

MINUTES OF LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Gulliver's Landing, 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

President Bill Goetz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Officers present were Bill Goetz, Nathan Birchler, Kathy Beatty, Theresa Graveen. At-Large Members present were Dave Dalum, Russ Graveen, Holly Kohl, and Rick Parkin. Jim Nauta and Travis Wistrom were not present.

Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes

Holly Kohl made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 13 Executive Board meeting and Russ Graveen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Committee Reports - There were no committee reports at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Theresa Graveen, Treasurer, reported that the Association has a current balance of \$2299.65. Russ Graveen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Kathy Beatty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

a. Old Association Activities

Nathan Birchler reported that he went through the old minutes, newsletters, and other correspondence from the previous Lake Wausau Association starting in 1993. He distributed the 1996 and 1997 newsletters. Things that the Association participated in at that time included a lake cleanup, a raffle, control of purple loosestrife, membership party and picnic, and ads in newsletters. He also noted that there were some lifetime members listed in the correspondence. Bill Goetz will contact the two living lifetime members to find out how they became lifetime members and what to do about that status under the new organization. Nathan Birchler indicated that there was mention of a Rib River Association, which is apparently now defunct. Discussion was raised about whether to expand the boundaries of the lake to the surrounding rivers, but it was decided not to do so. Nathan Birchler indicated that T-shirts and sweatshirts with the Lake Wausau Association logo were sold as a fundraiser. Kathy Beatty made a motion to have the Finance Committee pursue a raffle fundraiser and pursue donations. Bill Goetz seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kathy Beatty made a motion to have the Finance Committee look into clothing with printed LWA logos to offer to the membership for sale. Bill Goetz seconded the motion. Motion passed

b. NSF Check

Theresa Graveen reported that the lady who wrote the NSF check was contacted and said she would send a new check, which has not yet been received. The bank dropped the bank charge, but indicated that it would be a one-time waiver. This will need to be monitored in the future. Decision was made to put a note on the membership form that indicated that individuals that paid membership dues with NSF checks would be responsible for the bank fees.

c. Newsletter Approval

Holly Kohl recommended deleting the final sentence in the Recreation and Lake Use Committee portion of the Committee Profiles section of the May 2011 Newsletter. She also suggested that the picnic information be separated from the Committee Profiles section to make it a separate topic. The sidebar then could be placed next to the picnic section. With that change, Russ Graveen moved to approve the newsletter for release to the members. Bill Goetz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kathy Beatty was asked to email the newsletter to all members with email addresses and Holly Kohl was asked to place the newsletter on the website. Bill Goetz

offered to call the people who did not submit email addresses to see if they had an email address that could be used. Otherwise, anyone without an email address will receive a printed newsletter in the U. S. mail.

d. By-Law Revisions, Membership Vote, and Grant-Writing Process

Russ Graveen made the following motion: We agree with the changes in the revised and updated version of the Lake Wausau Association By-Laws, and we would like the revised and updated version adopted as the new operational Lake Wausau Association By-Laws. Rick Parkin seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board made a revision to the ballot for the general membership to approve/reject the By-Law revisions, which was to delete the words “and I would like to revert to the original version of the Lake Wausau Association By-Laws”. A change in the introduction was also requested requiring members to return the ballot by email or in person by 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21. With those revisions, Kathy Beatty was asked to email the ballot to all members with email addresses and Holly Kohl was asked to post the ballot on the website by Friday, May 20, 2011. Members without email addresses will receive the ballot by U.S. mail. It was determined that the next special meeting to receive the ballots and discuss the Association direction with the general membership would be a social event and open forum at Gulliver’s Landing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21. Results of the balloting will be posted on the website as soon as possible after that meeting.

New Business

a. Honorary Board Member

Rick Parkin made a motion to make Ralph Merwin an Honorary Board Member (a member with input and meeting contributions but no voting rights). Holly Kohl seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Bill Goetz made a motion to make Jim Low an Honorary Board Member and Association Legal Counsel (if he chooses). Kathy Beatty seconded. Motion passed.

b. Signatures on Association Checks

Russ Graveen made a motion to require two signatures on outgoing checks, with Treasurer Theresa Graveen and President Bill Goetz being the two designated check signers. Bill Goetz seconded the motion. Motion passed.

c. Volunteers to Chair Committees – Deferred to next meeting

d. LWA Picnic

The picnic is scheduled for July 31 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oak Island shelter. Concern was expressed about lack of boat docking options at this site. Nathan Birchler was asked to look over the correspondence from the previous LWA to determine what was done for previous picnics. The Picnic Committee chair, Holly Kohl, will schedule a meeting for the Picnic Committee within the next two weeks.

e. Membership Roster

The treasurer will continue to receive membership paperwork and checks for new members. She will deposit the checks and hand the paperwork to the secretary at the next Executive Board meeting. The secretary will maintain the membership roster (Excel spreadsheet), will file the paperwork, and will update Holly Kohl to maintain the email account.

f. Other Business

Rick Parkin reported a positive experience at the lake cleanup event on Friday, May 13. He recommended continued participation. There was a discussion about having a separate Lake Wausau Association cleanup later in the summer as a follow-up to this event. Rick was going to look into getting information about the total tonnage collected at the May 13 clean-up to include in our website.

g. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

K. Beatty, Secretary