

**North Long Lake Association
P.O. Box 54
Merrifield, MN 56465**

Board of Directors Meeting @ Merrifield Marathons Club house

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Call To Order: President Schmidt Called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM

Roll Call:

Present—Bill Schmidt--President, Tom Peterson--Secretary, Sandy Loney--Vice President, Jim Voiss—Treasurer, Harris Goldstein, Tom Gerrety, Jim Anderson

Absent: Doug Hohman, Josh Duerr, Al Hanson, Jim Cook

Personnel Announcement: Treasurer Jim Voiss announced that as of the end of the month, he will have sold his lake property and will be leaving the Board. Board members thanked Jim for many years of devoted service. Jim Anderson has agreed to take over the Treasurer and Membership duties and will work with Jim on the transition. Jim will handle the 501c3 issue with the IRS before fully leaving.

Approval of minutes:

- Approval for Meeting of August 16, 2018—**Motion to Approve by:** Jim Voiss **Second by:** Tom Peterson **Motion Carried.**

Treasurer report: Income for August 2018 was \$331.37, including AIS income of \$15, membership dues of \$35, other income of \$280.71 from the mystery GLS July 4 fund raiser and interest of \$0.66. Expenses for the month totaled \$5,786.61 including \$294.95 for annual meeting/picnic post card and mailing cost, \$636 for water testing, \$103 for renewing the supply of checks, \$4,648.66 to Environmental Sentry Protection related to the boat landing camera monitoring equipment and services, \$54 for the annual PO Box renewal and \$50 for additional stamps to support the membership reminder notice. The net loss for the month was thus \$5,455.24. The Association has total equity of \$72,670.65 with \$77,130.95 in the General Fund and a deficit of \$4,460.30 in the AIS Fund.

Invoices requiring board approval to pay include the second AW Research invoice paid in August (invoice # 22867) for water testing \$318, Postmaster for the stamps \$50, the Deluxe check supply \$103 and Environmental Sentry Protection for the boat landing camera monitoring equipment and services \$4,648.66. Each of these invoices were received immediately after the August board meeting and required payment prior to the September board meeting.

Motion to approve treasurer's report pending audit and include approval of bills by: Jim Anderson
Second by: Sandy Loney **Motioned Carried**

Membership report: Report reflects activity through Sept 11, 2018. Paid Memberships as of Sept 11 total 403, with 249 also contributing funds for AIS. Included in the 403 paid memberships are 17 new members (never before a paid member) and 12 returning members (a paid member in the past but not in 2017). We picked up 8 membership renewals since the August 10, 2018 report, all of which were 2017 members who renewed. As of Sept 14, 2017, we had 412 paid membership renewals with 235 also contributing to AIS, so 2018 remains slightly behind 2017. In late August, 60 reminder letters were sent out to 2016 & 2017 Members who had not yet renewed for 2018. To date, I am rather disappointed with

the response as it has only yielded 12 responses, seven being renewals and 5 reporting they had sold their property.

It was suggested that we send a welcome letter to new members and new property owners.

Board Vacancies:

- With Jim Voiss leaving we have two openings on the board. President Bill and other members will contact prospects. Notice will appear in monthly communication.

Communications:

- Items discussed for inclusion were: Need for new board members, need for invasive species advocate. Items for newsletter: Roadside cleanup, results from lakeside cameras, Boating safety course, Bog update, Water testing.

Calendar of Events: Nothing to add at this time.

Water Testing:

- With Al Hanson traveling, September/October testing is being covered by Jim Anderson.

Bog Update:

- On September 12 there were several e-mails and Facebook posts brought to board members attention of bog movement in Merrifield bay. Please funnel any contacts through President Schmidt for a coordinated response. Jim Anderson and Harris will survey the situation and report to board members via e-mail on Friday, 9/14/18.

Goals & Activities:

- Need for focus and suggestions were for Water Safety, Fire safety and the AIS Detector program.

Weeds:

- Seems to be more weeds visible in lake this year as the waters clears. Discussion on what can we do and what should we do. Our lake is a huge area —we need to really work on AIS detector person for our lake—Association will cover costs of training. Pointe out that most of issues we are seeing are with Northern Milfoil —NOT any invasive species weeds.

Other Items:

- Our annual Holiday board meeting will be Tuesday December 11 at Northern Cowboy— President Schmidt has made arrangements.

Adjourn: Motion by Jim Anderson **Second by** Tom Peterson **Motion Approved.** Adjournment at 7:57 PM.

Next Board meeting scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Marathoners.