

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 9-20-2022**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. Vice-president Jason Femrite called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The following board members were present: Jason Femrite, Gary Gavin, Jim Folden, Greg Germscheid, Harlan Mehlhop, Mike Pruett, Dan Sachau, and Kim Schmalzreidt. For Gambling, John Lamm.

LWIA Board meeting

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

The August Gambling report was presented by John Lamm. The net GAIN for the month from our five sites was \$30,379.62. LWIA's share of the net GAIN for the month was \$14,418.39

Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$103,896.18.

Vouchers for the month totaled \$61,068.60.

- 1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004 (attached).
- 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 7437 thru 7463 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 bingo paper.
- 4) Lawful Purpose Expenditures for the month are as follows: \$3000 to MSU Foundation, Mankato

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve items 1-4 above, and to approve the report as presented,

There was a question on the "Busters" entry on the Westwood document. That amount will stay until such time as the moneys are spent. John and Kathy will try to clear those amounts. Another question came up about the tax rates we are paying, and a suggestion was made that this may be a good time to give some money due to the lower current tax rate.

Public Forum: None

General Business

Approval of consent agenda: Minutes Financial statements, and committee reports from Communications, Investment/Finance and Gambling Committee were reviewed.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the consent agenda.

Discussion of a CD coming due on September 28 occurred. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow Gary to roll the CD over into another 6 month CD at the best current rate he can find.

Harlan M called the motion, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Dan Sachau gave an update about the upcoming golf tournament. There were 50 players and 20 hole sponsors. It will be a 10am start at Shoreland Country Club, followed by dinner at the Westwood at 5 PM. There was discussion that we cannot have a raffle without appropriate planning. There was discussion about the timing of the silent auction, dinner start, and about door prizes. Silent auction will end at 6 PM. Dan has help lined up from the college. The last discussion under golfing was how to allow people to use credit cards. Venmo came up, and Jason volunteered to research this.

Jim Folden gave a brief report on the TriCOLA meeting in August. The important take away was the "partnering" with local groups. A little difficult as we do not have a "city" to work with, but maybe we could partner more closely with local

landowners (maybe an honorary membership?) or with Camp Patterson? (Maybe work with them to put in a rain garden, or some type of small retention pond). This could be an educational component. Interestingly, when this was brought up Jason mentioned Bolton and Menk had already been working with Camp Patterson for exactly this. There was a donor already involved, but he would keep us posted.

The other point brought up was that Crystal Waters Project was funded strictly through donations and fund raisers such as Meat raffles, door prizes, and fishing contests.

There was discussion about the Baker project. Questions about the new contract occurred, and the question of liability was discussed. Should there be verbiage in the contract protecting the Lake Association? This may need more input from Jerry Lucas or another lawyer. A motion to table this discussion till next meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

New Business: Election of Officers:

The slate of officers was presented, and there were no other volunteers or nominees. The slate is as follows:

Jason Femrite: President

Tricia Duncan: Vice President

Jim Folden: Secretary

Gary Gavin: Treasurer

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to accept these officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Recognition of Service for outgoing Board members was brought up. Dan will put something in the Oct/Nov newsletter, and will look into certificates at MSU. It was agreed something better than an emailed thank you would be appropriate.

Meeting Wrap-Up, additional concerns:

John Lamm brought up the fact he will be retiring in the next couple years. His assistant Curt Wandersee is interested. John pointed out he was hired by the gambling committee, and suggested the Gambling committee meet to discuss his replacement. Harlan M pointed out the committee could use more members, and needed a chairperson. Greg G brought up the name of a lake resident who might also be interested, and who had ran gambling for Mankato Hockey Association at one time.

John Lamm also mentioned he had been contacted by the German-Jefferson Lake Association about starting a gambling site at Beaver Dam. He did not feel this would be worthwhile (mostly for them) because if we were running the site and splitting the take with them there would not be much money left. This is particularly worsened as they are only open for 6 months (or less, per Greg G) of the year. There was no interest expressed by the board about adding this site.

Jim Folden brought up a change necessary in the June minutes. The following was accidentally omitted from the minutes:

under old business:

Lease Agreement for Baker property: Discussion occurred about lease agreement in the packet. A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to pay up to \$9,300/yr for 10 years for this agreement.

No updates on fireworks.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimous approved to add this to the June minutes.

Jim brought up "Mary's Lot", the 9 acres at the entrance to Connor's point. It is no longer farmed, and is just weed covered currently. Usually too wet to do anything with. Could it be converted into an area with a playground, rain garden/storm water pond, and/or an area with signs about the history of the area? If she would partner with us, she could name it, and use it to create an area to remember the history of the area.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022.

A motion was made to adjourn, it was seconded, and the motion carried at 8:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

9-21-2022

