

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 6/18/2024**

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: Jason Femrite (Jason F), Jim Folden (JF), Kent Reeves (KR), Spenser Bradley (SB), Greg Gernscheid (GG), Nicki Veith (NV), Gary Gavin, (GGavin), Joel Prybylla (JP), Chuck Brandel (CB), Dan Sachau (DS), Rachel Schmitz (RS), Brenda Hennek (BH), Jerry Lynch (JL at 6:15) Also in attendance was Karen Wright from the general membership.

LWIA Board meeting

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

Motion to approve the Agenda was made, seconded and approved. SB/NV and unanimously approved.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the May minutes. GGavin/BH and unanimously approved.

The May Gambling report was presented by Kent Reeves. The net Gain for the month from our four sites was \$13,940.85. LWIA's share of the net GAIN for the month was \$9,102.39. Primarily due to Westwood having a good month, we receive 90% share from that site.

Cash over/short was reported. Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$107,427.03, and vouchers for the month totaled \$71,870.93.

1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004

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 7949 thru 7969 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) The April Gambling report was amended to show that our actual net Loss for April was \$13,417.39; LWIA's share of the Loss was \$6,361.37.

5) There were no lawful purpose expenditures.

6) Pre-approval to donate funds just prior to our FYE was requested.

All supporting documentation was present for review by the Board.

A motion was made to approve items 1 through 6 on his report; and to approve the report as presented. Jim Folden/Harlan Mehlhop and unanimously approved, with Kent Reeves abstaining.

Jim F congratulated Kent on the good and successful recent site audits conducted by the State Gambling Board.

General Business: Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Gary Gavin. Motion to approve report made, seconded and unanimously approved. CB/DS

Communications/Social Media: No recent meeting, but there will be one this upcoming month.

Fundraising Committee: Rachel mentioned that it was moving along. They are awaiting the new website.

Investment/Finance Committee: No report

Water Quality Committee: Jim Folden spoke briefly on the meeting on 5/28 where the Mark Gaalswyk talked about the Nano 25. It turns out he is planning to bring it out to the Westwood for a day.

AIS Committee: Brenda Hennek reported. Her and Jim F will be going out with the 2023 and 2024 spray maps to see how those sprayed areas are faring. It was also discussed that it might be good to have Ryan Wersal speak on Curly Leaf Pondweed at the annual meeting. She will reach out to him.

She next brought up the spraying of a channel through the buoys at the county park end of Baker's Bay, where the weeds are particularly thick. A motion was made to oppose the association paying for this by JP, seconded by JL, and passed with only one nay vote by Brenda Hennek.

Old business: Chuck talked handed out an information sheet about the Lake Improvement District (LID). What it is, what it can do, and how it is established. Key takeaways are that we have 600 parcels involved; it does involve the watershed, not just lake residents; it will be a "Joint counties" process due to LeSueur and Blue Earth counties are involved; and has taken up to \$50,000 (60% legal fees) in the past; and if everything fell into line properly could take 18 months. It would be great if we could get our association membership up to 300 residents. He will speak on this topic at the annual meeting.

New Business: Annual meeting: Kent will contact Johnny B's; Gary will reach out to Camp Patterson for setting a date. August 20th is the target.

Jim mentioned the TriCOLA meeting will be held at the community building Wednesday at 5:30.

Meeting Wrap-Up: Jim F mentioned that he has contacted the county about the channel marker that is out of place, and it will be fixed this weekend.

Next meeting will be July 16th, 2024

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and carried at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

6/20/2024