

Namakagon Lake Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2023

Board members in attendance: Jeff Johnson, Cheryl Johnson and Larry Pribyl

NLA membership attendance: Wayne Spitzer and Val Johnson

Larry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introductions were made.

Larry read the minutes from the July 15 Board meeting. No changes were noted.

Jeff provided a treasurer's report: \$110k in checking, General Fund \$70k, Walleye Fund \$32k, Invasive weed fund \$5k

Larry gave an update on the lake survey for hybrid milfoil. No hybrid milfoil was found in the areas treated a year ago. However, it has spread in Bluegill Bay, Mums Bay, near Governors Island and near Lakewoods. The invasive weed committee has met and is moving forward on treating those areas in 2024. The area to be treated is about 43 acres (compared to 32 in 2022) and will probably use up the remaining grant plus \$25k of Lake Association money less any Volunteer Inspection reporting time and equipment that occurs in 2024 (which was about \$6k in 2022).

Cheryl gave a report on new membership. The Lake Association membership is now 436 members. The membership committee is planning to include a mailer on the Lake Association with the Town of Namakagon's fall update letter. Cheryl is also working to include families that are near the lake but not in Namakagon township. So far membership dues income is about \$5k and additional contributions are about \$32k.

No other business or comments were discussed. Since there was not a quorum for Board members, no actions were taken, or approvals made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20

Jim Krueger gave a short history of the Namakagon Lake Association and reviewed some key meeting minutes:

Formed in 1995 to support fishing. Built 22 cribs

Have not been able to find meeting minutes from 1995 to 2005

2007 A couple individuals on the lake bought landing monitoring cameras, volunteers staffed the landing

\$10,000 donation received for fishing support in honor of Wanasek, Sikes and Studemeyer

2009 Fish fund became an \$11,000 Certificate of Deposit

2009 Survey was sent out to members on how to support lake: #1 Fishing support, #2 weed control, #3 Lake Rules

2011 Shoreline restoration and fish sticks started

2018 Goal was set to move Walleye density from 2.3 fish per acre 5.0 fish per acre. Found Invasive Hybrid Milfoil in the Lake. Got \$26,000 Rapid Response grant to treat invasive weeds

May 2020 was the last time the Lake Associations Financial balance was footnoted for separate funds. Balance was \$68,000: \$37,000 was for Walleye fund + \$12,000 CD, \$3,500 was for Fish Sticks.

Much discussion was had on the need for separate funds. Action for the Board: Using available information break down the current \$101,000 balance into a 1) General Fund, 2) Walleye and Habitat Fund and 3) Invasive Weed Control Fund. Terry, Jeff and Jim have the lead on this.

As there is a need to keep financial track of the funds and within the funds keep track of the financials associated with grants.... Motion made by Terry to purchase financial software to help with funds management. 2nd by Jim. Approved. Jeff will purchase the software

As we now have 3 funds..... Motion made by Jim that when asking for donations to allow donors to specify: 1) General Fund, 2) Walleye and Habitat Fund and 3) Invasive Weed Control Fund. 2nd Larry, Approved

Mike D'Andre gave an update on Walleye stocking. They will be at it this spring. Lots of discussion and questions

Ted Peichel gave an update on fish sticks. They have 32 projects they plan on doing starting in 2024. They hope to use a tree drop procedure and the town and lake association will fund the purchase of a special winch for this in addition to misc. expenses.

Larry Pribyl gave an update on the Invasive Weed Control. Last year's efforts were very successful. All treated beds did not show a return of invasive hybrid milfoil in the fall monitoring. Some new individual plants were found near Governor's Island and Jackson Lake and some very small beds in Bluegill Bay. At this time we do not plan to treat the invasive weeds in 2023. The approved lake plan requires the invasive

weed bed must be larger than a quarter acre. We will monitor the lake to see if these beds grow and other treated areas show a return of the invasive weeds.

Larry Pribyl also said that the official Lake Plan must be updated and the Board is looking for additional people to give input for the Lake Plan. The input needed will be gathered in 3, no more than 2 hour, meetings at the Namakagon Town Hall. The meetings will be in April, June and July with times and dates TBD. Please contact Larry or any Board member if you are willing to give input.

Jim Krueger is looking for volunteers to help with lake buoy repair. Probably 2 or 3 times for a couple hours each. Please contact Jim or any Board member if you can help out.

Last meeting minutes were not available and not read

No update from the Membership Drive and Fund raising committee. Currently have 393 members and 210 households. There are roughly 600 homes on the lake.

Dues notices will be e-mailed out shortly. Mailed notices will be with the Newsletter and will include the new donation fund designations – Terry has the lead. All Board member are to get their write ups to Terry by the end of the month.

New business:

Terry to e-mail the link to the Fishing survey to all Lake Association members.

The Board of Directors is looking to fill an open position and two positions will become open at the end of this year. Please notify Terry or any Board member if you are interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:52 Motion by Jim, 2nd Jeff. Approved