

LWA Board Zoom Meeting Minutes September 14,2022

Meeting called to order by President Ross Lindmeyer at 7:06 pm

Present: Ross, Glen Goodwin, Susan Tyra, John Harris, Vicki Lipstreuer, Janis Judd, Scott Erikson, Ron Reich, Mark Wolf, Teresa Reding, Pat Maranda, Dave Patterson, and John Clausen
Kathy Pfaff. Joined at 8 pm

Absent: Jim Patterson, Charlie McGlynn, Lisa McCloud

Approval of minutes from 8-10-22

Reports

A. Treasurer's Report: Kathy emailed current monthly report to all board members. She shared that we have received \$705.00 in fish fund donations so far.

B. Buoys: Teresa reports she had plenty of volunteers, that was fantastic. She will be sending thank you's to all volunteers and buoy movers. Buoys were moved if not in correct place all season, she will be contact person for next year – contact her directly or use LWA website.

C. AIS Update: Glen shared that with the Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Land and Shores (L&S) committee there was a snafu on how our Lake Survey was paid for this year – total survey did get paid for by combination of Cass County & CLT L&S committee funds. Ross has looked for the Cass Co. AIS updates – not posted yet. The 3 ZEMU traps Ross checked were clean.

D. Boat Monitoring: Boat landing inspector issue over Labor Day weekend – Ross will discuss with Dana (with DNR). how we can avoid this next year by more carefully plotting our inspector hours to last into Labor Day weekend. Pat shared his concern for no boat inspector present on Northern Fishing Contest weekend (LWA had no 'heads up' that it was even happening). John Harris shared that only contests with 25 or more boats need to register with DNR so it might be hard for us to get 'heads up' notice from DNR for future contests also. John has had communication with the Northern Fishing Contest organization from Aitkin/Jeff and will share a draft of his letter with the board.

E. Water Patrol: Vicki shared it was a 'hit and miss' patrol season – lots of rainy weekends.

F. Database/Membership/Communication report: Glen reports 301 members as of today, quite a few new members – we are at about 75% membership when figuring just under 400 individual property owners. Ross spoke at the ACCL meeting – we had the most members of any association in attendance. Glen shared that Dana told of her lake association offering a lifetime membership option (cost \$1,000) – interesting concept, could be difficult to maintain contact with members in this option choice. Our email blasts have about a 60% opening rate. Ron thanks Glen for fantastic communication efforts and results.

G. Scott – Buoys for Narrows Update: discussion held, (Scott reviewed his conversations with Deputy Brad Ritgers/Cass County and our Cass Co. Board commissioner) Scott will talk to Deputy Brad about 'no wake' buoys instead of channel markers, Scott would need to contact Deputy Brad in February to get new buoys by spring. Glen suggests Scott make a map of where he would like to see 'no wake' buoys and share with board for future discussion. Glen shared

he has seen a 'loon nesting' buoy that could also be placed in the narrows and other areas of the lake.

H. Lake Stewardship committee update: Scott reports we have good momentum so far, he has ordered 10 recognition signs from MN Lakes & Rivers (MLR) – all 10 signs are spoken for. This Saturday the committee will get together, take a group picture, and hand out the first 10 signs. An article in the fall LWA newsletter will help to inform all property owners of the program and success so far. He wants to emphasize the education and community building aspects of the project in his committee's mission statement. Dave Patterson inquired if riprap was falling out of favor as a buffer zone option – discussion held.

I. Webmaster: Kathy updated the webpage with ice cream social pictures and a list of board members

J. Newsletter: Susan shared her committee is right in the middle of writing/proofing/editing articles for the Fall newsletter.

K. Water Quality: no report

L. Lake level: look for a report/article in the fall newsletter.

M. Fisheries: John has had no updates from the DNR fisheries for stocking. Electro fishing, to see how our young of year walleye are doing, will probably occur in October when the water temperature is below 72 degrees. Brent will be taking over fisheries committee duties for John – Thank you John for all your work over many years. Ross brought up a person's concern that all fishing enthusiasts should contribute to the 'stocking fund' – John agreed. Next year is our year to get walleye stocking with DNR.

Planning

- 1) 2023 suggested projects: tabled/will be discussed in 2023. Scott shared a Wisconsin DNR article about filling boats with a siphon to lessen spillage – great spring newsletter article idea as an educational piece.
- 2) Ice cream social update had 58 boats participate with only 37 kiddos, went to campground – only 9 kiddos there. 50 dogs got treats (includes water and land stops). Vicki gave a big shout out to Ron for use of his pontoon and Dave Patterson and daughter Ellie for awesome captain/crew.
- 3) Get the Lead Out (GTLO) drop box update: Ross just got a decal with a loon logo to post on the GTLO tube at the boat landing.

Ongoing Discussions/Concerns

Lion's Corn feed update – RALALA and LWA contest (somehow our pounds got flipped to their total) Total weight collected for the day was 49 pounds – broke the state record of a one day turn in total!

Discussion on storage unit for LWA – nothing with a reasonable price & close location available so far

Annual meeting and membership meeting discussion held – look at 3rd or 4th weekend of July to hold only one meeting. David asked if we wanted it to make it more generic in by-laws - state "one meeting a year" instead of how our by-laws currently read with specific "2nd Saturday of the month of _____".

Vicki reports that one of our two informational boxes was taken (stolen) at the campground/boat landing recently.

Kathy got a letter from Connecticut Insurance about our insurance policy renewal – new clause, it won't cover contagious disease.

Change the 2023 Zoom meetings to the second Tuesday of the month.

John asked all of us to look at his draft letter to Jeff, Aitkin fishing contest organization, and let him know tonight if we have any additions, changes or comments for him. He will send the letter to Jeff tomorrow,

Glen/Ron motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm – motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Judd

LWA Secretary