

Little Whitefish Lake Association (LWLA)
Minutes of Annual Meeting
Saturday July 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Paul Schirer at Timber Bay Lodge.

Greetings: President Paul Schirer thanked all attendees for coming and requested updates and or corrections to existing list of Lake Property owners. Annual dues are payable by check/cash. Meeting agenda was presented. About 37 people attended. Paul thanked Timber Bay Lodge for hosting the meeting.

Minutes: 2019 Meeting minutes were summarized by Bill Thorsen. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. **Note we did not have a 2020 annual meeting due to Covid restrictions.**

Officer Update: This year Paul Schirer is current President, Skip Nelson is the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President position needs to be filled. Secretary – Bill Thorsen remains as Secretary, Treasurer – Dennis Burr remains as Treasurer. Directors: Bill Crenna, Bill Thorsen, Diane Riedel

Financial Report: Reported by Dennis Burr, Treasurer.

- **2019**
 - Starting balance: \$5216.60
 - Dues collected: \$875.00
 - Expenses:
 - Boat Parade \$ 50
 - Pine Center 1st Responders \$200
 - Timber Bay Camp \$200
 - Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation \$200
 - Garrison Fire and Rescue \$200
- **2020**
 - Starting balance \$5241.60
 - Dues collected \$0
 - Expenses
 - Boat Parade \$50
 - Garrison Fire and Rescue \$100
- **2021 Motion was carried to contribute the following for 2021:**
 - Starting balance \$5091.60
 - Expenses
 - Garrison Fire and Rescue \$100
 - Boat Parade \$ 50
 - Timber Bay Camp \$400
 - Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation \$100
 - Pine Center 1st Responders \$100
 - Dennis collected \$390 at the meeting and will be mailing out reminders
 - Current balance \$4731.60
 - Motion was carried to approve the 2021 budget.
- Motion was carried to keep the association dues at \$25.00 per year.
- Acceptance of financial report was motioned, seconded and passed.

Timber Bay Update: Rachel provided an update on events at Timber Bay. They were hit hard by the Covid restrictions last year, but they are fully open and hosting maximum campers. A new Machinery building is being constructed. Existing greenhouse, gardens and animal areas are doing well. They are looking for volunteers to help with chores around the camp and would welcome those LWLA Members who are interested to call her at 218-839-7237.

Committee Reports:

- Roadside Clean Up: Paul Schirer – Clean up occurred on April 27th. We had approximately 17 people and it went quickly.
- Water Clarity: Dennis Burr took sechi disk sightings on July 11th for clarity level and results were 20 feet, which is very good.
- Lake Level: Skip Nelson - Ice out was around March 30th this year and ice-in was beginning of December. The DNR reset the Lake Level Measuring stick and it was at 1.19 in spring and is now at .48 currently. The Lake level has dropped almost 18 inches due to drought conditions.
- LWLA Non-Profit Status: Jim Corey said that our nonprofit status is current and will be timely renewed in Fall 2021.
- 2021 Annual Boat Parade: Diane Riedel – will be held this afternoon at 2PM. Check website www.littlewhitefish.org for results and pictures.
- 2022 Roadside Clean up: Scheduled for Saturday April 30th 9AM
- 2022 Annual Boat Parade: Scheduled for Saturday July 2nd at 2PM (meet in lake in front of resort bay)
- 2022 Annual Meeting: Scheduled for Saturday July 2th 10AM at Timber Bay Lodge

Old Business:

- None from 2020 as Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Covid.

New Business:

- **Filling 2nd VP position:** Motioned was carried to elect Kene Evenson to assume role.
- **Lake Level and Resort Boat Ramp:**
 - Concern was raised by majority of Lake Owners of the low lake level and lack of rain. It was noted the lake has been lower in past drought years.
 - The outflow creek water level into Lake Mille Lacs is currently the same and there maybe a sandbar in front of the creek entrance, so current outflow is minimal.
 - There is a new larger beaver dam blocking outflow from Lost lake, which is cutting watershed runoff into Little Whitefish, further adding to low level problem.
 - Access from the lake to the Resort Ramp and to the docks east of the resort is really hampered by low water. There have been discussions in past about looking into dredging to deepen the access and there is renewed interest into exploring it again.
 - Dave Cornelius raised concern that the Resort boat ramp and access is in need of repair. Since majority of Lake Owners use the ramp it's a critical access point. Dave volunteered to form a committee to look into options.
 - Motion was carried to form committee with Dave Cornelius, Bill Thorsen, Bill Crenna, Anne Clancy and DJ from Resort.
 - Rachel from Timber Bay offered if Lake Owners cannot use the Resort Ramp, because of future lower water levels, they can use the Timber Bay ramp if they can get behind the island. She provided her phone number for folks to call if it comes to that. 218-839-7237

Guest Speaker:

- None

Website: www.littlewhitefish.org

Meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM by President Paul Schirer

Respectfully submitted: Bill Thorsen - Secretary