

LWA Board Meeting Minutes July 8, 2023  
In person meeting @ CLT Hall

Members present: Ross Lindmeyer, Mark Wolf, Glen Goodwin, Charlie McGlynn, Ron Reich, Kathy Pfaff, Scott Erickson, Susan Tyra, John Clausen, Janis Judd  
Members absent: David Patterson, Pat Maranda, Jim Patterson, Vicki Lipstreuer  
Guest: Les Raisch

Motion to accept corrected minutes of June 6, 2023 board meeting minutes made by Ron/Charlie – motion carried

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report – Kathy passed out report as of 6-30-23, motion to accept as presented made by Scott/Ron – motion carried
- B. AIS – Ross emailed the Freshwater report to all board members, no zebra mussels found, a few yellow irises identified on shore and a few EWM plants in the N basin. PLM will apply for a permit to treat the EWM, estimate it will cost about \$4,000.00 to treat about an acre in August. We have grants from Crooked Lake Township, Cass County. The DNR also will give us \$1,500.00 this year. Ross went to the ACCL meeting in Walker and made a presentation about how LWA has been successfully fighting EWM. We will now put a sign at the boat launch with a tool hanging on it to allow boaters to scrape their trailers to get rid of weeds/potential AIS. Ross and Glen are thinking about putting it along the tree line as you pull out with a boat from the launch, still need to get DNR permission to install.
- C. CLT Lakes & Shores Committee – Ross shared that L&S approved our first invoice for additional inspector hours - \$495.00 was our May bill. The committee is still working on a dedication to Jan Skolsvik. Ross suggested we share with L&S to look at wooden benches built by Bob DeWitt. Glen asked how we are tracking the additional hours as opposed to hours they are supposed to be there. John checked his ZEMU trap – nothing on it – hooray. Mark asked about the decontamination station. Discussion held. Steve Henry, the Cass County AIS technician, informed Ross that the Cass County certified divers found EWM right off the boat launch last fall – as of now, no further information has been forthcoming from Steve/Cass Co dive team. It was a dive team training session and they happened to choose Lake Washburn for their session. Freshwater did not find EWM at the boat launch this month during their full lake survey.
- D. Water Patrol – not available, no report
- E. Database/Membership/Communication report – Glen states we are at about 290 memberships. Glen will be following up with individual emails to non-renewed members. Email blasts are still being successful – lots of clicks on newsletter and website. Glen will be sending an email blast Monday for the kids fishing contest and later a blast about the Lion's Corn Feed. In late summer he will send out a boating information email blast.

- F. Buoys/Options for Narrows – Scott talked about the survey last winter that had 127 respondents. 75% were affirmative for buoys in the narrows, the comments had a common thread – let’s try communication and education first, so that’s what we have been doing. Options: (need to be approved by Cass County) 1) no wake buoys, 2) red & green channel markers, 3) education. Feels we should pause – continue education & communication. Scott hasn’t noticed as many fast boating behaviors so far. He will talk at August membership meeting.
- G. Lake Stewardship Committee – Scott shared that the members of the committee are Jill Emmanuel, Frank Kendall, Susan Henken-Thielen (also on MLR board), Scott and his wife Mary Beth. Last fall, by the end of October, there were 12 property owners who had earned the Lake Stewardship designation, now have 17 property owners who have qualified. The purpose of the committee to broadly advocate for constructive action and provide information to the lake association. MLR identifies 3 zones on everyone’s property – upland, natural buffer zone, and shoreline. The committee has decided it is important to be interested in progress which leads to the long term health of our lake. The hope is to expand to 40 property owners qualifying for lake stewardship designation by the end of this year. Jeff Forester of the MLR, feels once you have a 15% adoption rate you have a sustained level of interest. Scott and this committee are dedicated to building a little more ‘community’ within LWA. Scott requests three things: help to spread the word, set specific goals – suggested by MLR, and to get approval from the board for the cost of the next 10 or 20 signs (\$340 for 10 signs/MLR pays the other half of total cost). Ross made a motion for Scott to purchase 20 additional signs in increments of 10/seconded by Mark. Motion carried. Committee goal is to have a picnic next summer as a “share your story” event. Ross would like LWA to approach DNR again about using Lake Washburn to showcase good shoreline practices focusing on properties that have qualified for Lake Stewardship designation and other natural, undisturbed shoreline. Scott will reach out to DNR and follow up on this. Maybe Jeff Forester should be the first contact person Scott speaks to and then our DNR contacts. Discussion held.
- H. Webmaster – Kathy reports she is keeping it updated, we will have to pay our Wiks subscription soon – it is due on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- I. Newsletter – not available – no report
- J. Water Quality – Charlie reports the last collection reflected a little less water clarity, it was also a cloudy day which can affect readings. Things are going well – still not getting data from RMB. Charlie will reach out to them and indicate we would like to get data more often than once a year.
- K. Lake Level – Susan read Rick’s report – we are seeing typical fluctuations based on rainfall and temperatures; we have had a decrease of 3.6 inches from the first June measurement. DNR will give us data at the end of the season, hopefully to include a graph that will be available for the Fall newsletter.
- L. Fisheries – Ross read Brent’s report – Brent spoke to the DNR – there will be no gill netting this year – next gill net year will be 2024 in conjunction with the statewide Walleye/zebra mussel study. DNR will continue to use fall electrofishing to monitor abundance of year over year (YOY) walleyes in addition to monitoring changes in

Northern pike size. No stocking in 2023 – stock Walleye frylings in alternate (even-numbered) years at a rate of 75 fish/littorial acre (56,100 fish) and continue to evaluate success. In years when Walleye frylings are not available, stock Walleye fingerlings at a rate of 1 pound/littorial acre (784 lbs.).

Fund-a-Fish – great platform for additional stocking. DNR suggested reaching out to private companies that might have more options and selections for fish. However, the DNR stated that the LWA should not push to totally take over the stocking from that lake. Discussion held.

Guest, Les Raisch brought an old sign, he gave it to Ross – we will need to find a good place to post it,

### Planning

- A. 2023 Membership Meetings
  - 1. June Meeting review – meeting went well, Glen did a great job and Sheriff Welk was a good speaker – opened up a question/answer session – good participation from attendees.
  - 2. August Speaker – change in topic - Rob Rabasco or Jayden Jech, DNR MN Loon Restoration Project . Susan talked to a woman in the Walker area – she is an expert on the pine bark beetle, who states there is nothing we can do, you can use pesticides – they will die, but then the beetle will come back, very active in dry years, they are a native, non-invasive bug – no research being done.
- B. 2023 Special Events reminders
  - 1. Fourth of July boat parade – 66 boats was official count
  - 2. Youth Fishing Challenge – Saturday, July 22, 2023, Ross is working on getting posters made & will put up in area businesses, Glen & Kathy think sponsors should be listed on posters. John asked about getting a sign to post on 48 like meeting signs, ice cream social, etc. Glen will look into this as it would involve purchasing another sign board for each posting location.

### Ongoing Discussions/Concerns

- A. Additional Inspector hours program – Water Guards is the sub-contractor for boat inspectors. Refer to previous discussion noted earlier in meeting minutes from today. Ross will contact Steve Henry & copy all board members on that email.
- B. Fund-a-Fish update – discussion held earlier as part of Brent's report
- C. Need for new Adopt-a-Buoy coordinator – Ross and/or Janis will talk to Terese to see if she is willing to be contact person that forwards info to Dave Braun who is in charge of buoys. Glen has forwarded any emails received so far to Dave and he has been great about responding and repositioning or moving buoys. Thank you Dave. Will ask Teresa who her volunteers were and if she is willing to continue to be volunteer coordinator – Ron indicated he would be willing to help Teresa.
- D. Elections/Voting
  - 1. we will need a candidate for President of LWA – write ins on July call for nominations and change to by-laws (proposed go to one annual meeting) email blast

2. Electronic voting will happen in August before membership meeting via email blast
- E. Lion's Corn Feed – financial support – CLT L&S committee is asking for a donation of \$500 from LWA (also asking RALALA for a donation of \$500) – discussion held. There will be a lead tackle collection competition again between LWA & RALALA for GTLO – lead tackle must be turned in to the CLT L&S booth at the Lion's Corn Feed event.

#### Other Business

- A. Kathy brought up donations we typically make at this time of year:
  - \$200 to U of M AIS MAISRC
  - \$200 to National Loon Center
  - \$100 to Outing Chamber of Commerce
  - \$200 to Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department
  - \$200 to Outing Quick Response
  - \$100 to Remer Volunteer Fire Department

Motion made by Charlie/Scott to donate the same amount as last year to these entities listed above. Motion carried

- B. Kathy asked if we would like to purchase a \$300 gift card to Holiday Gas in Emily for Brian Olds as a thank you for his crew putting in and taking out the buoys. Motion made to get a \$300 gift card to Holiday for Brian Olds made by Scott/Mark. Motion carried.
- C. Kathy informed the board that the company who made our Lake Washburn wear (sweatshirts, t-shirts) is going out of business and found about 40 LWA decals not yet used – we can purchase for a cost of \$385. Motion to buy decals made by Mark/John – motion carried.
- D. Glen is asking for courtesy from fellow board members in preparation for general meetings – discussion held. Charlie propose the board meeting before a general meeting be focused on planning what is to be presented to the membership and that all reports/info to be presented as power point slides be turned into Glen a minimum of one week before the membership meeting.

Next board meeting – Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7 pm via ZOOM

Next Membership Meeting – Saturday, August 12, 2023 at CLT Hall – Coffee at 9:30/Meeting at 10:00 am

Motion to adjourn made by Mark/Ron – motion carried  
Meeting adjourned at 11:31 am

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Judd  
Secretary