



Meeting Minutes from the June 18, 2022, meeting at the Namakagon Town Hall

Opening: President Jim Deroma called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Approval of the Agenda: Accepted as submitted.

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

Treasures report: Summary of balances:

Checking account: \$92,209.33

CD: \$12,145.90

PayPal: \$0.00

Total: \$114,355.23

Upcoming expenses: \$1,083.00

Membership fees: & donations: \$300.00 in checks to be deposited.

Motion by Pribyl, second by J Deroma, and approved by all.

New business:

- Weed treatment: Matt Berg, Research Biologist with Endangered Resource Services, LLC, was on the lake the week of June 13 to do a presurvey of the hybrid milfoil. This year 32 acres +10% will be treated.
NOTE: Be sure to log your personal hours of inspecting the lake for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS). There is a form on the web site that you need to use. Your time and your boat count towards matching the DNR grant of \$25,000.
- Reminder from last month... An overall expense to the association for managing the lake this year will be close to \$100,000.
- Walleye update by Mike D'Andrea and Ted Peichel: This spring the female walleyes that were caught in the fyke nets (fish traps) were all green, no eggs. Bottom line, there will be no stocking for this year. The pontoon with the bright lights on the lake was Lance with the Fishery. They were shocking the lake to gather data on the fish population. This is done in the night; it is cold experience! The walleyed spawn at 38-to-48-degree water temperature. The water temperature was 50 degrees. The good news is that the walleye population is up! Last year 34,000 fingerlings were released. Know that if the tribes are spearing a lake, they will also stock it. **NOTE:** Next spring there is a need for more volunteers to set fyke nets. Let Ted or a board member know if you can help.
- The Healthy Lakes program: Lake shore improvements are key to the success of fish populations. The goal last year was to place fifteen additional fish sticks. Due to the unusual conditions of the ice this past season, zero were placed. This is two years in a row where there has been zero success. The Forest Service is looking at an alternative of dropping trees from the shore in appropriate locations. Hardwood trees are preferred, and they want to minimize the impact to the appearance of the shoreline. Dropping trees directly results in fewer branches being broken providing better shelter for smaller fish. By the way, last winter the snow was packed down in places in hopes of making thicker ice. But the owners of the skid steers used to move the trees into place did not feel that they could do

the job safely. A suggestion was made about possibly using the services of a local logger that still uses horses to move logs. An interesting idea!

- Landing monitors were asked to turn their negative findings into a board member and not to the town clerk. The board is looking at updating a handout to be given out at the landings that will list the rules/desires of the lake and provide information such as distance from shore and speeds for wave control on the shores and supporting the lake association to help continue the work of AIS control and fish stocking.
- A request was made for trash cans at the landings. Jim Krueger will contact the DNR to ask.
- **Annual Meeting** – Is confirmed to be held at Four Seasons Resort on Saturday, August 20, 2022. It was decided to move the meeting up to 11:00 A.M. The Brick House will be catering the event. Drink tickets will also be provided. The association has many T-Shirts from past events that will be give aways. Get this on your calendar!!!
- **NOTE:** The terms for two members of the Board are up. President, Jim Deroma has served six continuous years. The bylaws, as currently written, one can serve two consecutive terms but is then required to sit out for one year. After one year, they can be reelected. Therefore, per the current bylaws, Jim is required to sit out for one year. We need at least two interested people to volunteer to run for the board. Three or more would be even better. Please consider!

Old Business:

- The NLA Lake Management Plan – Last completed in 2018. The current 90+ page plan will require an update starting next year. The association will receive a \$25,000 grant from the State to update the plan. Without an updated plan, grants will not be available. The bulk of the writing is contracted out to a local expert. A subcommittee of the membership is also needed to help to guide and work on the plan. Tabled for now but please consider volunteering

Adjournment:

With no further issues or discussion this meeting was adjourned at 9:48 with a motion by J Deroma, a second by T Cramer and approved by all.

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

- July 16
- August 20 - Annual Meeting at 11:00 A.M. at 4 Seasons Resort
- September 17

Post Board of Director's Discussion Following the open meeting:

Jim Deroma called the directors together to discuss assignments going forward. That assignments are as follows:

- **Jeff Johnson** – The Healthy Lakes and the walleye programs. Liaison with Mike D'Andrea and Ted Peichel.
- **John Schneider** – Camera (LID) and the landing monitors.
- **Larry Pribyl** – The Lake Management Plan, Invasive weeds efforts, and SWIMS data reporting (Data on lake landing reporting by the lake landing monitors).
- **Terry Cramer** – The Annual meeting and the Newsletter.
- **Craig Forneris** – Landing Grant writing.

Looking for a date in July to solicit the lake residents for additional membership.