

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 3/19/2024**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. President Jason Femrite called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The following board members were present: Jason Femrite, Jim Folden, Kim Schmalzriedt, Kent Reeves, Spenser Bradley, Zack Jaspers, Greg Germscheid, Brenda Hennek, Harlan Mehlhop, Nicki Veith, and Jerry Lynch. Additional guests included Rachel Schmitz from Area 4.

LWIA Board meeting

Motion to approve the Agenda was made, seconded and approved. Jim F added an item for discussion concerning year-round porta potties at the boat launches. SB/BH Unanimously approved.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the February minutes. KR/SB

The Gambling report had some discrepancies. City taxes paid by LWIA and an incorrect lawful expenditure amount. As a consequence, the gambling report will be corrected and approved via an on-line vote. In order to move forward a motion to approve the LG 1004 with the corrected amount of \$2000 Lawful purpose expenditure to the Last Man Club was made, seconded and approved.

Kent reported that we had received a \$1500 check from Pilot Games for e-bingo. He explained that this is because e-bingo is a statewide pool, and we had paid in more than our share and were being reimbursed from this pool.

In the last 45 days there have been 2 on-line votes concerning gambling business. Jim F read these into the minutes. On 2/8/2024 a motion was made to add Association members Dan Sachau and Nancy Sellner as signers on the Gambling checking account. The motion was made by Jim Folden, seconded by Chuck Brandel, and approved.

On 2/22/2024 the amended gambling report was sent out to the members. A motion to approve the amended report was made, seconded, and approved. Joel Prybylla/Harlan Mehlhop

There was a brief discussion about when the Association may receive a payment. This will be looked into.

Public Forum: Nicki spoke on behalf of the Lake Washington Fireworks Celebration group. Fireworks will happen on July 3rd. There will be 2 upcoming fundraisers. One will be on April 25th at DT's in Waterville, and another on Connor's Point on May 18th.

General Business: Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Jason. Discussion occurred around upcoming expenses, and whether we will be able to cover them. We have a survey and spraying coming up. Motion to approve report made, seconded and approved. HM/Jim F.

Communications/Fundraising/Social Media: Jerry Lynch reported that he will be meeting with Scott Lassiter, the website developer for German-Jefferson Association, and for the Westwood Marina. He will present results of the meeting next month.

Investment/Finance Committee: It was recommended they meet this next month prior to our April meeting.

Water Quality Committee: Jim F. reported on the March 4th meeting. We are setting up a meeting with the DNR and MPCA to assess whether or not our data to date is sufficient to move forward with potential alum treatment. What more is needed? At this point monitoring may not be necessary, but we may be needing "core sampling". Also our "thermometer" of phosphorus entering the lake may need to be updated, as the last 2 years of projects should have a positive impact on reducing the external load on our lake.

AIS Committee: Brenda Hennek reported that a survey of curly leaf pondweed is scheduled. This will be done by Andrew Edgecomb again for \$1500. The DNR and Lake Resto have been contacted. If we spray the same as last year (81 acres), the amount is still roughly \$35,000 based on our existing contract. The acreage may change based on survey results.

Old business:

Area 4 Open Seat: Rachel Schmitz had reached out to Jason about joining our Board. All members had read her email, and she spoke briefly of her interest in being on the Board. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept Rachel as director from Area 4. JF/JF

Attorney to review bylaws: Mike Karp has retired, so several members will reach out to local attorneys for a replacement. Jason will contact Randy Knutson, and Jim will reach out to the contacts given by Burkhardt & Burkhardt. We will bring the results to the April meeting. It was also pointed out that the contract for Kent may need to be rewritten as well.

Year round porta potties: The Board has expressed an interest in resuming year round porta potties at both launches. Jim F had prices, but it was unclear what dates were being covered. He will follow up with the DNR for clarification, and possibly hold another on-line vote.

New Business:

Contract for Kent Reeves: see above.

Renewal of Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Membership: Motion to renew for another year was made, seconded, and approved unanimously. JF/ZJ

AIS Tools at the launches: Jim F reported that 2 tools (a grabber and a brush) had been stolen from the south launch. A motion to replace the tools was made, seconded and approved. JL/GG

Meeting Wrap-Up: Next meeting will be April 16th, 2024

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and the motion carried at 7:05PM BH/NV

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

3/21/2024

Addendum to 3/19/2024 minutes

The February Gambling report was presented by Kent Reeves. The net GAIN for the month from our four sites was \$8451.18. LWIA's share of the net GAIN for the month was \$4974.65 .

Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$110,359.81.

Vouchers for the month totaled \$82,948.68.

- 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 7881 thru 7903 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: City taxes of \$2,308.33; MN Revenue \$27,926; Last Man Club \$2,000 and MSU Handball Team \$5000.

The corrected gambling report was sent out on 3/22 and approved via an on-line vote.