

NAMAKAGON LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 by President Linda Fischer

Board Members Present: Linda Fischer, Denise Dupras, Steve Musser, Barbara Best

Board Members Absent: Steve Riley, Greg Dehring, Julia Campbell

NLA Member Attendees: 15

Guests: Randy Lehr

President Linda Fischer invited those at the meeting to introduce themselves and indicate where on the lake they have property

Minutes of August 20, 2011 Annual Meeting

Reviewed by Board and membership in attendance. A motion to approve was made by Steve Musser and seconded by Barbara Best. The minutes were approved.

Treasures Report:

Submitted and read by Steve Musser. The General Accounting balance as of 8/18/2012 was reported as \$17,390.93. The Certificate of Deposit value is 11,965.29 for a total of liabilities and equity of \$29,356.21. A motion to approve was made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Barbara Best. The report was approved.

Guest Speaker:

Professor Randy Lehr, Northland College, Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute gave a presentation on how lake grants came into existence and worked with Steve Riley and the WDNR to prepare and submit a Comprehensive Lake Planning Grant. The grant was submitted for the August deadline. He outlined the project objectives and activities. He also discussed the evolution of lakes and answered questions from the audience. Topics included quality of the lake, types of fish and how the type of fish is an indicator of lake quality. He also discussed shoreline restoration and the importance of addressing this near critical habitat areas. The members and Board, thanked Professor Lehr for his presentation.

Re-Cap of Accomplishments:

Denise Dupras read a list of accomplishments and thanked volunteers for their efforts.

- Buoy placement/removal, lake clean-up, water testing, installation of new signs and brochure racks
- Northland College students have been monitoring landings again this year. Professor Lehr presented data through August 1 related to the County D landing.
- Ruth Lull has started a Facebook page for the NLA – members were encouraged to “like” the association so that it can go live
- Janet Porter is our Loon Ranger and coordinating observations on the lake – Denise Dupras read the loon report submitted by Mrs. Porter.
- Newsletters - 2 were sent to membership this year
- The volunteer appreciation dinner was a success and will be repeated on September 22nd this year.
- Fun on the Water was a great success and was held on Saturday this year. Al Stawicki and Linda Fischer were recognized for all of their efforts coordinating and organizing the event. We again had sponsorship of business for the purchase of the shirts. This helped to defray much of the costs of the event. The contributors will be recognized in the next newsletter
- Mr. Chris Frasch has updated and redesigned the website. Members were encouraged to visit it.
- ILID review – Diane Grage is reviewing the videos from the County D landing, Janet Porter is reviewing the Funnys Bay videos and Denise Dupras is viewing the Garden Lake videos.

Membership:

Members paid through 2012 stands at 200, down from a high of 464 in 2007. A brief discussion of ways to enhance membership was held. Denise Dupras shared that a survey was sent to members who were not paid for 2012, but response was very low, with only 15 responses. A total of 89 households were contacted by email with a survey link of through a postcard. Dr. Glenn Grage indicated that in the past high membership has coincided with controversy, so that low membership may indicate a general satisfaction with the current state of lake affairs. Discussion ensued regarding our by-laws that were amended to require dues payment by June 1 for voting eligibility. The members endorsed moving the due date until July 15th. This will require a membership vote to amend the by-laws. This will be sent with the next newsletter.

Correspondance:

None

Board Candidates:

There were 2 candidates for the Board this year. Mr Greg Dehring who was appointed to a 1 year term is running for a full 3 year term. Linda Fischer read his bio in his absence. The second candidate is Jeanne Baxter who was unable to attend and Denise Dupras read her bio. There were no nominations from the floor. Mr. Bill Porter made a motion that the two candidates be appointed by affirmation. This was seconded by Mr. Ed Hilz. This was approved by the Board and membership.

Election:

Linda Fischer and Steve Musser were the official vote counters. Mr. Greg Dehring received 40 votes and Mrs. Jeanne Baxter received 25 votes. There were 5 write-in candidates. Linda Fischer received 7 votes, Julia Campbell-2, Angelo Bollero-3, Stuart Hanson-1 and Keith Rowe-1. Linda Fischer agreed to accept continue on the Board for an additional year.

Old Business:

FOTH – all monies are paid

New Business:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise Dupras at 10:16 and seconded by Barbara Best. The meeting was adjourned.