

LWA Board Meeting Minutes 9-12-23 via Zoom

Members Present: Glen Goodwin, Ross Lindmeyer, Ron Reich, Kathy Pfaff, Susan Tyra, Vicki Lipstreuer, John Clausen, Mark Wolf, Dave Patterson, Pat Maranda, Janis Judd, Laurie Wolf
Absent: Scott Erickson, Jim Patterson, Charlie McGlynn

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Reports

- A. Motion to approve minutes from 8-8-23 board meeting made by Mark Wolf/John Clausen – motion carried
- B. Motion to approve Treasurer's report made by Ron Reich/Mark – motion carried
- C. AIS – Ross reports that Lloyd on the Lakes & Shores Committee {L&S} approved our bills for the lake inspection, treatment, and boat launch inspector hours – now the total to be reimbursed to us is presented to the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) board for final approval. Ross checked the ZEMU trap today – it was clean. All four AIS removal tools on the ACL sign were still present when Ross was at the public boat launch. We have not received a report from Cass County concerning the boat inspector hours as of yet. Glen asked if LWA had received another invoice for inspector hours – no bill yet – Kathy indicated it might come this week around the 15th. All additional inspector hour invoices will be LWA responsibility to pay. Glen noticed the decontamination station sign was out and no one was there, then he went to the boat launch and the DNR had a mobile decontamination station at the boat launch. Our inspector was there but then left because the DNR officer said he could cover the launch – so our boat inspector called his supervisor and got permission to leave for the day. A fishing contest, put on by Northern's Inc, was on the lake a couple weeks ago – we had no inspector – only 15 boats participated. Glen & Vicki signed up for Northern's newsletter so hopefully we will know in advance of a fishing contest they hold on our lake. The DNR indicated it would be good to have the boat inspector working the week before the contest as fishermen are coming to check out our lake. The DNR reports that starry stonewort is a bigger issue than zebra mussels because they are so tiny and grow so fast – it really messes up the lake.
- D. Lake Steward program update – the program will soon have 25 members who have qualified for the lake steward award and we may be at 35 by next year.

Planning-Discussions-Special Events

- A. Ice Cream Social results – Vicki shared that 75 boats, some kayaks, and jet skis participated. They gave out educational material goodie bags to over 50 kids, gave treats to over 54 dogs, and ran short of adult educational material goodie bags. There were only 11 ice cream bars left so no additional stop at the campground this year. Many people thanked us for doing this – it was lots of fun. A big thank you to Ron Reich for the use of his pontoon boat. Thank you to Dave & Janis Judd for use of their portable generator and help to get set up. Thank you to Dave and Sam Patterson for driving and helping hand out the ice cream and goodie packets. Thank you to Susan Tyra for helping to set up the goodie bags and getting the materials.

- B. Voting Results and Review of Comments – Glen shared that we had 64 total votes, 4 were duplicates, so 60 actual votes. The by-law change is all ready to go and has been signed via doc-u-sign by the LWA officers. A copy will go into the LWA safe deposit box. Discussion was held regarding the comments and concerns members brought up with the voting results. The first thing we discussed was a comment – someone’s request to Zoom membership meetings – we cannot do that, but Glen will look into doing a Facebook Live Stream for a meeting. Vicki suggested we not respond to comments shared by LWA members on our Facebook page, perhaps we could do it on our LWA website, and /or maybe include a Q&A in our Fall newsletter. Mark suggests we respond to person’s concerns directly. Newsletter wouldn’t work – too lengthy, website and individual responses would work better. Susan shared that more than one person is probably interested in the issues. First issue: wake boats – Ross showed the “Own Your Own Wake” flyer and a map of Lake Roosevelt showing 600 ft away from shore that RALALA published this year. We need to come up with something like this for our newsletter. Glen & Vicki reminded everyone we did a “Own Your Own Wake” article once in our newsletter with that same logo. It was several issues ago – so suggested we publish it again in the Spring. The fall newsletter deadline is September 22nd. We should work on a wake boat response over the winter for the Spring newsletter. Second issue: buoys – much discussion was held including a review of the results from the buoy survey done earlier this year, is there documented evidence of erosion in the channel, and that the Cass County Sherriff doesn’t want this to become a “neighbor against neighbor” issue – simply call the Sheriff’s office (anonymously if you want) to report unsafe boating behavior in the channel or anywhere on the lake. Having the Sheriff come talk to people has a better outcome. Third issue: LWA staying on mission/fund-a-fish program – discussion held – fund-a-fish is just another way to increase overall health of the lake, share about biodiversity and why we care about fish in our lake, source DNR or John Harris to share about what makes a healthy lake. Next concern: LWA buying kayaks for youth fishing contest – discussion held – Dave suggested LWA focus on the education aspect of activities – not the prizes. The youth fishing tournament is more about education, event was established to help get little northerns out of the lake. *The board should establish a budget for each LWA sponsored event.
- Related discussion points: the board reread our mission statement and noted the LWA mission statement is on the LWA website, perhaps we should also post the LWA by-laws on the website. All new property owners should get a copy of the by-laws in the LWA welcome packet they receive. Ross and Scott will be talking to the DNR about sharing some of the boat landing for LWA to do a shoreland restoration project similar to RALALA. Board members should send any additional comments to Glen on how to address the individual concerns by Monday.
- C. Procedure for new officers and directors for September meetings – Vicki shared that our new date for the LWA Annual meeting will be the fourth Saturday of July, voting for new officers and directors will take place electronically and announced at the August board meeting. Any newly elected officers or directors should attend the September Zoom board meeting and the term for officers and directors should be May-September.

There should be an overlap in September with new and old/outgoing officers and board members.

- D. Special electronic election to be held in Spring 2024 - New treasurer to replace Kathy – at our August 8, 2023 board meeting Glen/Ross nominated John Clausen to fill the treasurer’s position. Motion carried. Kathy will be around to help John through the transition period. LWA by-laws allow the board to appoint someone to fill a board position if necessary. Glen/Ron made a motion to take Kathy Pfaff off the LWA accounts held at Pine River State bank including checking account, savings account, safety deposit box, CD’s, and add John Clausen , Glen Goodwin, and Ross Lindmeyer, as signatories to stated LWA accounts. Motion carried.
- E. Review of procedures for approval of expenditures – Kathy presented a projected 2024 budget to give the board an idea when planning how to set and implement a set budget for each LWA event going forward. Look at in more detail next Spring. The audit committee – Mark and Scott – will get together with Kathy to do an audit of LWA books in October before the transition to new treasurer.
- F. New storage facility – Ross shared there is a new facility available by the Pickled Loon on Hwy 6 called Red’s storage. A 10’x10’ unit is \$69.00 per month. Ron/Mark made a motion to seek/secure rental of a 10’x10’ unit for LWA – motion carried. Glen added we should look at the contract to determine if it is a yearly commitment or month to month. John suggests we should lock in our rental for a one year period at this time. LWA needs to review its insurance policy to make certain the storage unit is covered.
- G. 2024 Inspector monitoring at the boat launch – Ross states he has not been happy with the new program that was implemented this year. He sent a request to the Steve Henry at Cass County for a meeting. Waterguards is the company Cass County hired to manage the launch inspectors – placing inspectors at the landing, but they have not been going by what we requested in respect to extra days for inspector coverage.
- H. Upcoming meeting with Steve Henry – Glen has a meeting scheduled with Steve Henry on September 28th at 3 pm at the CLT Hall. Ross also talked to Bob Eddy of RALALA who plans to attend the meeting.
- I. Fall Newsletter – Laurie Wolf shared with us that the Fall newsletter is set to be published at the end of October. Emails will be coming to board members asking for articles and newsletter information as the committee continues to work on it.
- J. Washburn wear update – Vicki got prices from Patsy Bernhjelm who runs Pinecone Ventures. She will take our leftover transfers and can get the exact same t-shirts and sweatshirt product – but the prices have gone up. We will approach this the same as last time – no kid sizes this time, all proceeds will go into the AIS fund – we will say “quantities will be limited” on email blast as we can only sell the same number of shirts as we have transfers. She will not charge us shipping and will do as quickly as she can. Maybe put an order form in the Fall newsletter and do an email blast.

- K. 2024 calendar – Glen prepared a list of all the dates for 2024 Board meetings, LWA events and our annual meeting. It was included in the email with tonight’s meeting agenda. Glen & Vicki also installed new brochure holders this fall at the campground in two locations and filled with newsletters and event calendars.

Ross thanks Kathy for everything she has done over the years as our LWA treasurer.

Mark/Pat made a motion to adjourn – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Judd - Secretary