

**Minutes of the meeting on the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

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: Gary Gavin, Jim Folden, Nicki Veith, Chuck Brandel, Greg Germscheid, Jerry Lynch, Jason Femrite, Harlan Mehlopp (At-Large), Joel Prybylla, Dan Sachau. Kent Reeves was present for Gambling.

LWIA Board meeting

President Jason Femrite called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Motion to approve the Agenda was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Jim Folden/Nicki Veith

Motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Chuck Brandel/Harlan Mehlopp

Gambling Business/Gambling Report:

Kent Reeves presented the report.

The net gain for the month from our four sites was \$25,616.62. LWIA's share of the net gain for the month was \$13,046.75.

Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$100,752.70. Vouchers for the month totaled \$57,599.75.

Invoices, bills, inventory records, and check register were available for review.

4) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004 (attached).

5) 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.

6) Vouchers numbered 7828 thru 7852 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 e-gaming.

4 There were no Lawful Purpose Expenditures for this month.

We were notified of a deficiency in our November Monthly documents filed with the Gambling Control Board. There were to have been bar codes from Games closed that should have been turned in during the manual filing of these reports. Usually this is filed electronically. Due to the circumstances the attaching bar code step was missed, and this will probably crop up once more for the December reports.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to approve the report as presented. Gary Gavin/Chuck Brandel

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved for items 4,5 and 6 above. Jim Folden/Harlan Mehlopp

Gambling Committee Report

Gary Gavin presented the Gambling committee report. Kent Reeves, who was to have taken John Lamm's place, was found to be ineligible to the gambling manager position. He needs to be a voting member of the board for 90 days prior to taking on this responsibility. Jim Folden has agreed to step in until such time as Kent can take over. He has taken training and will be taking the test this week.

6:15 pm General Business – Committee Reports

o **Financial Statements/Treasurer's Report:** Gary presented the report. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to pay the listed items and approve the report.

▪ **Communications/Fundraising/Social-Media:** Dan Sachau: no report

▪ **Investment/Finance:** No report

▪ **Water Quality Committee:** Jim Folden: no report. He stated that there will be a committee meeting in the next 30 days.

- **Aquatic Invasive Species:** Jim Folden presented for Brenda. There is a pilot grant program to allocate Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Aid with the county. They have \$30,000 to distribute. The DNR has not yet finished determining the recipients of their AIS grants. They have a pool of \$400,000 to distribute.
- **Fireworks Committee: Nicki:** They have met, and are going to have an Ice Golf event, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 18th in front of the Westwood. Per Dan Sachau Connor's point residents are overwhelmingly in favor of fireworks from their location. Nicki is pursuing holding prize bingo at the Westwood, more to follow on this.

6:40 pm Old Business: None

6:50 pm New Business

- **Gambling Compensation: Gary Gavin:** At the recent gambling committee meeting, a contract amount of \$3650 was requested by the gambling coordinator. This was approved by the committee. A motion was made, seconded and approved to compensate Kent Reeves \$3650/month. (Gary Gavin/Jim Folden) A contract will be worked on.

- **Portable Toilets at two landings: Jim Folden:** The DNR reached out to Jim concerning extending the months of availability of portapotties at the boat launches. Upon discussion, it was agreed to cover the additional months to allow porta-potty availability year round. Estimated costs \$50/site X 6 months. A motion was made, seconded (Jim Folden/Harlan Mehlhop) and unanimously passed.

- **Siren Monitor : Jim Folden:** Jim gave a brief history of the siren and the Association's responsibility. He needs a backup as he will be gone on the next testing date, Feb 7. Jerry Lynch volunteered to back up on this date.

- **By-Laws change to allow Kent Reeves as a board member:** A brief history was given by Gary and Jim as to the reason by-law changes were needed. There was discussion about the wording, and a consensus was reached by voice vote to recommend the agreed upon changes, which are attached. It was also brought up that it was time to review and possibly make major changes to our by-laws, and have them reviewed by an attorney. This will be discussed later, and several members were going to reach out to local attorneys.

6:55pm Meeting Wrap-up

- **Additional concerns from Directors:** Jason brought up the fact that Greg Schwarck has officially sent notification of retiring from the Board.

Jim Folden asked for another signer on the gambling checkbook, and Dan Sachau has volunteered to do that.

- **Next Meeting Date February 20th, 2024**

7:18pm Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded (Chuck B and Joel P) and unanimously approved to adjourn.

Mission Statement: The purpose of the Association shall be to create and/or maintain a Lake Washington environment to the advantage of association members, lake residents, and users of the lake.