

Namakagon Lake Association

Minutes of the Meeting, April 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Dehring at 9 a.m. **Board members present:** Jeanne Baxter, Greg Dehring, Delores Dumanch, and Kent Lage. **Absent:** Barb Best, Jim Krueger, and Steve Musser. Attendees: 8

Minutes: Co-secretary Jeanne Baxter read the minutes of the October 11, 2014 NLA meeting. The minutes were approved on motion by Lage, seconded by Dumanch.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was postponed until the June 13th meeting.

Grants: Two, (1 year) Clean Boats, Clean Water landing grants for Cty "D: and Funny's Bay, were received to fund landing supervision (as noted on our website) and approved in a letter received from the Governor's office. Volunteer hours will be recorded as part of the NLA contribution to the grant. We have also received a Summary Report of the Namakagon Chain of Lakes 2014 Lakeshore Management Survey. Baxter suggested that we get permission to post the results on our web site or let members know if it is posted on Northland's web site. The results cover a range of topics from property management behaviors of lake shore owners, barriers to lake shore restoration, attitudes, etc.

Old Business:

Membership: Baxter reported that dues have been coming in from members and the new dues structure, plus additional tax exempt gifts appear to be at or slightly above last year. She will have a count ready for the June 13 meeting.

Newsletter: The Winter newsletter was mailed to all township residents in an effort to reach new property owners. The summer newsletter topics (usually out in early July) will be finalized at the June meeting as well.

Spring Landing Supervisor Report: Dodo Dumanch reported that the same three, fall 2014 volunteers are rescheduled for spring. She explained that the period from the May 1 fishing opener to Memorial Day and from Labor Day until boat landings close are covered by paid NLA volunteers. Northland Students (paid by the landing grant monies) handle landing monitoring from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Volunteers are needed to review landing tapes.

Meeting Dates: NLA meetings are scheduled for June 13, July 11, August 22 (Annual Meeting) September 19, October 10 and November 7. **The NLA Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be in partnership with the Namakagon Community Club on September 3.**

Kids Don't Float Program: President Dehring postponed this report for the June Meeting. At that time we will also announce the date for our annual Fun on the Water event.

New Business

Issue of equipment and monitoring Funny's Bay: Eric Lundgren (in charge of cameras and monitoring equipment) has contacted the new owner of the Porters' property and received permission to keep the equipment at that site. 'New reviewers' are needed for the camera tapes at Funny's Bay. The Malmquists (attending today's meeting) will consider this volunteer activity; more are needed for Funny's Bay and Lakewoods. Joanne and Glenn Grage are our volunteers for the County D landing. They will be happy to answer questions from prospective volunteers.

Correspondence: Baxter read a letter to the NLA Board from lake resident, John Wischoff, asking the Board to support proposed development around the lake when it would benefit the region's economy.

President's Lake report: The ice 'went out' this year on April 13th. Osprey nests are seen at the Loon Saloon and County D where an Osprey family is rebuilding a nest. Osprey poles were provided by Xcel Energy, following the tragedy of last summer when an unidentified person shot and killed the Osprey family nesting there. Loons are back and nesting. Dehring also called attention to the new "Lakes Alive" exhibit at the Cable Natural History Museum. NLA and other groups were involved in planning this excellent exhibit.

Comments and Concerns from the audience: Questions were posed regarding NLA involvement re fisheries and policies in general that support re-stocking. Why are Muskies overtaking Walleyes in our lake? Is the NLA Board doing anything to support habitat improvement? The 'local expert' on policy and implementation is Scott Toshner. We would welcome Toshner's views at an NLA meeting if the audience member wants to contact him.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Baxter, Co-Secretary