

LWA Board Meeting minutes 9-25-24 Zoom mtg

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Present: Ross, Glen Goodwin, Jill Emanuel, Charlie McGlynn, Scott Erickson, Ron Reich, Mark Wolf, Kim Zwart, Pat Maranda, Tony Patterson, Janis Judd, Dave Patterson

Absent: Greg Gilbertson, Teresa Reding, John Clausen, Susan Mork, Troy Barten

Approval of minutes from 8-13-24 board meeting – motion made by Ron/Charlies – approved

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report – Ross shared the report John emailed to all of us, discussion about income and expenses year to date, and boat landing inspectors are done for the season. Ross checked the ZEMU trap at the landing and it is clean. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Scott/Mark – approved.
- B. AIS Fall Report – Glen reports that at our annual lake survey in July 6 individual EWM plants were found in the East & North basins, an adjustment was made in our permit from chemical to manual EWM treatment, divers pulled these 6 identified plants and any others they saw with success. The board approved a secondary survey by Freshwater in August – the area appeared to be clear – excellent news. We were fortunate to get funding and grants again this year. Our total cost for surveys, treatment and additional inspection hours was \$11,500. Crooked Lake Township Lakes and Shores (CLT L&S) grants as well as Cass County funds covered all but \$3,400 of our total cost this year. (LWA spent \$3,400 total on AIS surveys, treatment, and additional inspector hours total this year). Roosevelt had almost 40 acres of EWM with a treatment cost of between \$63,000 -65,000. They got some funding from Emily and CLT L&S (some of our 'fund' bucket monies went to RALALA from CLT due to greater need this year.). Birch Bay launch was closed this season which resulted in a greater number of boats going to the public landing. Charlie reports that Dave Snesrud has identified a lot of purple loosestrife plants around the lake. Glen said last year Freshwater also identified yellow iris (also an invasive) – Glen & Mark did a campaign to inform property owners about yellow iris last year. Maybe ask Cass County how they would want lake associations to handle informing property owners about invasives identified on property. Scott said Susan Henken-Thielen has resources to share about these two invasive plants. Discussion held. Conversation held regarding the 5 Star Program in Cass County that service providers like Olds and Land O'Lakes Marine can be certified under. Ross noted all the old buoys are still stacked up at the boat launch – will Cass County be supplying new ones to us? Glen shared that is a better question to ask Dave Braun – Ross will also copy Teresa on this as she is new chair for buoy committee. Charlie reports one buoy broke free in Muechow bay – suggests Teresa and Dave hook up this fall to do an inventory. Inspector reports – last year we approved 150 additional hours – equal to 15 days that we handpicked. The DNR pulled out of doing any inspector hours in Cass

County boat launches this summer so we ended up using 155 hours to cover the boat launch. September 15th was the last day for coverage this year. We had 61 days the boat launch had an inspector working this year, 18 days paid by LWA supplemental hours, 520 inspections at Lake Washburn (almost triple of previous years) and 1,200 inspections at Lake Roosevelt this year. The new decontamination unit at Lake Roosevelt did 55 cleanings and the 4th of July weekend when the decon unit was at Lake Washburn it did 8 cleanings. In 2023 CLT had 30 decon cleanings – this year was double at 63 total decon unit boat cleanings and best results in all of Cass County. Working with Waterguards to schedule boat launch inspectors was great – they sent Glen weekly schedules. Next step is to have wrap up meeting with Steve Henry of Cass County on Wednesday, October 30th at 1 pm and then an additional meeting, probably in February, where we can handpick our dates for summer of 2025 and figure out how many additional hours we should purchase to cover the boat launch. Overall, a really good year, especially after craziness of scheduling in 2023. Cass County has now required all boats coming out of Thunder Lake to get decontaminated due to zebra mussels being found in Thunder. The old decon unit from CLT has been relocated to Thunder. Discussion held about how LWA can up our defense against AIS – best defense is a good offense – continue boat launch efforts and possibly look into a split shift scenario for inspectors on busiest days and weekends to make sure we cover more hours. Encourage VRBO owners to put wording in their contracts “if you bring a boat, it HAS to be decontaminated” and keep getting the message out without it becoming “white noise” to all property owners. Jill inquired about becoming a boat launch inspector – discussion held.

- C. Election Results and Comments – Glen shared that we received 77 online votes, 2 were duplicates. We have 306 paid LWA members this year. Glen has 402 email addresses he sends notices to (some double per property – husband & wife both receive emails). Glen asked for feedback on communication. For the question “Do you visit the LWA website?” – not very often was the most common response, “do you follow LWA on Facebook?” – 50% said they do/25% said not on Facebook. Glen is trying to post most relevant information on Facebook of what is in the news. Most respondents to annual survey attached to the ballot said “our newsletter was a great way to get information.” We do get pretty good response to email blasts – most seem to read them. The last question – all about communication – most comments said what we (LWA) are doing works pretty well. Unsure if Instagram or texts would be a good vehicle to use regularly. Glen feels at the next board meeting in May – the board should go through the comments and questions that came up with the communication survey. Scott volunteered to scan the comments and perhaps respond to individuals.

Planning/Discussions

- A. Summary of 2024 projects/accomplishments – Glen commented it was a busy year as always. Five board meetings – 4 by Zoom and 1 in-person meeting. It was the first year we went to only one membership meeting – it was held in July, we had a great turnout of 50 people and a great speaker – Mike Knapp of the DNR. LWA did our Fall and Spring road clean up on Co. Rd. 48. Scott E. launched the “lake lunch &

learn” – will do it again next year. The “Kids Fishing Challenge” was a great success again with lots of participants. The Boat Parade was almost canceled due to weather, lucky to get it in between 1 pm and 2 pm, had 65 boats/watercraft. A new event this year – Youth Boat Safety Class – run by Pat and Cass County Sheriff, was very successful. The Floating Ice Cream Social had over 60 boats/watercraft, handed out 350 ice cream treats, 65 doggie treats, and 68 kid’s informational bags. It was a great event – a ‘well-oiled machine’ with great volunteers, served all the ice cream in less than an hour! Glen sent out the proposed 2025 calendar and informed everyone to review it to make sure upcoming dates will work. Pat extended a big thank you to Ross & Mary, and Lisa & Randy McLeod – the youth fishing contest wouldn’t happen without them. He also thanked Glen & Vicki for helping with the Youth Boat Safety Class.

- B. Transition of new officers/board members – Ross reports Mark is taking on the AIS committee chair with Glen and Ross backing him up. Ross explained the transition process. Glen attended the CLT L&S committee meeting and he requested the decon unit for Thursday through Sunday of the July 4th weekend in 2025 and it was approved by the L&S committee. Better signage for the unit is on the docket for 2025. Laurie Wolf extended an invitation for new help on the newsletter – next one coming out mid-November, think of content we could put into newsletter, write articles for your committees. Duties of new board members – discussion held
- C. Review of Standing committee chairs –
- D. Review of Standing committee chairs - Glen says we need someone to take over Facebook management & LWA website. The website might need a reset – Charlie is already working on that.
- E. 2025 project assignments – Scott would like LWA board to do our best to continue current projects and also keep thinking about prevention. All board members asked to review committee information included with meeting agenda, will visit this topic at May 2025 board meeting

Old Business

None

Upcoming Events

- A. 2025 project/event plan – Charlie suggested we keep working on how to keep members involved with “a healthy lake” as our number one goal.
- B. May 2025 Board meeting TBD – Zoom meeting. Charlie will send out possible dates for everyone to vote on.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Judd, secretary