

Meeting Minutes from the August 20, 2022, Annual meeting at Four Season's Resort

Opening: President Jim Deroma called the meeting to order at 11:10 A.M.

In attendance: Board Members: Jim DeRoma introduce the board members; Terry Cramer, Jerome Malmquist, Larry Pribyl, Jeff Johnson, John Schneider, and James Krueger. Association members in attendance introduced themselves.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes from the last meeting held in 2021: Motion made by Denise Dupras and second by Terry Cramer to waive the reading and approve as posted. Motion carried.

Treasures report: Summary of balances:

Balance......\$46,000 in the bank

Donations totaled......\$17,000. There were eighty-five donations between \$30 and \$500. There were six donations over \$500. \$775 were collected in the walleye jars at the various bars.

Motion made by Denise Dupras, seconded by Tom to approved the report. Motion carried.

Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species Report by Jim DeRoma:

- On July 2, 2022, the infected part of the lake around Missionary Point was treated with 2-4-D. On July 7, 2022, other infected areas of the lake were treated with ProcellaCor. The good news is that the treatments were very successful! The treatment process was delayed this year to have warmer water with more developed plants. Harmony Environmental is studying the results to learn why this year was so successful. There was no Eurasian Milfoil in Jackson or Garden Lakes or the Namakagon River.
- Matt Berg conducted pre and post surveys of the lake to determine the effectiveness.
- Matt was surprised by how many lakes did NOT receive grants. The annual cost to treat this lake is about \$100,000. Cheryl Clemens with Harmony Consultants is the grant writer but more donations from members will be required to cover future costs.

Mike DeAndrea Reported on the Walleye project:

- Thanks to Mike Anrea's hundreds of hours spent on this program!
- The walleye population was 2.3 per acre is now 4.3 per acre. There have been three years of good recruitment (natural breeding). The lake was stocked in 2021 with 34,000 walleyes in collaboration with the Lake Association, Wisconsin DNR, UW Steven's Point, Red Cliff Hatchery and Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, commonly known as GLFWIC.
- There were no fish stocked in 2022. Fike nets were set. The late ice out and quickly warming water (52 degrees), the eggs harvested, were green and never ripened after being stored. No fish were stocked this year, 2022.
- GLFWIC and the Red Cliff hatchery are on board for next year, 2023.
- Have only been able to install 16 fish sticks die to the ice conditions.
- Two methods were used to grow the walleyes. One was to have them in large outdoor ponds were they were fed Pinhead minnows from Arkansas, very expensive. Others were kept in indoor tanks and were fed pellets. The pellet fed fish very quickly learned to eat minnows when they were presented. The outside walleyes had their left dorsal fin clipped and the pellet fed had their right fin clipped. GIFWIC shocks the lake along the shoreline and counts the fish and notes the left/right fin clipped counts. The study continues.

• Note that with this program the stocked walleye are our fish from our lake. To buy walleyes for stocking the cost is ~\$2.50 per fish.

Jim Krueger on Bylaw updates:

These are changes that never officially got into the bylaws:

- Motion made by Denise Dupras and seconded by Mike Cooper to "**remove the top limit on the membership dues**." Following discussion on raising the minimum noting that the annual meeting lunch costs as much as the membership. After discussion, the motion carried.
- Motion made by Stu Hanson and seconded by Barb Best to "When a board vacancy is filled by an appointment, they appointed person will finish out the term of the vacancy." The purpose is to reduce additional elections. The motion caried.
- There was much additional discussion on what the cost of membership should be, membership structure, recognition, etc. The result was a motion made by Cheryl Thomas and seconded by Jackie Snyder to, "**Request the Board to investigate new membership options.**" Moton carried.

Larry Pribyl on Grants:

- Working on a \$200,000 grant over the next three years. This grant requires a 25% match. The match includes volunteer time.
- Please use the volunteer form on the web site to report when looking for and reporting invasive species. Each type of water craft has a different credit amount. There are handouts to help identify. There may be a training event in the future.

Jim Deroma led discussion:

- The annual cost for the cameras at the landing is \$8,900. Thanks to Bob Rasmussen for the town's support in covering that cost along with Grandview (Funnies Bay is Grandview). And thanks to Laura Bjork for managing the volunteer monitors.
- We need a membership drive. Many people do not even know that the lake association exists. Looking for volunteers to recruit new members. This was followed by much discussion on how; stickers to denote membership, brochures for real estate agents to hand out, using the property tax records to send a mailing to all on the lake and in the lake's watershed, membership forms in the bars and restaurants, etc.
- Budgets... What will be the need for funding over the next five years?

Terry Cramer on Membership:

- There were 378 members in 2022. This is down from 400 in 2021. Of the 206 paid single memberships, there were only six without an email.
- Thankyou notes were sent out for memberships and donations.
- To date for 2022, 5,986 emails were sent!
- Help is needed to write a spring newsletter.

Jim Krueger on Thankyou's:

- To the landing monitors. We need more. Talk to Laura at the town hall. Training is provided once a year in the spring.
- Craig Forneris writes the grants for the lake monitoring.
- Ted Peichel manages the fish stick program and shoreline restoration.

• Larry Pribyl documents every boat that lands on the lake. It gets logged into the DNR's SWIMS (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring Systems) data.

Larry Pribyl on a Thank you:

- Amanda & Brandon, Four Seasons, for hosting this event.
- The new board will meet on September 17 at the town hall.

The Elections:

Larry Pribyl was on the ballot for a second three-year term and Kevin Wiersma is on the ballot for a first three-year term. There were not write ins. The ballots received were unanimous to elect the candidates as submitted.

New Business:

None

Next Annual meeting is scheduled for the third Saturday of August, August 19, 2023.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Denise Dupras, seconded by several and approved by all at 12:10.