

LWA Board Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2024, Zoom call

Present: Glen Goodwin, Ross Lindmeyer, Brent Nordstrom, Scott Erickson, Laurie Wolf, Mark Wolf, Penny Clausen, Pat Maranda, Ron Reich, Janis Judd, Vicki Lipstreuer
Absent: David Patterson, Charlie McGlynn, Susan Tyra, Jim Patterson, John Clausen
Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by President Ross Lindmeyer

Motion to approve minutes of 9-12-23 board meeting made by Ross/Penny. – motion approved. One correction for 9-12-23 minutes regarding number of lake stewards – the correct number is 22 current lake stewards.

Reports

- A. Treasurer's Report – Penny reported we had a big donation for the Fund-a-Fish effort. In April LWA paid the fish farm for the stocking. Hopefully LWA will be able to renew the CD coming due in June at a higher rate.
- B. AIS – Glen reports having several meetings with Steve Henry over the winter. Inspectors are in place – only change, the DNR will not be at our lake (providing AIS inspections) at all this summer. Water Guards will try to fill the gaps with their staff. Glen has been getting reports about hours and who is scheduled. Hopefully LWA will get monthly or bi-weekly reports/bills throughout the summer. LWA has signed a contract with Freshwater Scientific Services for the full lake survey to take place in July and then we will work with PLM for treatment as needed. Crooked Lake Township (CLT) Land & Shores committee has no money to help us or RALALA with inspector costs this year; they do have money for survey and treatment costs. The first meeting of the CLT Land & Shores committee is tomorrow and Bob Holman will update the board after the meeting.
- C. Water Safety Patrol/Safety Class Update – Pat reports there will be a boat safety class on July 20th at 9 am at the CLT hall. Nine people have already RSVP'd – there will be a box lunch provided by Crooked Lake Café at a cost of \$8 per box lunch. The Cass County Sheriff is conducting the class but the Sheriff does not issue the certificate. The state of Minnesota actually issues the certificates after the County sends all the information to the state about who completed the class. “On the boat” training will also be provided by the Sheriff that day – each person is required to bring their own life jacket. In regards to Water Safety Patrol for this year – Pat has talked to Cass County Deputy Bob Landreville and Lt. Bob Rittgers. Cass County plans to get a boat – it will be put into the 2025 budget- for the LWA water patrol; he doesn't know when he will get the boat. The Sheriff asked Pat to be the LWA point person/contact regarding water patrol. Everyone has the right to call the Sheriff if we see poor boating behavior.
- D. Lake Stewardship update – Scott reports there will be an LWA Lake Steward lunch and learn program on Friday, June 14th at the Crooked Lake Café starting at noon. All board members and all LWA members are invited. There will be two guest speakers – Bonnie Hiniker from Global Gardens and Lilly Carr from the

Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Association (MLR) Lake Stewards/statewide director. Bonnie is asking for a \$100 guest speaker fee. Bonnie was asked by Cass County to catalog the 100 most beneficial plants for a lake buffer zone. A \$1,000 donation was made by a lake steward member to cover most of the cost for this event. Ron/Mark made a motion to spend up to \$350 to cover the costs of this event - motion approved.

- E. Spring Newsletter – Laurie reports it is about ready to go to print, many, many people help, possibly work with Lakes Printing to come up with a template to simplify the process and make it more readable.
- F. Fisheries Stocking update – Brent reports about \$15,000 of fingerlings were stocked in April. The DNR will stock frylings this fall. Brent said he enjoyed the process of being the liaison with the DNR, getting the permit, finding a fish farm and then the success of stocking this spring. He will probably need people to report the fish they catch to monitor how the program is working long term.

Planning/Discussions

- A. 2024 Budget/Expenditures – Penny & John requested expected expenditures/budget amounts (a list was read)
- B. Lake Steward Lunch & Learn – already discussed above
- C. Youth Fishing Challenge – June 29th and it will again be held at Maranda’s – thank you Pat & Julie for sharing your property for this event. Ross is gathering updated “Get the Lead Out” (GTLO) literature & goodies to pass out
- D. Speakers for Membership meeting – membership meeting is in July – we have Mike Knapp from the DNR Fisheries lined up as a speaker thanks to efforts by Brent
- E. Spring Water Level membership concerns – Cass County Hydrologist Danika gave a response which Ross will share with concerned association members. The gist of her response is “natural precipitation is causing the fluctuations.”
- F. WSP 2025 plan – covered by Pat already (water safety patrol plan)

Old Business

- A. Storage Facility – Ross hasn’t had a chance to look at Red’s Storage facility by The Pickled Loon. A 10’x10’ rents for \$70 per month. Glen brought up the idea to get an LWA business credit card for things like a storage unit fee, internet billing, etc. Asked John & Penny to look into options for LWA

Adjourn – motion made by Ron/Mark – motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm
Next meeting is June 11th at 7 pm – a Zoom meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Janis Judd, Secretary