

Little Whitefish Lake Association (LWLA)
Minutes of Annual Meeting
Saturday July 1, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President Skip Nelson at Timber Bay Lodge.

Greetings: President Skip Nelson thanked all attendees for coming requested updates and corrections to the list of Lake Property Owners. Annual dues of \$25 payable by cash or check. Meeting agenda was presented. About 27 people attended. Skip thanked Timber Bay Lodge for hosting the meeting.

Minutes: The 2022 Meeting minutes were summarized by Skip Nelson. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Officer Update: This year Skip Nelson is current President and Ken Evenson is 1st Vice President (and will replace Skip next year). The 2nd Vice President position is currently open. Treasurer – Dennis Burr remains as Treasurer. Secretary – Kris Thompson will replace Bill Thorsen as secretary. Directors – Bill Crenna & Diane Riedel.

Financial Report: Reported by Dennis Burr, Treasurer.

- Starting balance \$5081.60
- Dues Collected at meeting \$480
- Expenses
 - Timber Bay Camp \$1000
 - Boat Parade Prizes \$50
 - Supplies \$100
- Current Balance \$4411.60
- Additional Checks to be written:
 - Garrison Fire and Rescue \$100
 - Pine Center 1st Responders \$100
- Motion was carried to keep the association dues at \$25.00 per year. Dennis will send out a request for payment to all lake residents who have not paid dues.
- Acceptance of financial report was motioned, seconded and passed.

Timber Bay Update: Rachel provided an update on events at Timber Bay. An \$80,000 investment was made this year to convert from propane to natural gas, resulting in an annual savings of \$12,000. She also spoke of the youth ministry at the camp and how impactful it is on the lives of the campers and the staff. Rachel thanked everyone for being good neighbors so that the campers feel safe here.

Committee Reports:

- Roadside Clean Up: Skip Nelson - Clean up occurred on May 6th. Approximately 10-12 bags were picked up by the 5 or so in attendance.
- Water Clarity: Dennis Burr reported the clarity level was 21 feet, which is very good (compared to 15 feet last year). There was discussion that infiltration by zebra mussels can cause lake clarity to increase significantly, but there is no evidence of this.
- Lake Level: Skip Nelson reported ice-out was April 30th this year and ice-in was November 30th 2022. The DNR set the Lake Level Measuring Stick around May 25, 2023. Despite the snow melt and spring moisture this year, the lake level dropped by about 10.5 inches since ice out.
- LWLA Non-Profit Status: Jim Corey said our nonprofit status has been renewed.

- 2023 Annual Boat Parade: Diane Riedel – will be held this afternoon at 4PM. Check website www.littlewhitefish.org for results and pictures.
- 2024 Roadside Clean up: Scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at 9AM.
- 2024 Annual Boat Parade: Scheduled for Saturday July 6th at 4PM (meet in lake in front of resort bay)
- 2024 Annual Meeting: Scheduled for Saturday July 6th at 9AM at Timber Bay Lodge

Old Business:

- Lake Level and Resort Boat Ramp Dredging Status: No discussion on this.
- Dennis Burr: His Daughter in Prescott WI from River City Stich is selling Little Whitefish sweatshirts and t-shirts from their website if anyone is interested. <https://rivercitystitch.com/>
- Becky Nelson: The Mille Lacs Curio Shop will order 25 or more Little Whitefish sweatshirts if anyone is interested.

New Business:

- It was suggested and voted on at the meeting to give a one-time donation of \$1000 from the LWLA for the Timber Bay propane project. Vote was approved. Rachel indicated if anyone wishes to make a private donation to the camp, the donation will be matched.
- Bill Thorsen will continue to maintain the website for the foreseeable future.
- Ken Evenson: Steve and Nancy Fisher bought Bill and Judy Thorsen's place. They will rent it out year-round. Contact Steve at 612-619-9991 for information.
- Brian and Lindy Limborg, who live next to the resort, have opened the Little Whitefish Resort and Café. They are renting cabins and serving food and beverages at the café. Information about café hours is available on their website. The gate to the boat ramp is typically locked; if anyone lake residents need access, they text Lindy at the number listed on the sign.
- Bill Crenna: Indicated he will be putting in a new boat ramp on his property.
- George Anderson mentioned he used Waterfront Restoration, a company that does shoreland weed removal, to clean out the weeds on their beach. They removed more than 500 pounds of material for about \$2000 and George is happy with the work they did. Jack Giddings is the Waterfront Restoration contact and can be reached at 218-203-9042. Jim and Dian Corey used the same company about two years ago and have been satisfied with the results.
- LWLA history was a topic of interest at the meeting. Bill Crenna, George Anderson and others shared some history of their early days on Little Whitefish Lake. Interest was expressed in documenting this history on the LWLA website. Please submit any small stories or memories to Skip Nelson at sbnelso@gmail.com and he'll work with Bill Thorsen to get it on the website.

Guest Speaker:

- None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM by President Skip Nelson.

Respectfully submitted: Kris Thompson - Secretary