

LWA Board Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023/ZOOM call

Members present: Ross Lindmeyer, Glen Goodwin, Ron Reich, John Clausen, Kathy Pfaff, Mark Wolf, Susan Tyra, Pat Maranda, Scott Erickson, Janis Judd, Vicki Lipstreuer

Members absent: Charlie McGlynn, David Patterson, Jim Patterson

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Reports

- A. Approval of minutes from 7-8-23 board meeting – motion to approve minutes as presented made by Ron/John – motion carried.
- B. Approval of Treasurer’s report – motion to approve treasurer’s report made by Scott/Ron – motion carried. Kathy informed us we forgot to vote on making a donation to the Pine River Watershed as a steward membership – last year we donated \$200. Motion to donate \$200 to Pine River Watershed made by John/Mark – motion carried. Kathy shared that we have received thank you’s from the Outing Chamber of Commerce, Crooked Lake Township Fire Department, the Loon Center, and the U of MN Research Center. We also received a thank you from Isla Devries for the kayak she won at the Fishing Challenge.
- C. AIS Survey and Treatment Update – Ross reports that PLM treated about 1.4 acre area with a total of 4 plants that have moved a little bit along the NW shore, at a cost of \$4,000.
 - a. Ross sent the board members an email with photo of tools that the ACCL have put together along with signage to be installed at the boat landing. One tool is a kind of scraper on a pole – about 4 feet long so they can reach under the boat, and another tool is brush. Ross just received permission today to post them at our boat launch and he will try to use the posts that are already in place to add these tools for boaters to use. Hopefully they will get used and returned to the posts so others can use them also. Ross hopes to have the sign and tools in place this weekend or early next week. Ross has been reading a report from the MN AIS Research Center on zebra mussels, their effect on the walleye population, and impacts it might have for us going forward as we plan to stock additional walleye in our lake. He plans on including some of this information in his president’s letter for the Fall newsletter. Ross and John report no sign of zebra mussels on the ZEMU traps they have checked recently. We need to keep on it and keep zebra mussels, starry stonewort out of Lake Washburn if at all possible.
- D. Inspector Hours update – Ross reports we get invoiced once a month and still unsure how these hours are being billed – RALALA has questions about how their additional inspector hours are being invoiced/billed also. Kathy attended the CLT Land & Shores (L&S) committee meeting and got some clarification that we are being billed for Friday dates (how L&S committee explained it) and any additional days like when 4th of July was on Tuesday. Ross thinks we should only be paying out about \$490 when all the bills for the lake survey, and AIS treatment are tallied. LWA will be responsible to cover \$1,815 in additional inspector hours if we use the maximum requested inspector hours and CLT L&S will match that with \$1,815. We have received 3 invoices for additional inspector hours so far, and we should be forwarding all of these to CLT L&S for payment. We

should send them to L&S until we get denied (which means we reached the \$1,815 limit they will pay).

- E. Lake Steward update – Scott states we have 23 lake stewards currently, he will be asking for additional volunteers to join his committee at Saturday’s meeting. Congratulations to Mark & Laurie Wolf who just had their lake steward sign placed today. Scott has three more properties to visit and has received the 10 new signs we authorized him to purchase. Scott addressed some concerns that were expressed to LWA anonymously – discussion held. Scott will come up with a note explaining the actions he & Lake Steward committee have/will take to address the concerns and give to Vicki to share with anonymous concerned folks. Scott loves to hear people’s stories about their property and ties to Lake Washburn as he delivers/posts the Lake Steward signs. Scott and Mary Beth are going to host a potluck picnic at their lake property next summer on June 22, 2024 as a fun way for everyone to share their lake stories. Mark suggests that going forward, anonymous concerns should be forwarded directly to board members or committee members related to the concern.
- F. Voting Update – Glen shared that a total of 62 votes have been cast so far, with 3 being duplicates (more than one vote per household) – giving us 59 valid votes as of today. 58 voted to approve board slate and one no vote for board slate; 56 voted in favor of membership meeting item, 3 abstained on membership meeting item; 56 voted in favor of by-law change, one no vote and 2 abstaining votes on by-law change item.
 - a. Procedure for responding to comments and questions on electronic ballots – Glen is looking for discussion on how to effectively deal with this – we will discuss at the September board meeting.

Planning – Discussions – Special Events

- A. Membership Meeting – see attached agenda
 - a. Set up: Glen, Vicki, Janis (Ross)
 - b. Sign In Table: Mary Beth, Ron
 - c. Membership Table: Kathy
 - d. Sales table: Susan
 - e. Tear Down: Scott, Ross, John, Glen

Glen asks all undeployed board members to help move members away from sign in table as soon as they get a name tag to help prevent a ‘traffic jam’ in doorway area, feel free to chat with members, just help them move into the room toward snacks, other displays, etc. Thank you Susan for getting the speaker lined up for this membership meeting. Kathy picked up 3 or 4 more new memberships in the mail today.

- B. Fishing Challenge Results – Ross commented that even though the morning was not weather friendly, it ended up to be a great day. 80 people attended, 36 of those were children, 19 kids caught 38 fish. The committee is already planning next year’s event. It will now be called the Jeff Maranda Memorial Youth Fishing Challenge in honor of Pat and Julie’s son who passed away this year. Ross reports they are thinking of having it on June 29, 2024 to take advantage of better Northern Pike fishing climate.
 - a. permit requirements for future fishing contests – Vicki has talked to Cass County – we are required to have a permit to hold this event, cost \$20, might be waived as it is a youth only event. Paperwork needs to be turned in to Cass County no later than 2

weeks before the event. DNR also has paperwork and a fee for such an event – fee is \$50, paperwork needs to be turned in anytime now after August 1st – we might meet a DNR exemption due to size of event, donated prizes, all volunteers, etc. More to follow. The DNR would still need us to submit a form after the event for the kind and number of fish caught.

- b. Need for insurance certificate provided by our insurance company – Glen and Vicki shared they are familiar with this kind of requirement for events and it should not be too big of a deal to get the insurance certificate – just another box to check in planning this event. Ron asked if we needed an insurance certificate for the Ice Cream Social – Vicki indicated no, it is on the water, no certificate needed. Discussion held about LWA being a 501c3 – yet a special category – the educational purpose category, so that’s why we hand out educational packets for the kids and adults at the ice cream social.
- C. Ice Cream Social Update – Vicki said she has ordered the ice cream - \$192; baggies for hand outs, dog treats, other misc. items needed will add up to less than \$250 for the event – motion to spend up to \$250 for Ice Cream Social made by Mark/Scott – motion carried. Sunday, September 3 is back up date if rained out on Saturday, September 2nd.
- D. Lion’s Corn Feed Volunteers/GTLO Challenge update – Ross shared that Bob Holman and Susan will be working the CLT L&S GTLO booth and need at least 2 more people to help – Pat volunteered to help. LWA & RALALA are competing in total amount of lead turned in by each lake association again this year. Saturday, August 19th is the Corn Feed – show up at 7 am to help shuck corn if you can – let Jan Petershick know if you can help shuck corn or in any other area.
- E. New Treasurer to replace Kathy – Ross informed the board that Kathy will be unable to fill her term, they are moving to Nisswa once their. Lake home sells – discussion held,
 - a. Nominations or. Suggestions; Glen /Ross nominated John Clausen to take treasurer’s position. Transition slowly as needed. A
 - b. Special Electronic Election held in Spring 2024 – a vote of the membership will have to be held and then the board will have to officially transfer the position to John in May, based on votes, and take meeting minutes to the bank to allow for new signature cards to be drawn up. Glen suggested John might want to use Squar as an electronic bookkeeping system. Glen, Kathy, and John will meet after Labor Day weekend to talk about the transition and next steps.
- F. Review of procedures for approval of expenditures – Vicki noticed, in her review of our current by-laws, that we usually do this, but some expenditures aren’t presented to the board. Suggests we get a rough budget in place for all events, and then approve this rough budget at our. May 2024 board meeting, Ross/Janis made a motion to approve payment to Al’s Sewer for the Port-a-Potty for the Youth Fishing Challenge. Motion approved.

Ross/Mark made a motion to adjourn – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Janis Judd

Secretary