

**Little Whitefish Lake Association (LWLA) Minutes
Annual Meeting
Saturday July 8, 2017 10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President Carl Lehmann at Timber Bay Lodge.

Greetings: President Carl Lehmann 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 24 people attended.

Special Thanks: To Timber Bay Lodge for use of their site for this meeting. Thanks from Mark Ritchie from Timber Bay.

Additions to Agenda: The following additions to the agenda were solicited and added as topics

- None

Minutes: 2016 Meeting minutes were read by Bill Thorsen. Motions were carried to approve the minutes.

Officer Update: The following changes to the Officer roles were made per the earlier protocol that was established (Every 2 years the 1st VP will move to President, 2nd VP will move to 1st VP, and we will elect a new 2nd VP)

President – Carl Lehmann currently in year 1 of 2 year service

1st Vice President – Mike Hodges moved to position

New 2nd Vice President - Paul Schirer volunteered and motions were carried to confirm his nomination.

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.

Starting balance was \$4,057.57 and ending balance was \$4,566.57 after dues and donation expenses. Motions were carried to approve budget and expenses below.

- There were 33 LWLA member/families paying dues in 2016 (\$875 total)
- The following donations were made in 2016:
 - \$100 to Pine Center First Responders (annual) motion to keep
 - \$100 to Garrison Fire Dept. (annual) motion to keep
 - \$100 to Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation (annual) motion to keep
- **2017 Dues:** Motions were carried to keep the association dues at \$25.00 per year.

Committee Reports:

- **Road Side Clean Up:** Carl Lehmann - April 29th was good turnout with 16 people and it went quickly in 1 hr. Thanks to Dean at the Resort for supplying coffee and donuts beforehand.
- **Water Clarity:** Dennis Burr made sightings at 19 foot clarity level between Jack Vessey's point and Island. No DNR water testing has been done since Jake Vessey did it a few years back.
- **Lake Level:** Skip Nelson - Ice out was around April 3rd this year. The lake has gone down since April at 1.40 to July 8th at .94. At last year meeting it was at .82. Last year by July 11th the lake went up 11 inches and peaked at 1.92 on August 7th.
- **LWLA Non Profit Status:** Carl to follow-up with Jim on our nonprofit status renewed December 2016 online for 2017.
- **2016 3rd Annual Boat Parade:** Diane Riedel – turnout was good and we had about 12 boats or so join in for cruise around the lake for about 45 minutes.. Pictures posted on new LWLA website www.littlewhitefish.org There was judging (Thanx to Rachel and folks from Timber Bay) and prizes this year for boat theme and creativity with the following winners:
 - 1st Place (\$25) - Diane and Rob Riedel (Pirate ship)
 - 2nd Place (\$15) – Bobby and Brittany Lahr, Cory Lahr and Taryn Hager (Batman boat)
 - 3rd Place (\$10) – Darrin and Brent Ihrke (Patriotic boat)
 - Honorable Mention – Robert Haddorff Family (Jungle Boat)

2017 Planning:

- **Roadside Clean up:** Scheduled for Saturday April 28th, 2018
- **Annual Boat Parade:** Scheduled for Saturday July 7th at 2PM.....meet in lake in front of resort bay
- **Annual Meeting:** Scheduled for Saturday July 7th 2017, 10AM at Timber Bay Lodge
 - Possibly add DNR update based on DNR availability

Old Business:

- **Tent caterpillars** – No problems per DNR and Bill Crenna. We are in low cycle. See DNR website.
- **DNR update** –
 - **AIS** – No evidence of Zebra mussels or other AIS have been seen locally or by DNR. We have local American milfoil but not the invasive Eurasian milfoil. Crow Wing county has an AIS update website which is a good resource. Crow Wing AIS Website: <http://www.crowwing.us/1004/Aquatic-Invasive-Species-AIS>
- **Lake Fish Sample** – The DNR started sampling and monitoring 3 weeks ago for bass and northern using the electric stun method that does not harm fish that get counted, measured, weighed and returned to lake. They return next week to do trap netting for pan fish which does not harm fish. They will do gill netting where some fish will be killed....but not a lot of fish. They send fish carcass to city for mercury levels and other tests. The data will be analyzed and posted to the DNR Lake Finder website by end of year. Pat and Dean were onboard and described the sampling....looking for bass and got 1 walleye, northern, dogfish and some large Crappie. The last DNR Sampling was back in 1996
 - **DNR Lake Finder website:** <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/lake.html?id=18000100>
- **LWLA Website** – Bill Thorsen has the LWLA website up to date with events, minutes, pictures and information.

New Business:

- Thank you to our lake neighbors Bob and Ginger Haddorff for their enduring gift of preservation for our Lake! <http://www.brainerddispatch.com/outdoors/4203240-preservation-dream-fulfilled-little-whitefish-lake>
- Motion was approved to donate \$200 to Timber Bay for 2017
- **2017 Lake Level Concerns:** Bill Crenna – With the water control structures removed on Rum River outflow our Lake levels will continue to be affected, especially during low periods of rain and drought. Borden Lake is down 2 feet as it also drains into Mille Lacs. Building a dam on our lake is no longer feasible given the high cost of the study and construction.
 - **Beaver Dam:** there used to be a beaver dam in the Creek but is not longer there and Beaver have been trapped and are gone. We possibly could get a DNR ruling to not trap beavers in creek area but it could not be enforced.
 - **Dredging:** Bill said that only feasible long-term solution would be to dredge a channel to resort and adjacent properties. There was dredging performed back in the 1950's but it has filled in. DNR Dredging permit is available from DNR but cost of work is unknown and would need to be explored.. <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/permits/water/answers.html> .
 - **Bill Crenna said he would check with the DNR in Brainerd for more info.**
- **Timber Bay Update: Mark Richie**
 - Camp has been planting native species for run off via 100's of hours of volunteer help
 - Camp steam cleans all boats coming in and out of lake
 - Camp is Christian retreat for at risk kids that remain mentors for life.....volunteer staff maintains relationship for life. Discussed some examples of Kids experience at camp. They have communities around MN.
 - Marked thanked LWLA for their support.

- John the new President of Organization shared his history with the Camp and some of his experiences as a Counselor.
- Dick Plaep provided some history on the Camp (started in 1970) and updates on the adjacent Tribal development.
- Rachel (Reys Hope Director) – Discussed the work they do with the Kids to engage them with the horses, mini donkey, ducks chickens, rabbits at the Barn on Camp property. They are building a sensory garden onsite.

Meeting Adjournment: A motion was carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 AM

Respectfully submitted: Bill Thorsen - Secretary