

LWA General Meeting August 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by President Ross Lindmeyer

38 people present

Old Business

- a) Introduction of officers, directors and committee members present
- b) Treasurer's Report – Kathy Pfaff asked if anyone had questions or comments – none

Reports

- a) Voting Results – Glen Goodwin shared that electronic voting ended yesterday. 399 email notices were sent – 64 total votes received/4 were duplicate (received from same property) leaving 60 votes. Ballot items all passed – board member/officer roster passed; by-law change passed; change to one meeting – passed.
- b) AIS Summary. – Ross shared a slide showing Freshwater's full lake survey from June 27, 2023. 4 EWM plants were found in the North basin near past location, no AIS at boat launch, Yellow Iris spotted on shore in North and West basins. Treatment was conducted by PLM on July 14th covering 1.4 acres in the North basin. LWA approved the purchase of 132 supplemental inspector hours in addition to the current schedule. The total cost for the additional inspector hours is \$3,630.00. As of August 12th, LWA has been billed for 74 hours for a total of \$1,815.00. LWA has received grant assistance from Crooked Lake Township (CLT) and Cass County to help defray this expense. These funds will not cover the full cost of the survey, treatment or inspector hours for 2023.

LWA Costs and Grant Funds Outline: Freshwater Survey – total \$4,980.00 – CLT = \$2,000.00, Cass County = \$2,490.00, LWA will pay \$490.00. PLM treatment of AIS – total \$4,015.00 – DNR (special grant available to us) = \$1,500.00, LWA will pay \$2,515.00. Additional Inspector Hours – total \$3,630.00 – CLT = \$1,815.00, LWA will pay \$1,815.00. John Clausen asked if cabin owners who have Yellow Iris identified on their lakeshore have been notified. Ross said Scott Erickson will be letting those property owners know.

Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) have worked with the DNR to produce AIS signage and AIS removal tools at Public Access locations. Tools included at the cleaning station – Buster Wrench for stubborn drain plugs, Grabber for reaching under boats and trailers, Aqua Weed Stick for cleaning hard to reach areas and a Deep Clean Brush for cleaning off trailer boat bunks. An ACCL cleaning station was just installed at the boat landing yesterday afternoon.

- c) Membership – Glen reports we currently have 297 members, 84 sustaining members, 98 donated to the General Fund, 120 donated to the Ted Johnson AIS Fund, and 72 donated to the Fund-a-Fish program. Most memberships come through the January invoice process. Our website should be fairly current – you can also look at your newsletter address label to see if you have renewed your membership if in doubt or email Glen to check on your membership status.
- d) Lake Stewardship – Scott Erikson shared the mission and purpose of the lake steward program to help maintain and improve the long-term health of our lake. He

encouraged everyone to go to the Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (MLR) website to take the survey if you haven't done so already. The quiz/survey is very educational all by itself. LWA has 23 lake stewards identified through the MLR quiz since last fall. Each property owner who is identified as a lake steward is presented with a "lake steward" sign by Scott and his committee members. Next June Scott and Mary are planning to have a picnic at their home for people to share their Lake Washburn stories and enjoy some food and fellowship.

Past Events Recap

- a) Boat Parade – Glen Goodwin shared some photos of the boat parade – the weather was perfect, 66 boats/watercraft participated with lots of water battles and no balloons. Question was asked if the parade could continue to Iowa camp – but it usually just naturally disperses after Birch Bay. Encourage folks to keep going across the West basin to Iowa camp next year if they would like.
- b) Youth Fishing Challenge - hosted by Pat and Julie Maranda in memory of Jeff Maranda. Ross commented even though we had crazy weather in the morning it was a great day. Thank you Pat and Julie Maranda for hosting this event. We had 19 registered youth anglers, and 38 Northern Pike caught, 14 boats moored at Maranda's at one point. Thank you to the 20 volunteers, the supporters and sponsors who donated prizes and monies.

Upcoming Activities

- a) 48 Clean Up is September 2nd at 9 am – meet Mark Stange at the entrance to the Campground
- b) Floating Ice Cream Social is September 2nd at 2 pm – rain date is September 3rd

New Business

- a) Need for volunteers – Ross shared the need in these areas
 - i) Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Lakes and Shores committee – Bob Holman is the only representative for LWA right now – Can you help?
 - ii) LWA board and committee members needed

Sue Gable thanked the newsletter committee for the wonderful quality of our newsletter.

Our guest speaker is Jayden Jech – MN DNR Loon Specialist – he is very knowledgeable about loons and shared many interesting facts about the loons we love to see and hear each summer.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg Hosch/Sarah Hildreth – motion carried; meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Mark your calendars – Next LWA Annual Membership Meeting will be Saturday, July 27th, 2024

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Janis Judd - secretary