

LWA Board Meeting Minutes June 6,2023 via Zoom

Present: Glen Goodwin, Ross Lindmeyer, Vicki Lipstreuer, Ron Reich, Susan Tyra, Charlie McGlynn, Dave Patterson, Mark Wolf, Janis Judd

Guest: Bob Eddy – RALALA

Absent: Kathy Pfaff, Scott Erickson, Pat Maranda, John Clausen, Jim Patterson

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Minutes of the 5-9-23 meeting approved with correction of the name Crooked Lake Township Lakes and Shores committee (not land and shores as had been printed in minutes). Motion to accept made by Ron Reich/Vicki Lipstreuer – motion carried

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report – Kathy emailed to everyone, she was unable to attend
- B. AIS Update – Ross reports no major changes in funding from Cass County and the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Lakes & Shores (L&S) committee. Cass County AIS tech is Steve Henry – he is the new staff replacement for Dana Gutzman. Ross would like to invite Steve to a board meeting and future membership meeting. Ross asked if we (the board) want to add signage/educational information for zebra mussel and starry stonewort to the Camp ground boat landing pending DNR approval. Mark agreed it would be worthwhile to have identification/educational signage at the boat landing. Susan ordered cards with AIS identification information for the ice cream social packets. Our lake survey will be in July by Freshwater – probably the 2nd week of July. Glen asked James with Freshwater to be extra diligent at all boat launch areas (even private ones). Ross was invited to speak at the 6/23 ACCL meeting in Cass Lake by Dana. Glen shared that LWA will pay the seminar fee if any board or committee members would like to attend.
- C. CLT Lakes & Shores – Ross got the minutes of the last meeting from Bob Holman and they are going to have a 10 year celebration of this committee and post a dedication plaque to John Skolvak at Luscher's Park sometime this summer (date to be determined). The L&S committee installed two monofilament collection tubes at Lawrence & Roosevelt landings. The committee will be requesting \$500 from each lake association to cover prizes at the Lion's Corn Feed. Ross hasn't heard if there will be a contest between RALALA and LWA for turning in lead tackle this year (GTLO). MPCA we broke a record last year for the most lead disposal in one day! The L&S committee is doing some of their own weeding at the 2 lake frontage restoration planting sites. LWA will pay \$23.00 /hour for an additional 132 boat inspector hours. The DNR personnel will share the hours with the Cass County hired inspectors. Ross shared that we will need to keep track of the hours and this program as they will be billing us monthly for additional contracted inspector hours. Ross will copy this conversation to Steve Henry.

- D. Water Patrol – Vicki filling in for Pat – Mark Wolf went out last weekend in Sheriff’s boat. Greg Hosch & John Harris are signed up to lead the 4th of July boat parade in the Sheriff’s boat. June 28th at 4 pm there will be training for water safety patrol volunteers with Cass County Deputy Landerville. Mark shared that no one was at the decontamination station last Saturday. We need to talk to Lloyd of the CLT L&S committee – he is the point person for such issues.
- E. Database/Membership/Communications report – Glen reports we have 280 members to date (same as last year at this time). The newsletters went out. He showed a 70% opening rate on email blasts. He has done 2 email blasts so far – on the blast with our newsletter quick click option the flip viewer provided by Lakes Printing to read our newsletter is getting lots of clicks – more than our website quick click option to read the newsletter. He also noted that the CLT and DNR quick click options are getting many hits also – awesome.
- F. Buoys/Options for Narrows – Scott unable to attend – no report. Glen shared a periodical called “Love Lakes” printed by Echo Journal, has a couple great articles in this current issue – one about the “Golden Rules” /courtesy while boating and one about how to be a lake steward. You can pick up this magazine where you find the Brainerd Dispatch in store display racks.
- G. Lake Stewardship Committee – Scott unable to attend – no report
- H. Webmaster – Kathy unable to attend – no report
- I. Newsletter – Glen shared it was postponed a little due to issues at Lakes Printing. 423 pieces were mailed – none returned so far. We had a typo issue of dropped ‘ff’s in some parts of the newsletter. The newsletter looks great – outstanding work by Laurie and her newsletter team.
- J. Water Quality – Charlie reports that he and Dave Snesrud went out the Sunday of Memorial day weekend – the clarity seemed pretty good for this time of year. The N basin and E basin had 16 feet clarity; same with Birch Bay; main lake was at 14 ½ feet clarity. Glen shared a couple interested contacts/volunteers – Charlie will engage with them to see if they could shadow on next water testing day. Glen encourages all board members and committee chairs to contact everyone who indicates interest to help/serve.
- K. Lake Level – Rick/Susan report that the DNR reset the gauge on their dock and they just got cleared by Sandy at the DNR to start taking measurements. They will write a report for the Fall newsletter.
- L. Fisheries – Brent was unable to attend – no report

Planning

- A. 2023 Membership meeting – agenda/reports needed/attending? Vicki asks for a couple board members to help at the meeting at the sign in table area – Susan & Charlie volunteered to help and Mark will take Laurie’s place on June 6th at sign in area. Ross will be unable to attend the general membership meeting – Glen as V. P. will run the meeting and is working on the agenda – he will send out to the board for comments by Thursday before finalizing Saturday’s agenda.

- 1) DNR Pine Bark Beetle – August meeting speaker idea – Susan met with Devon Wently at the Forestry office, perhaps he or his supervisor could come. This beetle mostly affects Red Pines.
 - 2) MLR – still seeking individual memberships, asking lake associations to promote joining MLR at their membership meetings. Jeff Forester of MLR does weekly informational emails – sign up to get his email blasts.
- B. 2023 Special Event Reminders
- 1) 4th of July Boat Parade will take place Saturday, July 1st at 1 pm – starting spot is Birch Bay buoys in front of Schuller’s
 - 2) Fishing Challenge is Saturday, July 22nd on Maranda’s lake shore – this year we have two grand prizes – one for a boy, one for a girl – both are 10 foot youth kayaks with a paddle purchased from Land O’Lakes Marine (at cost – thank you Kirk and LOL)
 - 3) Co Rd 48 Highway Clean Up will be Saturday, September 2nd at 9 am
 - 4) Floating Ice Cream Social will be Saturday, September 2nd at 2 pm – thank you Ron for volunteering your pontoon as the ‘ice cream delivery vehicle’

Ongoing Discussions/Concerns

Bob (from RALALA) shared that they have about 40 wake boats using Roosevelt – he gets the most complaints about wake boat activity now. RALALA has put together a new poster/handout to provide guidance for boaters that shows/highlights where the 600 foot wake zone is on the South part of Roosevelt is. Look into Minnesota law – if your wake causes damage to another boat or an accident – you could be charged as if it’s a crash you caused – you are liable. Information also under boat regulations on the DNR website.

- A. Additional Inspector hours program report at membership meeting – Mark will talk about this Saturday am at the meeting
- B. Walleye “Fund a Fish” – report at membership meeting – Vicki or Glen will share with the group as neither John Harris or Brent will be at the meeting. The fund is currently at about \$5,000.00
- C. Holding (1) Annual Membership Meeting - members will vote in August on the electronic ballot in addition to board member/officer slate. Vicki will present this for discussion at Saturday’s meeting.

Other Business

Vicki got a new box for the campground to put newsletters and information. She will attach it with screws to a post! Susan indicated she needs 10 newsletter copies from Vicki for new property owner welcome packets. Vicki talked about road ambassadors & the letter CLT sent out to all property owners which included a magnet. The letter does a good job of explaining how the road ambassador program works and gives other good emergency information (Crow Wing Power phone number, etc).

Bob asked to speak about the fish kill on Roosevelt – they notified the fishery science person Derek Barr and Scott – the Cass Co. AIS technician. Derek thinks it’s a bacteria – when we have late ice out and then extremely warm weather, the warm water in the shallow lake areas is prone to this bacteria – many lakes are reporting the same issue in the last 2-3 days.

RALALA also turned it in to the State Duty Officer, and the DNR for both counties – lab tests ad results are pending.

RALALA projects – looking at putting two decontamination station sites at boat landings – CLT Decon. Station is not working – staffing is always an issue, not consistent hours. They will also plug Jeff Forester’s MLR push for the need for individual members lake association members to join MLR at their next meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Ron/Charlie – motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm

Next board meeting will by July 8th at 9 am – in person – at the CLT hall

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Janis Judd

Secretary