

NLLA Board Meeting August 14, 2025

Harris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

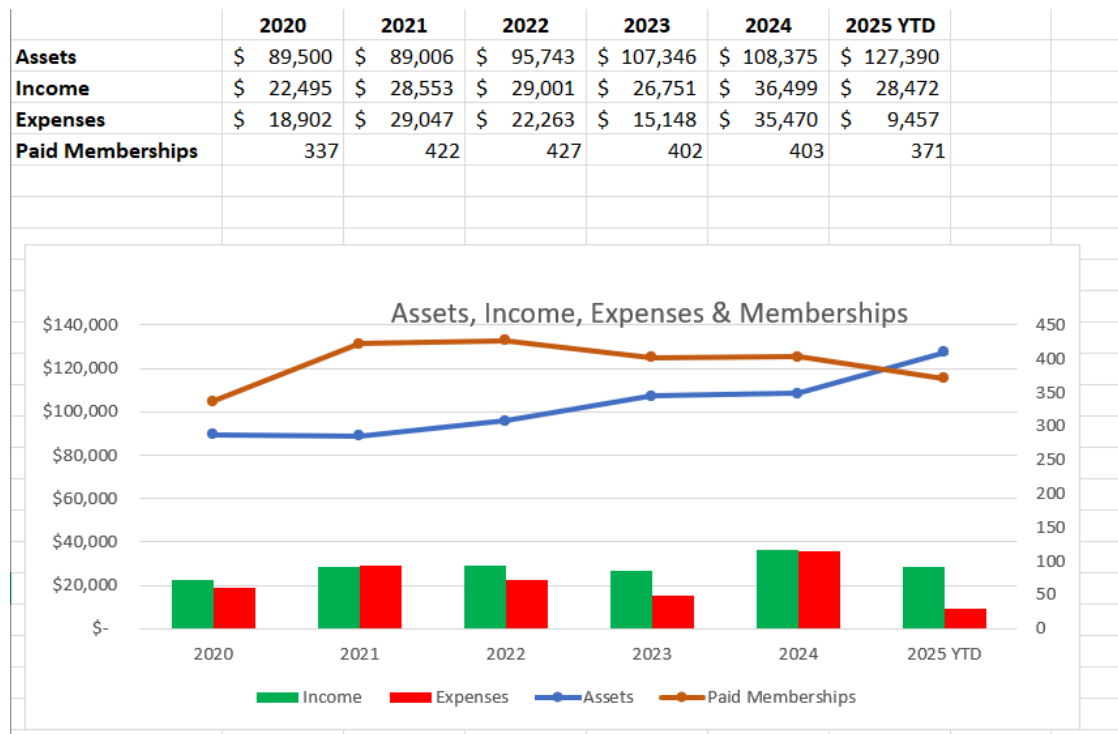
Roll Call: Harris, Rod, Mary, Becky, Patrick, Garry, Susan, Sandy

Minutes

Motion by Becky, second by Mary to approve Minutes of June 10, July 12, and July 17 with an amendment to language in the July 12 minutes clarifying that the money received was to be put towards the bill. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Income for June 2025 was \$83.85, including interest of \$8.85, membership of \$35, and towel sales of \$40. Expenses for the month were \$1880 for AIS survey. Net loss for the month was \$1796.15. For the year we are still up \$19,014.50. The association has total equity of \$127,389.99 with \$66,941.16 in the General Fund, and \$50,000 in the Emergency Response fund, \$735 in the walleye fund and \$9,713.83 in the AIS Fund. The banks were reconciled through July 31st, 2025.



Motion by Mary, second by Becky to approve the Treasurer's Report. Harris asked to discuss the fact that the Association doesn't have a budget and asked the Board about whether it was important. Patrick commented that this would likely be work to be handled by a Finance Committee to review projections and investments. Motion carried.

Membership Report

When published 371, now at 374, with 223 contributing an average of \$55. 1 paid membership for 2026. Motion by Susan, second by Becky. Harris commented on the need to increase membership. He indicated he would ask LARA about membership participation for associations. Discussion also indicated that we need to work on credit card payments for membership. Susan indicated that we set a goal at our last meeting of 427. Discussion was held about strategies for contacting previous members, identifying potential members, and creating activities that serve members vs. non-members. Motion carried.

Old Business

Update on AIS Committee

Becky clarified that she applied for \$3,500 for treatment and \$600 for throwing rakes/sampling for a total of \$4100.

She indicated that we did receive \$830 last DNR grant and explained that we will receive coverage for expanded hours September 6/7, 13/14, and 20/21 will be covered for Merrifield Bay only. Mary, Becky and Harris met with David Hilstrom at PLM about doing a fall survey and treatment this fall. If we do complete a treatment this fall, we can use the \$3,500 toward the treatment. If we do not use it in 2025, we will lose it. It appears we would be able to obtain a survey for next year to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed based on our treatment. We can do a fall Milfoil survey and treatment. We are required to complete separate surveys for Curly Leaf and Milfoil. The Association's permit is open for us to complete treatment.

We learned that we are required to notify property owners that we are treating the lake. Property owners have the ability to deny treatment off their property. We learned that we are able to post to our newsletter or our Facebook page in lieu of posting in the newspaper. PLM handles that for us by posting in the newspaper. Discussion was held about educating the membership about what is happening.

Becky made a motion to hire PLM to do a milfoil survey for \$400, Mary seconded. Motion carried.

Beck indicated that the estimate to treat curly leaf next spring is \$5,000 to do all four areas, which may change next year with the cost of chemicals.

Board Committee Structure

The Board reviewed the various committees and membership for each area. Harris wrote a spreadsheet that outlined various responsibilities for the members.

Background Check

Susan presented the proposed company and the draft policy that she developed. Discussion was had about adding language that the checks would be completed for any Board Member that has check writing responsibilities, we would set a minimum FICO credit score of 640 as our

requirement, and the Board discussed having the background subcommittee review the reports when completed and report back to the Board.

Harris asked whether there are any conflicts with the bylaws related to this potential change.

Audit

Discussion was had about arranging an audit for 2025. Patrick would coordinate the work and the committee would work out developing parameters for the work.

Credit Card Payment for Dues and AIS Payments

Harris and Patrick are working on this with a plan for a pilot project to reach out to past members and some new members. .

New Business

Happy Hour with LARA

Association of Associations for August 26. Harris will send out information to everyone about it. We will need to select a Board Member to be in contact with LARA.

Insurance

Rod and Harris have been reviewing our policy. We pay by members and are paying for 375 members, but it is below their minimum charge. It covers events and classes we hold. Rod and Harris will explore a waiver concept and whether we need to consider engaging an attorney.

Budget

This matter will be directed to the Finance Committee for review.

Other Business

Discussion was held to clarify the terms of the Leave of Absence for Allen Albrecht. Harris clarified he was on a leave of absence and only able to contact Harris or Rod, not other Board Members and is not to represent himself as a member of the Association with any party. .

Becky reviewed the stickers and pricing. Discussion was held about where to place the stickers. Suggestions were mailboxes, lifts, back of car, and window. Sandy made a suggestion we should consider adding a North Long Lake Association flag to the online gear ordering. Harris and Susan will ask Lakes Printing about including the sticker with either a separate mailing, after the dues period, or a newsletter to the North Long Lake Association Members.

Sandy indicated that 20 online items were sold at the Picnic.

Motion by Mary to adjourn at 9:13 p.m.