



Meeting Minutes from the May 21, 2022, meeting at the Namakagon Town Hall

Opening: President Jim Deroma called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

In attendance: Board Members: Jim Deroma, Larry Pribyl, Jeff Johnson, Terry Cramer, Jerome Malmquist, Jim Krueger. (John Schneider – excused with a previous commitment.)

Association members in attendance: twelve individuals. Thanks for attending!

Approval of the Agenda: Accepted as submitted.

Minutes from the last meeting: Dispensed with the reading. Motion by L Pribyl, second by T Cramer, and approved by all as published.

Treasures report: A detailed report covering the period from September 2021 through May 10, was submitted by Jeff Johnson. Available on request. Summary of balances:

Checking account: \$88,535.75

CD: \$12,145.90

PayPal: \$3,673.76

Total: \$104,355.23

Motion by T Cramer, second by J Deroma, and approved by all.

New business:

- Weed treatment, AIS-cost/Bid – Last season 12 acres were treated. This year 44 acres need to be treated. Thirty-seven acres are identified with HWM weeds. The areas are being expanded to catch possible peripheral contamination to stop the spread. The cost for this treatment is \$84,000. The permit cost also went up to over \$900. It is based on the cost of the treatment. 2-4D and Procaccor are the chemicals being used. Both chemicals are safe for the good weeds and the fish but nasty with the HWM! The Tribes support this plan. There will be NO weed pulling going forward. The particles that develop from pulling add to the spread.

NOTE: On May 5, an emergency meeting was called by the board to approve this year's HWM treatment plan. That was required by the DNR before they would approve the permit to proceed.

- Pre and Post Treatment Surveys – A proposal by Endangered Resource Services, LLC, to survey the lake was approved by the board. The cost for the well-defined deliverables is \$6,660.
- Grant update (weed treatment) – The grant is for \$150,000. The State will advance the association \$25,000 to help with cash flow. The grant covers 75% of the costs. The association needs to cover the other 25%. Documented volunteer time and use of boats count towards the 25% the association needs to contribute for the match. The State reimburses the association on a yearly basis.
NOTE: If you are out in your boat looking for the HWM, **please log your hours** and report them to the board. There is a form on the web site. Look for the "Volunteer Lake Inspection Report" on the home page. They value the use of your pontoon at \$90 for a half day and \$160 for a full day!
- Costs – An overall expense to the association for managing the lake this year will be close to \$100,000.
- Fish sticks and Shoreline management – Known as the Healthy Lakes grant. \$13,000 remain and were moved over for future use. The lake conditions did not allow the

placement of any fish sticks this winter. The DNR is looking at an alternative where trees on the shoreline are dropped. More to come on this topic.

- Walleye update – There is no current grant for walleye stocking. This spring only twelve female walleyes were captured in the fyke nets (fish trap). This provided only about 30,000 eggs. This may be enough to do one pond at the fish hatchery. Last year, the egg harvesting was finished by April 7. The cold spring has made for very difficult harvesting. Bottom line, not much stocking can be expected for this year.
- Landing Monitors – A new landing grant has been approved. The towns of Namakagon funds 2/3rds and the Town of Grand View the other one-third. NOTE: The funds for this activity come out of the “room tax” and are not funded by tax payer dollars. The cameras at the landings are not covered by the grant. Eric with Environmental Sentry Services provides the equipment and reviews much of the photos captured along with volunteers from the association. This year’s cost for the cameras is \$6,429.
- Membership details – Last year there were 402 members. The expectation is for 418 member or more for this year. To date the association has received 108 checks in the mail and fifty-five memberships via PayPal. The memberships are ahead of last year's pace. There are over six hundred homes on the lake or within the area. How do we reach those that are not aware of the association? We need to get flyers in the boxes at the landings and at the bars and restaurants around the lake. We also should leave copies of the newsletters at the same establishments.
- Newsletter – The last newsletter went out to 382 families via email. Another eighteen copies were mailed to those where and email address was not made available. The newsletter will also be posted on the website.
- Buoy Placement and Repair – Brandon and Amanda with Four Season’s Resort, once again, took care of the buoy placements on the lake. There is a total of twenty-eight of these markers on the lake! At times they need repair and or replacement. Cleaning these things up can be dangerous as they might have fishing lures hanging on them. Ouch! A big Thanks to Four Seasons!
- Annual Meeting – Is confirmed to be held at Four Seasons Resort on Saturday August 20, 2022, at noon. Get it on your calendar!
- **NOTE:** Time change for future meetings. They will start at 9:00.

Old Business:

- A Lake Management Plan – The last one was completed in 2018. The current 90+ page plan will require an update within two years. The association will receive a \$25,000 grant from the State to update the plan. Without an updated plan, grants will not be available. More to come on this need.

Adjournment:

With no further issues or discussion this meeting was adjourned at 8:35 with a motion by J Krueger, a second by J Deroma and approved by all.

Next 2022 meeting dates: Saturdays at 9:00 A.M. at the Namakagon Town Hall:

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