

North Long Lake Association Board

Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2025

Vice-President Harris called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Mary, Patrick, Harris, Garry, Becky, Susan, Martha, Bill

Members Absent: Allan, Sandy

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Approval of Minutes

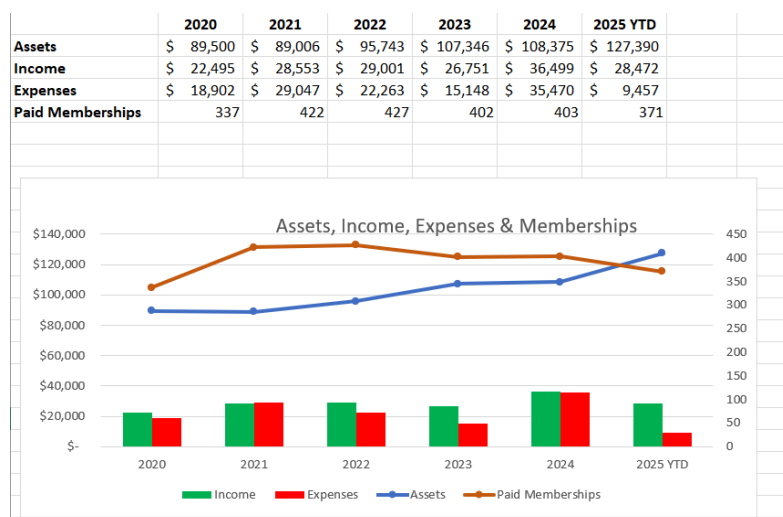
Motion by Mary, second by Susan to table review of the minutes until the next meeting due to a number of edits that were necessary.

Treasurer and Membership Reports

Patrick presented the treasurer's report for July 2025. Income for the month 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.

Bills and other Business

None.



Harris shared that the Association funds are not restricted, but only the Walleye funds are restricted. The AIS fund usually receives Further discussion took place regarding who has the records for the CDs; Patrick indicated that the records for the accounts should be in two places,

for security reasons. Mary asked if we require two signatures for checks. Patrick indicated that he would ask the Bank about this and maybe perhaps set a dollar threshold for signatures.

Harris asked for a status update on Background Checks. Susan provided an update that she needed an Association email. Earlier this week, she was able to have more conversations. We hope to have this sorted by the next meeting. She shared the effort to minimize the private data we are receiving to protect a party's personal information.

Membership Report

Paid memberships for 2025 as of June 30th are 371, with 223 members contributing an average of \$54.48 to the AIS fund. Paid memberships for 2026 are 1.

Harris indicated he is still working with Patrick on setting up credit card payments as a pilot project, targeting previous members. The Board discussed setting a target of 427 members, which we had in 2022.

Old Business

AIS Committee

Becky and Mary reported that they threw rakes at the end of June and at the Birchdale Landing, they found Curly Leaf Pond Weed. It was taken to the DNR and they confirmed it. The DNR indicated they would need to come out to confirm it and that they would not treat it now because of the warm water. She also spoke with David from PLM and he went out and was not able to find any Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Mary and Becky indicated they had two samples of it.

Harris asked if the DNR would be coming out. Becky indicated they would not be. David from PLM will be out as planned in September to conduct the survey work again. Mary and Becky will continue to throw rakes and see what they find and will report if it is found further and they will grab GPS coordinates for it. If it is found, they will take it to the DNR again. It was also noted that the bay was not treated last year, because we did not have permission from the DNR.

Becky also indicated they completed the requirements for the DNR grant and we will be seeing the remaining balance. The Crow Wing County grant we should know by July 15. Becky applied for \$4100 for treatment, for throwing rakes we can get up to \$600.

Becky is continuing to try to contact the DNR to allow the cleaning station at the 371 landing. Becky and Mary have done a good job of communicating our commitment to the management of the cleaning station. Discussion continued about what they are and how they work and that they use a double loop on the equipment to indicate that it is being used when the loop is undone.

Starry Trek is coming up August 9, 2025. In 2002, Crow Wing County last did it. It is a statewide event with a meeting regarding AIS. We will be offering the Association's two rakes. Martha expressed a huge thanks for all the work they have done on this Committee and in this area. Harris reiterated the Board's appreciation.

Discussion took place that they wish to get more people to assist with raking the lake. It is best to do this from a fishing boat vs. a pontoon. Martha indicated that in the past the County was very helpful in the conversation with the Cass County work and asked if we have the support from the County? Discussion about whether the Association should buy our own CD3 station. Martha explained that it works very much like a vending machine and it registers when the tools are used. Matha suggested we have a discussion with a company about the equipment and the interest of the Association to see if there was a grant, the company would be willing to consider a trial. Harris asked Martha to send the information about the equipment on Eagle Lake.

Walleye Committee

Harris indicated that there was a brief discussion but wasn't getting much attention from the DNR on the topic. We are seeing reduced survival of fry on the lake. There have been two issues with the fingerlings, can we afford them and would it be successful. Rod did talk with Mike Gwynn and he got him in touch with Bill. Mike has some contacts that might be helpful. Gwynn's take was that North Long wasn't suited for building a structure for the walleye. He lives on the lake. Harris indicated that habitat requires putting rock in the lake and that it takes a lot of rock. We will hope to hear from Bill in the next meeting.

Youth Boat Safety Program

Martha reported we had 22 kids and the life jackets were very much appreciated. Dunmeiers did a great job with offering the space and food. Discussion was held about having a similar class for adults and women given that the laws have recently changed. The women's class is similar to a class that is similar to a boat dealer called, "Women take the Helm." Martha will explore a plan for the classes.

Discussion was had about donating to the Sheriff's office as their equipment is very outdated. Discussion was also held about a desire to put a small sticker on the equipment to designate the donation from the Association. Martha made a motion to have the Association purchase a screen for donation to the Sheriff's Office up to \$300, second by Mary. Motion carried.

New Business

Annual Meeting and Picnic

Harris indicated that for the meeting, there was a problem with sound. The wireless mike was a bit problematic. Discussion was held about the date and consensus was to keep it the first Saturday in June, primarily due to the availability of the space at Legionville. Harris wishes to keep communicating what we are doing to the members and we have a lot more ways to communicate what the Association is doing.

The Sheriff's Office is a major highlight for the meeting. There is a strong desire to have the land services representative to attend as a speaker. She was committed but at the last minute her

supervisor did not allow her to attend. Susan suggested including the County Commissioner in the request for the speaker or the County Administrator to encourage attendance in the future.

Harris is talking with Bill about social activities which may be a way to try out the Boy Scout Camp for activities. Harris desires to see two to three social events per year, working to engage members.

The changes for the food were recommended to eliminate the pop and keep water and the rootbeer for rootbeer floats.

Getting electronic payments set up will help with check ins, as not many people carry their checkbooks.

Committee Organization

Harris indicated a desire to develop a stronger committee structure with who is taking the roles for the work with a desire to create a more formalization of the work we are doing. Many things are happening organically. A robust discussion was held about what everyone's thoughts are following the discussion, including things that we aren't doing and that we should be doing. Harris asked that everyone share their thoughts about the committee structure in the next 10 days.

Other Business

Garry asked if we have North Long Lake Member Stickers. Harris indicated we don't have them. A discussion was held about creating and getting stickers for members. Becky indicated she would look at a concept and will share that with the Board.

Planned Communications to Members

Harris indicated that communication would soon be going out to members that include:

- New Board Members & New Officers
- Minutes from Annual Meeting
- Next year's save the date for Annual Meeting
- Fall clean up

Motion by Mary to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.