

North Long Lake Association Board

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025

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

Roll Call

Members in Attendance: Harris, Bill, Becky, Rod, Patrick, Sandy, Garry, Susan

Members Absent: Allan Albrecht

Introduction of New Board MEmbers

Harris introduced Bill and Susan Arntz. Each shared briefly about their background.

Board Officer Elections

The board held its first meeting after the annual meeting to conduct officer elections.

Motion by Becky, second by Bill to appoint Patrick as Treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Bill, second by Harris to appoint Susan Arntz as Secretary, Motion carried.

Motion by Bill, second by Becky to appoint Rod as Vice-President. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding the appointment of President that included a review of the activities handled by Harris currently. Discussion about how to reallocate tasks and that it may be better if the President were a full-time resident on the Lake. Following discussion, motion by Bill, second by Arntz to appoint Harris as Interim President. Motion carried.

Discussion took place about the variety of on-going tasks currently handled by Harris. Following discussion the following decisions were made:

- Harris will continue to handle emails,
- Martha will continue to handle Facebook
- Arntz will work with Harris to transition the newsletter to the secretary role
- Website will continue to be handled by the same party

Discussion about the need for continued content for our social media, newsletter, and email updates. Members were encouraged to submit content.

Motion by Patrick, second by Susan to add Harris to the Association's Checking Account. Motion carried.

Treasurer and Membership Reports

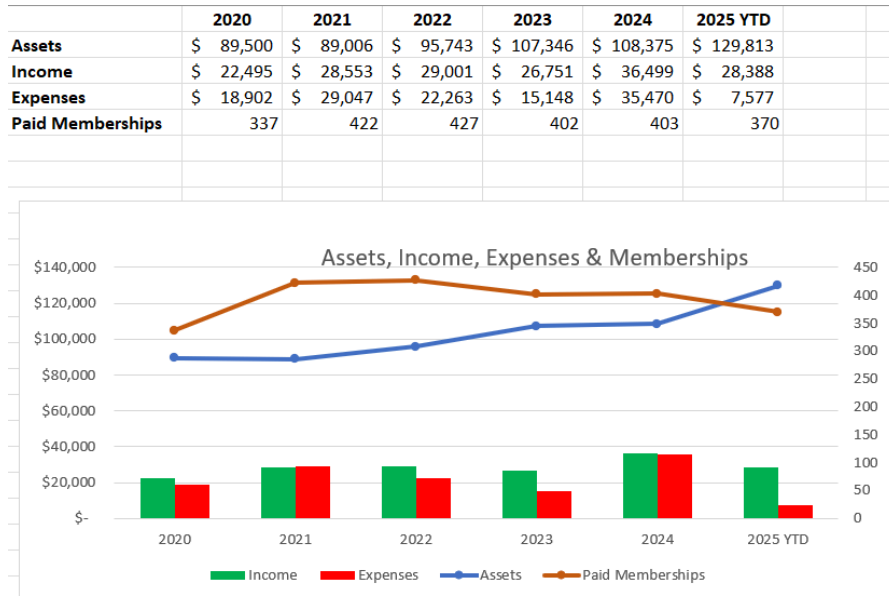
Patrick presented the treasurer's report for June 2025. Income was \$1254.48 for the month, including interest of \$8.89, AIS of \$60, membership of \$280, donation of \$200, CD interest of \$640.59, towel sales of \$60 and offset of returned check fee of \$5. Expenses were \$1881.68, including \$1000 for Legionville Camp, \$859.68 for picnic food and \$22 for printing. Net loss for the month was \$627.20. The association has total equity of \$129,186.14 with \$66,857.31 in the General Fund, and \$50,000 in the Emergency Response fund, \$735 in the walleye fund and \$11,593.83 in the AIS Fund. The banks were reconciled through June 30th, 2025.

Bills and other Business

None.

Membership Report

Paid memberships for 2025 as of June 30th are 370, with 223 members contributing an average of \$54.48 to the AIS fund. Paid memberships for 2026 are 1.



Motion by Sandy, second by Rod to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Old Business

AIS: Status of Freshwater Scientific Survey and Status of Grant Reimbursement Submission

Discussion was had about the need to complete the freshwater scientific survey by the end of June for the DNR grant. It was indicated that the information would be submitted to Angelica Dahlbery by the end of month. The Association will receive \$830 toward a \$1700 bill for the milfoil survey on ½ of Merrifield Bay.

Youth Boat Safety Program

The plans for the youth boating class were reviewed. All was in order for the program.

New Business

Annual Meeting and Picnic

A brief discussion was held regarding the picnic. Based on discussion about reducing costs, the consensus was to eliminate the pop from the menu, retain the rootbeer for rootbeer floats, and just serve water. It was discussed the meeting date and consensus was to keep it the first Saturday in June, primarily due to the availability of the space at Legionville.

There was a brief discussion about possibly attempting to create a fall social event at the Boy Scout Camp that would include a tour Miller Castle.

Background Checks

A discussion was held about the importance of protecting the Association assets and the need to consider doing background checks on the parties that have access to the Association's funds, specifically the Treasurer and President. It was expressed that while there are no concerns regarding the current individuals, it is good practice for groups to consider. Arntz reported that in her experience on non-profit boards, this is a common practice. There was a robust discussion about how to manage private data and what may need to be done by members to address the ability to complete the background.

Susan, Rod, and Bill agreed to be a subcommittee to develop a plan for the Board to consider.

Harris made a motion to authorize up to \$500 to complete a background check for the positions of President and Treasurer, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Meeting Effectiveness

We need to find a way to make the meetings effective when we meet in Hybrid fashion. Garry's wife, Christine, has experience with this and there will be a discussion regarding that.

Harris made a motion to authorize expenditures up to \$300 to all the Association to complete more effective hybrid and electronic meetings.

Sugarbush Creek: Restoring the Weir

There was a discussion about Sugarbush Creek Weir. There was an attempt to get adjustments to the weir to affect the lake levels and the Association was not successful.

Walleye Committee

Garry provided an update on meetings that he intends to have with the DNR in the next week. There was discussion regarding the amount of fingerlings and fry to be considered. In addition, Garry indicated that there was discussion with the DNR about potential including adding

structures to improve the walleye breeding. He also indicated that the party from the DNR indicated that there were things that can be done to personal shorelines.

Garry also indicated he would like to put a letter out asking for private donations for the association for fingerlings to be placed this fall. Harris indicated that if we were going to ask for money we should know what we are asking for. The Association has \$700 in the Walleye fund and Garry will follow up with the DNR to get more details about what options might be available before we send information out.

Rod is going to talk with Mike Gwynn about fishing contests as he works on tournaments in the area, asking Mr. Gwynn about his interest in being involved in work or sharing information about improving the fishing on the lake.

Communications to Membership

It is planned to include the following information in the next email to members including results and summary of Annual Meeting and a follow up email regarding the for the Boat Safety Class.

Other Business

Bill asked a question about the timing of paying for our storage shed. Harris is going to check on the timing and status of the payment for the storage locker.

Rod brought up the concept of a giant beach ball that floats around the lake and people take it and sign their names on it and then push it back out. It is believed it was in Lake Irene in Alexandria. Becky agreed to do some research on this item.

There was a discussion about door to door sharing of association information and suggestions for growing membership. There are almost 600 properties around the lake with 369 members. A newish packet has been created for new owners on the lake to introduce members to the Association. Rod shared the importance of personal invitation. Harris indicated we don't have any information about the Association to introduce people to the Association. Garry talked about a previous letter that was sent to all properties in January and the letter

Rod indicated he showed a house that he had a brochure from Blue Lake Association. Arntz indicated that the website doesn't have information on how to join the Association and that the website is outdated. Harris indicated that there is also a need to figure out credit card payments and that would be ideal to include on the webpage. Patrick and Harris have been working on a way for people to pay electronically, especially the 100ish past members. Harris indicated that would put together the concept of the brochure. Mary indicated that there should be some brainstorming all the information that will be included in the brochure.

Harris asked about interest in a member fishing contest. Garry indicated he would talk with some of his contacts about creating some seminars for a fishing seminar for walleye and bass fishing and a seminar for landscaping on the lake. This would be a member only seminar.

Motion by Garry to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.