

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 by President Phil Rasmussen

Board Members Present: Tom Nelson, Tim Browne, Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras

Board Members Absent: Lisa Holt, Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 1

NLA Guest: Eric Lindberg (ESP)

Minutes of September 12, 2009 Meeting

Read by Denise Dupras. Linda Fishcer made a motion to approve and Tom Browne seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted by Tim Browne. The General Accounting balance as of 12/19/2009 was reported as 22,143.48. Upon further review, discrepancies were recognized and the report will be updated after further review. Discussion ensued regarding the "Invasive Species" and "Sykes/Wanasek/Staudemeyer Fisheries" funds. They have been included in the checking account in the past, but this has created confusion. Denise Dupras made a motion that these two funds be placed in a separate savings account. This was seconded by Tim Browne and approved unanimously by the Board.

Guest Speaker

Eric Lindberg from Environmental Sentry Protection presented an updated spreadsheet for the two additional ILIDs that were approved and partially funded by a recently approved Grant from the WDNR. The cost of the materials for the ILIDs increased since the grant was submitted which has resulted in an increase in the expenses associated with the 2 new ILIDs. The funding from the WDNR has also instituted a cap on the amount allocated for an ILID and has stopped covering the maintenance. The end result of these changes is an increase in the costs born by the NLA. Eric reviewed the line items in the budget and costs for the two ILIDs that will be installed in 2010. He was able to decrease the cost to the NLA by combining tasks during his trips up to the lake and donating some of his time. He outlined the steps needed for an effective inspector work flow. There was discussion that some of the steps could be done by NLA members in conjunction with our AIS specialist which could decrease the costs and need for ESP donated time. The Board also recommended that information about ILIDs be included in the upcoming newsletter and that an article about ILIDs should be submitted to the local newspapers.

Grant Updates

Signage Grant

Denise Dupras brought 4 pictures with the verbiage previously agreed on by the Board. Next steps will be to contact Glenwood signs and determine if we can use more than one background and proceed with completing the Grant. The town of Namakagon has written a letter of support. Steve Riley will go to the Grandview meeting on January 13, 2010 and ask for a letter of support. The Board members present suggested that we proceed with a fisherman on the sign.

FOTH Update

FOTH has not yet delivered all the reports needed to satisfy the WDNR and fulfill our grant requirements. Despite this, they continue to submit bills with "overdue" amounts. Denise Dupras brought the notes from the June 6th meeting attended by Brian Hinrichs where he indicated that he would come to a fall meeting (October) and review the findings with Board, prior to submitting the report to the WDNR. They have not completed this work and Steve Riley indicated that the Landing Survey has not been done. Mr. Riley remains in contact with Pam Toshner of the WDNR and Lisa Holt has been in contact with Brian Hinrichs.

A conference call has been set up for this coming week, but the Board did not feel that other members of the Board should participate. Mr. Riley was directed by the Board to request an extension from the WDNR and to continue to request the FOTH complete all of its work as soon as possible, with a target date of 12/31/2010. The Board recognizes that this process has been very difficult and demanding of both Lisa Holt and Steve Riley. Discussion ensued regarding the future of grants and involvement with FOTH. The Board recommended that Lisa Holt remain the point person for the signage grants, that Mr. Riley continue to be involved and bring the current negotiations to a successful completion, and finally that we explore other organizations to replace FOTH for future grant applications.

Location for new ILIDs

Denise Dupras made a motion that the 2 new ILIDs be installed at the County Hwy D landing and also at Lakewoods. This motion was seconded by Tim Browne. President Phil Rasmussen abstained from the vote. The Board approved Lakewood's and County D landings for the 2 new ILIDs. The Campground wasn't an option as a site. During the discussion, Mr. Riley indicated that the SWIMs data from the campground was given to an individual from the Forest Service whom has locked the bucket and files in locker at the campground. We will be able to access this in the Spring.

Lake District

The Board discussed Lake Districts and decided that the NLA would not independently explore options for forming a Lake District. The Board expressed support for the Town's to pursue options for the formation of a Lake District. Information about Lake Districts will be included in the next newsletter for the membership of the NLA.

Town Support of NLA

President Phil Rasmussen updated the Board on the support from the towns. Mr. Riley will go to the Grandview meeting and request \$2075 of support. This included \$275 for a new sign and \$1800 for ILID maintenance at Funny Bay. The Town of Namakagon has already agreed to \$11,038 in support of the NLA. This is broken down into: \$1,800 ILID maintenance, \$5,920 (25% cost 2 new ILIDs), \$344 (25% cost 5 new signs), \$1,724 (25% cost AIS grant) and \$1,250 (25% cost 2010 Lake Management).

Old Business

Newsletter – Denise Dupras requested items for the newsletter, including a letter from the president. Note from Al Stawicki on Fun Day, thank you for buoy removal, thank you to Steve Riley, ILID article, Lake District information article.

Buoy Replacement

At the time the buoys were removed there were some that were damaged. Phil will request 4 new buoys. Rick Yerhot will be contact to determine if specific types need to be requested, i.e. "rock".

Correspondence: None

Denise Dupras made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Browne seconded the motion and it was approved by the Board. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Dupras