign Grant Application: Since the last meeting, Lisa Holt was in contact with the manufacturer in Duluth. An estimate for a sign the size on Diamond Lake was \$245. Options for customizing signs were discussed. Members expressed a desire to ensure that contact numbers would be included in the signs. Lisa will work on getting the grant ready to submit for the February deadline. Steve Riley indicated that we should bring the proposed signage to the two Town meetings for their approval. The goal would be to get signs at all of the public and private landings (9) on the lake. Denise Dupras will work with the Duluth manufacturer to develop mock-ups for some of the signs and have them at the September meeting.

Grant Update: Steven Riley gave a brief update on the status of our grants. The grant for the 2 additional ILids was submitted and we will find out in October if it was funded. We are currently executing the grants carried over from last year. The lake survey has been completed. There was one weed of concern, found on shore and in 4.5 ft of water. It has tentatively been identified as a "native species" and if this is confirmed cannot be removed. Tom Nelson and Steven Riley attempted to remove a sample of the weed and indicated it was quite difficult. The sanitary survey will also be conducted. FOTH prepared two grants which have not been approved by the NLA and were not submitted for the August date, so will need to be submitted for the February cycle.

Dues Cycle: Denise Dupras discussed the concern about the timing of our dues notices. Our by-laws state dues cover a calendar year, but also require that they be paid 60 days prior to the meeting to be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. After discussion Mike Wells made a motion that we set June 1 as the date for dues to be paid. This was seconded and the motion was approved. In addition there will be specific wording indicating that payment by June 1 will make the member eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Guest Speaker: Patrick Goggin, Lake Specialist from the U of WI, Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources made a presentation on the different types of Lake Organizations. This information is available in the UWEX document. He described the differences between the types. The NLA is a 501C3 organization and is considered Qualified Lake Association. He described what a Lake District is and what the advantages and disadvantages are of such an organization. He outlined the requirements and the process for going forward with a petition. He said the process usually takes 6-12 months. The November Newsletter

will include a more complete description of Lake Districts. Membership expressed an interest in the NLA getting further information about Lake Districts in particular what the cost to the landowners would be if a Lake District was developed for Lake Namakagon.

Other Business:

Bill Porter described the contributions of out-going Board Member's Steve Riley and Jim Krueger and thanked both of them on behalf of the membership for their efforts for the NLA. This was seconded by other members and Board members.

Bob Parsonage, an elected member of the Bayfield County Lakes Forum, discussed some of the activities of the BCLF and recent concerns about density on the lakes. He also discussed briefly his involvement in shoreline restoration.

Membership raised additional issues including: whether dues and contributions are deductible since we are 501C3, how we can increase our membership and efforts to involve those not currently members. The Board indicated that these will be addressed. Other members described their prior unsuccessful experience with getting listings of all landowners and efforts to recruit them into the organization. There was a general sense that the best method might be to simply talk and encourage your neighbor to get involved with the NLA.

Fun Day Report: We had a good turn out at the event. Members raised concerns about the cost of fun days and suggested that maybe less expensive prizes could be given out. We also discussed that in the past the minutes indicate that we had charged \$5 for those that pre-paid and \$15 at the event. This will be discussed in the future. Denise Dupras recognized the efforts of all of the volunteers who participated in the event in particular Al Stawicki, Gerry Jurries, and Charlie Best.

Correspondence: None

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M., motioned by Denise Dupras, seconded by Phil Rasmussen and approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Dupras