

LWA Board Meeting Minutes – 6/9/26 – ZOOM

Welcome - Present: Charlie McGlynn, Scott Erickson, Teresa Reding, Brent Nordstrom, Kim Zwart, Ron Reich, David Patterson, Janis Judd

Guest: Frank Kendall

Absent: Jill Emanuel, Susan Mork, Greg Gilbertson, Troy Barten, Tony Patterson

2. Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by President Charlie McGlynn

3. Approval of 5/19/26 minutes – not everyone received the minutes, Janis will resend them and we will do an electronic discussion of additions/corrections and motion to approve

4. Guest Frank Kendall, lives on Peninsula Road. Charlie shared some drone photos Dan Laasko had taken and shared with him of the Daggett Brook inlet area. Frank is concerned about the beaver dams in Daggett and informed us the adjacent landowners don't want to trap beavers. Another option is a "beaver deceiver" device placed in/under the beaver dam. Frank talked to a DNR hydrologist Dan L. – out of Bemidji office, who shared that all of Cass County is under moderate drought right now, but Lake George is close to its highest historic measured lake level while Lake Washburn is mid to low historic water level. Scott brought up that Minnesota statute states beaver dams are the property of adjacent property owners – so we would need to engage the property owner to touch any of the beaver dams. Charlie will include the recording of this meeting to all board members.

5. Treasurer's report: Tony is out of town/no report

6. Starry Stonewort inquiry & report: a member identified some weeds in East basin, a weed mat, Glen Goodwin conducted a visit to the area and brought a sample to the DNR, it was identified by the DNR as standard pond weed. Property owners on East lake basin can contact the DNR and get a removal permit if the weed mat is impacting their property.

7. Upcoming Events

a. Lake Steward Lunch & Learn – Friday, June 12th, Scott says about 40 have RSVP'd, will have 2 speakers

b. Youth Boating Safety Class – Thursday, June 18th, Charlie will try to attend

c. Youth Fishing Challenge – Saturday, June 20th hosted by Pat & Julie Maranda at their lakefront

d. 4th of July boat parade – Saturday, July 4th at 1 pm, Birch Bay

e. in person board meeting, Saturday July 11th at CLT hall, 9 am, Scott will get the CLT building key for the meeting

Fishery update: Brent said we are on an even year stocking program, so this year the DNR will stock with walleye, no date set yet. A standard lake survey, which provides more in-depth information, will be done in 2027 by the DNR. Next year (2027) we could privately stock Lake Washburn also – our “Fund-A-Fish” goal.

8. Dues: Discussion held on how to present due increase to membership – Scott will work on wording and run by the board at the July board meeting. Bob Holmann talked to Bob Eddy of RALALA, Bob shared that when RALALA doubled their dues last year they had an 8% membership reduction – bottom line it was a positive thing for them to increase dues.

9. Filling board seats for 2027: need at least 2-4 new board members, we all need to talk to our neighbors and get an idea of who might be interested in joining our board. Scott states the board needs to work on a succession plan

10. Next meeting: In person, July 11th at CLT hall, 9 am

Motion to adjourn made by Ron/Kim – motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Judd, secretary