

Namakagon Lakes Association

Meeting Minutes from 9-17-2021

Opening: President Jim Deroma opened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

In attendance: Board Members: Jim Deroma, Terry Cramer, John Schneider, Jeff Johnson, Jerome Malmquist, Larry Pribyl.

From the floor: 7 individuals

Minutes from the last meeting: Approved in absence. Motion: L Pribyl Second: T Cramer

Treasures report: Approved in absence. Motion: T Cramer Second: L Pribyl

Meeting business:

- Mike D'Andrea gave a summary of the Walleye stocking program. About 21,000 fish made it to the lake. They were placed in all four corners of the lake. There were 254 volunteer hours were documented in the clipping of walleye pelvic fins. The left or right fin is clipped depending on how the fish was raised before stocking. The left fin was clipped if the fish was raised in outdoor ponds and fed minnows. The right fin was clipped on the indoor raised fish that were fed pellets. The Northern Aquaculture Demonstration Facility (NADF) with the University of Wisconsin, Steven's Point, is completing a study on the best way to raise walleyes for stocking programs. Lake Namakagon is fortunate to be listed as a project with the NADF. This all came about via the hard work of Mike D'Andrea! Many thanks to you Mike. Ted Peichel will be heading this in the future with Mike's support. Next spring it is hoped that fyke nets can be made available for a more effective way of harvesting more eggs and milt to raise more fish.
NOTE: The City of Namakagon has offered and is budgeting another \$20,000 for the walleye stocking program. The goal is to continue. Greg Fischer with NADF who headed the program will be leaving NADF. Close networking with his replacement will be needed.
NOTE: As part of the study, the Wisconsin DNR started shocking the shoreline of the lake to collect and gather data on the fish they retrieve. They will be doing the entire shoreline! They started on September 15.
Also: Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) will be shocking the lake to determine safe quotas for the tribes spring harvest. Exactly when is not known. No fish are being taken.
Conclusion: Raising fish is no easy task. The loss rate is very significant. Touring the fishery facilities and volunteering some time to learn more gives one an extreme appreciation for what is involved. (Approximately \$25,470 has been spent for the 21,000 fish!)
Project Report: Sometime this winter a report on all the gathered lake fish data and the work at the fishery facilities in Red Cliff will be issued.
- The Lake Association is pursuing another large-scale grant for weed control. NLA will be working with Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental, to pursue grants and guidance on next steps. Pamela Toshner, Spec-Adv, Water Resources Management with the Wisconsin DNR will have the final authority on what will be allowed. There is a desire to be able to spray much smaller areas of invasive weeds BEFORE they become large areas. Studies are continuing as to what is the most effective way of controlling the weeds.
- Jim Krueger, Namakagon Town Board member, asked the Lake Association to help educate lake users that have big wake producing boats on good practices for their use.

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The town of Namakagon has been receiving complaints about wakeboard boats. The city of Hayward has an ordinance that in part states that wake producing boats stay 700 feet from shore. The problem is that the ordinance is not enforceable until the State creates a law.

- Jim Deroma gave an update on the landing monitoring and landing monitoring grant and said things were in good shape. We are just a handful of hours short. Landing monitors would be good to have during the weekend of the Muskies Inc. Fall Tournament from October 1 to 3, 2021. Laura Bjork, Namakagon City Clerk, has been doing a great job of helping with monitoring program.
- Regarding landing grants - The association has received a new grant of \$12,000. The Association must match it with \$3,000.
- Jim Deroma will contact Phil or PC Rasmussen on timing of pulling the marker buoys out of the lake for winter. Charlie Best provides the boat.

No other business was discussed

Formal Lake Association Board Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 a.m. Motion: J Malmquist
Second: T Cramer

Unofficial Board Update -

Board Officials:

Jim Deroma - President Larry Pribyl – Vice President Jeff Johnson – Treasure Jerome Malmquist – Secretary	Terry Cramer – Communications John Schneider – Board Member at Large Vacant – To be filled.
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Miscellaneous Tasks:

- L Pribyl – contact Cheryl Clemens regarding minimum quarter acre treatment size to see if we can reduce it. Lead invasive weed grants. Input landing hour data into SWIMS data base
- J Johnson – Will contact Kathy Johnson, a current board member, about her interest in continuing to serve on the board and her responsibilities for 2021, or allowing her to step down from the board so a new board member can be appointed to replace her for 2021
- J Schneider – take the point for the Namakagon Web Site
- J Deroma – on point for everything else till delegated to others

2022 Board meeting dates: Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. at the Namakagon Town Hall

- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20 Annual Meeting at 1:00 at 4 Seasons Resort
- September 17