

**Little Whitefish Lake Association (LWLA)**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday July 6, 2019 10:00 AM**

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

**Greetings:** President Mike Hodge 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 30 people attended. Mike thanked Timber Bay Lodge for hosting the meeting.

**Minutes:** 2018 Meeting minutes were summarized by Bill Thorsen. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Unanimously approved.

**Officer Update:** This year Mike Hodge assumes role of President , Paul Schirer the 1st Vice President and Skip Nelson the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. 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 \$4,891.60 and ending balance was \$5216.60 on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019, after dues and donation expenses. Dennis reported that the budget and expenses were as follows.

- There were 32 LWLA member/families paying dues in 2018 (\$900 total)
- Our expenses were \$575
- The following donations were made in 2018:
  - \$100 to Pine Center First Responders
  - \$100 to Garrison Fire Dept. \$100 to Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation
- Other expenses were \$50 for boat parade prizes, \$25 for envelopes and stamps for dues mailings
- Motions were carried to increase the current \$100 contributions to \$200 each to Pine Center First Responders, Garrison Fire Department and Mille Lacs Area Health Foundation for 2019.
- Motion was carried to contribute \$200 to Timber Bay.
- Motion was carried to keep the association dues at \$25.00 per year.
- Motion was carried to approve the budget.
- Acceptance of financial report was motioned, seconded and passed.

**Timber Bay Update:** Rachel provided an update on events at Timber Bay. She explained the mission of the camp and the different groups that use the camp. She discussed some of the new improvements the camp has made like the new green house for growing food and new bikes for the campers. Timber Bay will celebrate its 50 anniversary next year.

**Committee Reports:**

- Road Side Clean Up: Mike Hodge – Clean up occurred on April 27<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 10 people and it went quickly in 1 hr. Thanks to Anne at the Resort for supplying coffee.
- Water Clarity: Dennis Burr made sightings at 15 foot clarity level
- Lake Level: Skip Nelson - Ice out was around April 20th this year and ice-in was between Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and 20th. With the snow runoff and the latest rains the lake level has risen to a high level.

Also per Bill Crenna the bridge reconstruction on the creek outlet to Mille Lacs has been reduced which may be keeping the lake level higher.

- LWLA Non Profit Status: Jim Corey said that our nonprofit status is current and will be timely renewed in Fall 2019.
- 2019 Annual Boat Parade: Diane Riedel – will be held this afternoon at 2PM.
- 2020 Roadside Clean up: Scheduled for Saturday April 25th, 2020
- 2020 Annual Boat Parade: Scheduled for Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2PM.....meet in lake in front of resort bay
- 2020Annual Meeting: Scheduled for Saturday July 4th 201202, 10AM at Timber Bay Lodge

#### **Old Business:**

- Mike had DNR fish sample report had copies available at the meeting and is available at the LWLA website
- Discussed invasive species. No one is aware of any evidence of zebra mussels or Eurasian milfoil. Anne at the resort is checking boats coming on the lake and has not seen AIS.
- Bill Crenna brought up the Tent Caterpillars where the lake properties were heavily infested 20 years ago and air spraying was performed to control them. We may be coming up on another cycle over the next couple years so we should keep watch.

#### **New Business:**

- Anne Clancy and DJ the new Little Whitefish Resort Owners introduced themselves and provided an update on the new renovations and improvements they are making at the resort and are looking to keep the Lake “Small” and sustaining the fishery.
- Becky Nelson – raised the opportunity to purchase Little Whitefish Lake sweat shirts from a shop in Garrison and will send an email with information shortly
- Jean Thews raised question on a municipal dumpster that lake owners who don’t live full time could share. Discussion covered that the cost of dumpster is high and that sanitation companies are cutting back on servicing the lake area. Another option was suggested that folks could have sanitation company pickup trash by the load without having a service.

#### **Guest Speaker:** Lynn Galice – Representative from Mille Lacs Soil and Water Conservation

- Presentation covered their charter and the Compass Mille Lacs Lake Watershed Management program and use of native plants to control erosion and runoff into the lakes.
- Focused on preserving the Watershed of which Little Whitefish is located in thru shoreline and AIS best management practices
- She had Brochures available and they offer free property storm water mitigation plans
- Crow Wing has different program and contacts.

Respectfully submitted: Bill Thorsen - Secretary