

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 by President Linda Fischer

Board Members Present: Denise Dupras, Greg Dehring, Julia Campbell, Barb Best, Steve Riley, Steve Musser

Attendees:

Minutes of June 2, 2012 Meeting

Read by Denise Dupras. Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve with was made by Steve Musser and seconded by Steve Riley. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Read by Steve Musser. He explained that we receive a refund from EPS and the bill was submitted to the Town of Namakagon who will pay EPS directly. Due to accounting practices bills must be submitted to the Town for payment as they cannot reimburse the NLA. Current balance as of 7/10/12 = \$16,406.23 and the CD value = \$11,960.82 for total assets of \$28,362.58. Monies continue to come in for FOTW as well as expenditures for the event. A motion to approve was made by Steve Riley and seconded by Denise Dupras. The report was approved.

Landing Monitors:

Julia Campbell continues to work with the Sigurd Olson institute to get students as landing monitors. We have a student currently at the D landing because of our grant requirements. The student is there Fri, Sat and Sun. Julia also thanked the volunteers who worked over Memorial Day weekend.

ILIDs Video Review:

Review of the videos was discussed. We hope in the future that the students will be able to view the day prior while at the landings. Julia discussed our required reviews. Linda Fischer and Janet Porter will review the Funnys bay tapes. Dianne Grage has been monitoring the County D landing and recently identified a boat launching with weeds on the trailer. This will be followed up by Julia Campbell. The Board thanked the members and reminded them to keep track of their time. Denise Dupras will monitor the Garden Lake launchings.

Grant Update:

Steve Riley updated the Board on the current status. The grant submitted for February 2012 was incomplete. Steve has the letters of support, which he read at the meetings for the towns. Steve will be meeting with members of the WDNR on July 20th to review our current draft submission. Based on the input of the WDNR, the grant application will be written with a planned submission for the February 2013 deadline. At the Annual meeting the particulars of the Grant proposal will be reviewed and Mr. Randy Lehr will be invited to the meeting so that he can answer questions.

Fun on the Water:

Next Saturday is the event. Al Stawicki and Linda Fischer presented updates. This year there will be new events for younger children. Also many of the individuals who helped in the past are not available this weekend, so we continue to need volunteers to help with this event. T-shirts are being printed and the food/misc organized. We will monitor the costs/donations for this event in order to determine the expense to the NLA.

Survey Results:

Denise Dupras presented the information from the survey that was sent by email and US mail to individuals who were previous members. The survey was intended to find out why the membership has dropped so much. Of the approximately 80 total mailings, there were 14 completed. The majority indicated they would rejoin the NLA. Of those who did not, one did not live on the lake, one didn't come to the lake any more,

and one stated that they viewed the NLA as extreme conservationists who were against any development on the lake, which was needed to improve the economics. The return was disappointing and did not provide much information.

Call for Board Members:

Denise Dupras reviewed the Board needs. We have 2 positions open for 3 year terms, and 1 position, currently filled by Greg Dehring, which should be filled for 2 years. Discussion ensued about potential candidates. Denise reminded the group that we need names and a bio by the end of the month so that ballots can be sent out in time for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting program ideas:

Discussion of Grant, we will invite Randy Lehr from Northland College to come to the meeting for discussion. Denise also suggested we ask LoonWatch from Northland College if they would be able to put on a short program.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

The date of September 22nd was chosen. Will plan for event at the Namakagon Town Hall. The Board will supply the food and beverages. A volunteer list will be placed at FOTW and the Annual Meeting to help identify those who have donated time or goods to the NLA.

New Business:

Denise discussed putting a link for eLakes on website. There were no objections and she will direct the webmaster to ensure this link is on the site.

Additional updates regarding the lake quality, fishing, loon counts, osprey update were provided by Greg Dehring and Denise Dupras.

Old Business:

Denise Dupras was in contact with Ms. Cummins at the WDNR and got permission for a brochure rack at the campground. She will get this installed with the help of the WDNR.

Correspondance:

Denise Dupras read a letter from Janet and Bill Porter regarding their concerns about internet safety and their decision to discontinue network monitoring. Since the letter was originally sent, Eric Lindberg has been in contact with the Porters and matters have been resolved.

Next Meeting is the Annual meeting August 18th at 9 AM at the Namakagon Town

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 10:13 AM and seconded by Barb Best. The meeting was adjourned.