

LWA Board Meeting Minutes 7-13-24

Meeting held at Crooked Lake town hall (CLT)

Present: Ross, Glen, Pat, Dave, John, Mark, Ron, Susan, Janis, Laurie Wolf

Absent: Scott, Charlie, Jim

Meeting called to order at 9:01 am by President Ross Lindmeyer

Approval of minutes from 6-11-24 – motion to accept minutes as presented with corrections made by Ron Reich/John Clausen – motion carried

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report/Donation Vote – John shared that the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers membership has been paid for a total of \$250. Other donations made in the past: Olds Lifts and Docks - \$300 gift card for gas; Remer Volunteer Fire Department - \$100; Outing Quick Response - \$200; CLT Fire Department - \$200; Outing Chamber of Commerce - \$100; National Loon Center - \$200; MAISRC (U of M) - \$200; Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) - \$150 – board agreed to make the same donations to these organizations this year. Total of \$1,450. Pine River Watershed Alliance – table for August board meeting to vote on donation for this group. Hold off on donating to CLT L & S committee and GTLO – no requests received.
- B. Launch Inspectors/Decontamination Unit – Glen reports the program is running much better this year. He is getting labor reports – so far has reports through July 28th. We have had an inspector at the launch for 42 days = 380 hours, LWA has used 9 days = 84 hours of our supplemental hours. CLT Lakes & Shores(L & S) committee has not voted on our request for funding yet – they are still waiting for RALALA to submit their request – we are ok so far as we have not received an invoice for inspector hours. The full lake inspection done by Freshwater should be happening soon. \$7,720.00 CLT funds available to LWA for inspectors, lake survey, treatment (if needed). Glen spoke to Tom Hess ,of Water Guards, about the DNR not providing inspector hours this season and will be using our supplemental hours to fill in the dates in August. We can talk about purchasing more inspector hours if needed at the August board meeting. Glen got a message from former LWA member who will be an inspector from end of July-September – asked to be a paid member. The mobile decontamination unit has become quite contentious. The early plan was to have it at the Lake Washburn launch for the 4th of July weekend, Gary L. seems to think RALALA owns it when in fact Cass County owns it. RALALA donated \$1,000 to offset costs to CLT, the township has a lease agreement with Cass County to house it, maintain it and facilitate its use. Bob Holman and Vicki took a lot of heat at the July 10th L & S committee meeting standing up for the plan that it be used at both Roosevelt Lake and Lake Washburn. The decontamination unit was at Lake Washburn

- launch July 3rd – 7th and 12 boats were processed. We need more representation on the CLT L & S committee – they meet every other Wednesday at 10 am. Glen recommends having another October meeting with Steve Henry to talk about how this year went and then again in December or early Spring to go over next year's schedule so LWA can determine how many hours and what days need to be purchased.
- C. Water Level – Susan reports the lake has gone up 6 inches since June due to rain
 - D. Youth Fishing Contest – Ross shared it was a fabulous event – 55 kids participated, 73 fish caught and weighed, over 100 people there at one point with all the volunteers, kids and adults. A big thank you to the 20 volunteers and all the sponsors for the great prizes. The grand prize was a little pontoon with a chair – one each for girl winner and boy winner.
 - E. Boat Parade – Glen reports we had 62 watercraft participating, thank you to Jack Schuller for starting the parade with his air horn, and a big thanks to John Harris and his family for driving the Grand Marshall boat and for convincing Big Foot to participate! In an attempt to get more boats to reach Iowa Camp, a map of the parade route was produced and used in the email blast reminder about the parade. A few boats made it to Iowa Camp, unfortunately the weather didn't cooperate as lightening and rain started about 2 pm forcing everyone to head for home. We had zero water balloons again this year and some epic water battles along the route.
 - F. Youth Safety Class – Pat shared that 8 kids have signed up for the boat safety class being held next Saturday here at the town hall. A box lunch will be provided by the Crooked Lake Café and Vicki will bring them to the town hall. Pat will be leaving the board as of this fall but is willing to continue to be on the Water Patrol committee. He is doubtful we will get a boat to be used – maybe if the Sheriff's department retires a boat it could become our water patrol boat.
 - G. Lake Stewardship Luncheon – Ross is reporting for Scott that 26 individuals attended the luncheon at the Crooked Lake Café. Lily Carr from Minnesota Lakes & Rivers (MLR) gave a presentation – 34 lake associations participating in lake stewardship program so far. Bonnie Hinniker, owner of Sunshine Gardens, shared lots of information about native plants and brought plants for everyone to take home. Bruce Mogren explained the rationale for closing the Birch Bay boat launch – it has been a win-win, estimated 600-800 boats were launched there last year. Scott is requesting funding for another 10 signs. A motion was made by Ross/Pat to pay \$360 to purchase 10 lake stewardship signs – motion carried.

Planning

- A. Membership Meeting Agenda – Glen shared a preliminary agenda, we should continue to do a postcard as a reminder of membership meeting – this year Lakes Printing provided the postcard for free due to printing issues and errors incurred in our Spring Newsletter. Glen will send an email blast this week to remind everyone of annual meeting. Mike Knapp of the MN DNR Fisheries department will be our speaker. Set up for the meeting will be Friday, July 26th at

3 pm. The meeting will take place Saturday morning – 9:30 am social, 10 am meeting starts. July 26th, 2025 will be our next membership meeting.

- B. Board Succession – Glen shared we have BIG vacancies; we need to fill the president, vice-president and 3 board member spots. Nominations will be taken August 1st thru 14th and voting will be from August 15th through 28th – all electronically, some survey questions about communication will also be on the ballot with a comment section at the end. Glen handed out a list of tasks that will need to be picked up as he and Vicki step down. Ross also indicated he was leaving the board.
- C. CLT L& S funding – Glen submitted the paperwork on May 16th requesting reimbursement for 50% of the Freshwater survey and 50% of the watercraft inspector hours. (See previous discussion in Reports part B about lack of answer from L & S. for our funding request).
- D. GTLO Booth at Lions Corn Feed – Glen shared that CLT L& S has decided to again host a booth at the Lions Corn Feed on Saturday, August 17th from 11 am to 4 pm. It will have the same GTLO focus as in the past. They are requesting volunteers from RALALA and LWA to help “work” the booth. Ross led the discussion and recommended that LWA does not participate at the booth based upon past experiences. It was also decided that hosting an LWA table/booth is not the right focus and would not achieve any tangible results. Recommended requests for volunteers would be sent out. Ross will notify the CLT L&S committee of the board’s decision.

Old Business

- A. Storage Facility Update – Ross states we might need to get shelving, it is a nice locker – clean, ask Ross for the combo if needed (it was shared in an email earlier this month)
- B. Association Credit Card – John talked to Pine River State Bank, they do offer a credit card but probably not a good fit for us; still needs to talk to US Bank
- C. Washburn Wear update – Glen shared there has been a \$200 profit made from sales of t-shirts and sweatshirts, it was deposited into the AIS fund, and all garments were delivered before July 4th. We received four FREE long sleeved shirts with pocket size logo imprinted due to a mistake by the shirt supplier. Used up all the transfers for gray hoodies by purchasing 2 for inventory – will try to sell these and the long sleeved t-shirts at the membership meeting. Remaining transfers: 8 pocket size logo transfers for t-shirts and 6 full chest logos for navy sweatshirts. Ron/Ross made a motion to purchase the additional t-shirts and sweatshirts, in order to use the remaining transfers, cost for labor and product not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.

Ron/Dave made a motion to adjourn – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Judd, secretary