

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Monday 4/18/2023**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. The following board members were present: Jim Folden, Gary Gavin, Chuck Brandel, Spenser Bradley, Harlan Mehlhop, Joel Prybylla, Greg Germscheid, Kim Schmalzriedt, Lee Daby, Brenda Hennek

LWIA Board meeting

Secretary Jim Folden called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made, seconded and approved.

The minutes for the Feb. 27th meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, seconded and unanimously approved.

Gambling Business

The March Gambling report was presented by John Lamm. The net GAIN for the month from our four sites was \$33,993.51. LWIA's share of the net GAIN for the month was \$17,499.01.

Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$98,499.40.

Vouchers for the month totaled \$54,223.12.

- 1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004 (attached).
- 2) Some months our organization meeting is on the 20th or after. Any month this occurs, pre-approval is needed to pay bills that come due on the 20th or before. Pre-approval is also needed to pay the MN Department of Revenue for state fees and combined receipts for taxes before the 20th of the month.
- 3) Vouchers numbered 7617 thru 7639 were presented for approval. They were for city taxes, state fees, accounting fees, storage fees/rent, rents, lawful purpose expenditures, auditing fees, misc. cash/bank money, pull-tabs and bingo paper.

There were no lawful purpose expenditures this month.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve items 1-3 above, and to approve the report as presented,

Due to the meeting being cancelled in March, the online vote approving gambling business from 3/21/2023 was hereby acknowledged in the minutes.

Gambling committee report: Harlan Mehlhop presented the report from the 3/13/2023 Gambling committee meeting. A brief discussion followed concerning contacting Karla Havemeier for another estimate as to what the cost would be to provide CPA services. Harlan M will reach out to her.

The recommendation by the Gambling committee to the Lake Washington Improvement Association to not support the St. Clair days request for a donation was accepted via a motion, second, and unanimous approval. Jim F will draft a letter of response.

General Business

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to renew our membership in MNLR organization for \$200. Their annual report was distributed to interested members.

The Board also reviewed the financial report from 3/21/2023. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Investment/Finance committee: Gary Gavin presented an update. We lost 0.1% on the amount of interest we would be getting from the recent reinvestment due to the holiday and the time lapse between decision making and acting. The online vote of 4/4/2023 to approve the reinvestment of our CD's was acknowledged

The Fundraising Committee

Dan Sachau was not present, so Jim Folden read Dan's recent email about actions recently taken.

The web site has been started. Dan requested to pay them directly; but the board agreed that the bill should be paid through the Association's funds.

Similarly, the printing of the 52 books should have been approved by the board with costs and retail price decided prior. Under the circumstances (the board was in favor of printing at the last meeting) the Board will, upon receipt of an invoice, pay the expense of printing to the vendor directly. Going forward, the Board does expect to be kept informed in advance.

The next edition of the Waves is being worked on.

The question of someone taking over the Facebook site was addressed. Jim F had a volunteer (Karen Wright), and Kim Schmalzriedt also volunteered.

The Water Quality Committee: Jim F gave an update. Testing will start in May; and the Board can save \$3000 by delivering samples to New Ulm. Jim F will keep members posted.

Harlan Mehlhop requested that we get the sampling results for 2022 from MVTL on a spreadsheet that the Board can review. Jim F will contact them.

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee:

Jim F asked for a motion for \$100 to provide the tools for cleaning boats at the two launches. Only 2 of the 6 tools remained at the end of 2022. The motion was made, seconded and approved.

Brenda Hennek updated us on the annual lake spraying. We did not get the grant again this year.

The spraying amount was going to be \$31,509. Discussion occurred about where the spraying would be, and it was to be the same areas as the last 3 years. After discussion the board thought we should have another survey done prior to spraying, and Brenda thought we could get this done. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for \$1500 to have the survey done.

Brenda next brought up the channel spraying. Much discussion occurred and a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for \$1320 to have this done.

Old business/tickler items

From the tickler, this is the time of year we should start thinking about the golf tournament, and the annual yearly LWIA membership meeting. Shannon Gullickson is believed to be the contact to lock in a date. Gary will discuss the golf event with Dan, and follow up with Camp Patterson

Area 7 Director: Brenda will look into asking around for a replacement for Trisha.

Venmo account: Gary Gavin stated the process is started: 1.9% + 0.10 cents of each transaction would be the cost. Spencer Bradley thought we could get a better price, and was going to work with Gary on this.

New Business:

President Nomination: Nobody was willing to nominate, and no one was willing to step forward.

Vice President Nomination: See above.

LeSueur county park request: this was tabled till next month as the meeting was running long.

Jim Folden requested \$25 for KatoWeb to update our database reports to give us access to more information from our database. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Meeting Wrap-Up: Next meeting will be decided via on-line scheduling software in an attempt to maximize participation.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and the motion carried.

Meeting was over at 8:35PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

4/20/2023