

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Lake Washington Improvement Association
Tuesday, 11/19/2024**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Washington Improvement Association was held at the Lake Washington Park community center. The following board members were present: Jim Folden (JF), Kent Reeves (KR), Greg Germscheid (GG), Nicki Veith (NV), Joel Prybylla (JP), Jason Femrite (JFemrite), Harlan Mehlhop (HM), Kim Schmalzriedt (KS), Brenda Hennek (BH), Dan Sachau (DS), Todd Johnson (TJ), Gary Gavin (GG)

LWIA Board meeting

President Femrite called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to approve the minutes. It was seconded and unanimously approved. KR/JP

The Gambling report for October accounting period was presented by Kent Reeves. The net gain for the month from our four sites was \$9578.54. LWIA's share of the net gain was -\$3,975.23. Cash over/short was reported. Cash on hand in the gambling checking account at month's end is \$136,572.97, and vouchers for the month totaled \$51014.58.

1) The gambling fund needs pre-approval for all checks listed on LG1004

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 8053 thru 8074 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 e gaming.

There were no lawful purpose expenditures.

All supporting documentation was present for review by the Board.

A motion was made to approve items 1-3 on this report, and to approve the report as presented, with the stipulation that the net gain/loss numbers may be revised upon consultation with our past gambling accountant, Kathy Frauenholtz. Harlan Mehlhop moved, Jim Folden seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved. Kent Reeves abstained.

Kent informed us he had met with gambling rep in Mankato about the fact that our lake projects have an impact in the ISD 77 area, and this was approved, which will change how our profits are ultimately taxed. He also informed us of a recent letter from the Charitable Gambling Board about some potentially missing games from inventory. He has records supporting the fact the games are accounted for, and he will be responding to them. Also there was a potentially defective game (pull tabs would not always tear properly) at the Westwood, and he has been researching the appropriate way to handle this. We are still awaiting resolution of a previous defective game over a year ago, so that will be followed up with as well.

General Business: Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Gary. No significant changes. Motion to approve report made, seconded and unanimously approved. BH/KS.

Communications/Social Media: Dan Sachau has a newsletter draft in the works. The question of whether we should have a newsletter came up, since our Facebook page is so well done. Some Board members felt that we still need a written newsletter, others thought a digital presence was all that was necessary. It was agreed that at this point one newsletter per year will be sufficient. Jim F pointed out that we always get a bump in renewals/new memberships when the newsletter is received. Nicki pointed out that at some point we will have a welcome package/handout for new residents, which will let new residents know about the association.

Fundraising Committee: There will be a winter event at the Westwood on February 1st. Details are still being worked on.

Investment/Finance Committee: No report

Water Quality Committee: Jim F. presented the notes from the recent meeting. There were two requests the Board needed to review. One was whether the Board would support a supplemental amount in necessary in order to move the Baker CRP project forward. This is similar to the agreement the Board approved back on 9/20/22; which is now voided as Baker never signed the contract. The other request was for \$12,000 for a feasibility study of a potential project in the Hinton Watershed. A motion was made and seconded (HM/BH) and unanimously approved to table this till the next meeting, pending further review by our investment/finance committee (for budget planning) and further info from Mike Schultz and Chuck concerning the relative impact of each project on the external loading.

AIS Committee: Brenda Hennek told us that she has applied for the DNR grant. There is \$400K to be distributed throughout the state. She explained the process, and we should know by January 1st. She also mentioned that our 3 year contract with Lake Restoration is coming to an end. The Board will need to decide if we renew with them, or consider other companies. She suggested we have representatives from both companies show up at a meeting to present their information. Also there is a less expensive alternative treatment

available that Lake Resto suggested we use now that our CLP is under control. Jim F thought Ryan Wersal should be contacted to get his expert opinion on this change. Jason F thought this decision would best be made by the AIS committee, with the recommendation then being brought to the board. Brenda will line up a meeting.

Old business: Greg Gernscheid presented information he had on providing porta potties at the boat landings for the upcoming season. He is recommending 2 weeks prior to the opener, and Sept 3 to Oct 31. He is also looking for a quote on us providing a winter service. He is awaiting the cost of the above items.

New Business: None

Meeting Wrap-Up: None

The next meeting will be on December 17, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:04 PM. (JF/JP)

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Jim Folden

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