

Meeting summary for NLLA Board Meeting (05/08/2025)

Present: Harris Goldstein, Sandy Loney, Mary McCormick, Becky Shawgo, Martha Weaver West (remote), Alan Albrecht (remote), Patrick Schiller-Michels

Quick recap

The meeting involved discussions about the Lake Association Board's activities, including maintaining the lake's cleanliness, improving it, and preventing or slowing down AIS. The board also planned for an upcoming annual meeting, picnic, and preparations for an association meeting and picnic, including assigning responsibilities for tasks and inviting booths from organizations. Additionally, they discussed the need for volunteers, the safety of navigation buoys, the low water levels on the lake, and the possibility of allocating funds for walleye habitat improvement.

Next steps

- Harris to send out a correction email regarding the boating safety class date.
- Martha to post correct information about the boating safety class on social media.
- Becky to ask Yukon landscaping about placing a picnic sign on their property.
- Harris to contact Sarah about attending the annual meeting and possibly speaking briefly.
- Bill to follow up with Legion to confirm picnic arrangements.
- Patrick to provide Harris with 21 addresses for postcard mailing.
- Harris to create and print postcards for annual meeting notice.
- Harris to put the annual meeting date on the website.
- Harris to draft a thank you note to Legionville.
- Patrick to bring a \$1000 check for Legionville to the picnic.
- Bill to meet with Mike Knapp at the end of the month for more information on Walleye habitat improvement.
- Harris to prepare a presentation for the annual meeting and share with the board for review.
- Martha to assist with formatting and proofreading the annual meeting presentation.
- Sandy and Becky to retrieve water testing poles from the storage shed and check their functionality.
- Mary to apply for the Crow Wing County grant for AIS prevention.
- Harris to send out a picnic update email.
- Board members to consider taking on the Newsletter responsibility.

- Becky to follow up with Gary about his interest in joining the board after the meeting.
- Harris to review bylaws regarding board member election procedures.
- Board members to send Harris photos for the website.

Summary

Gary's Interest in Lake Association Board

Gary introduced himself as a retired meat cutter and a fisherman. Gary expressed his interest in serving on the Lake Association Board to maintain the lake's cleanliness and improve it. He also mentioned his willingness to work hard and contribute to the association's activities. Martha asked Gary about his unique skills and how he would handle conflicts within the board. Harris added that the primary focus of the association is to prevent or slow down AIS, conduct a youth boating safety class, and increase social events. They also mentioned a committee focusing on the Walleye fishery.

Meeting Minutes

Harris presented the minutes from the previous meeting for approval (motion Bill, second Becky) which was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report for April showed a net gain of \$1,767, with total equity of \$129,099. A motion was made to pay \$500 for Minnesota Lakes and Rivers (motion Martha, second Mary) which was also approved unanimously. A donation of \$500 in memory of Jim Weiss was received. The membership report showed 346 paid memberships, with 208 contributing an average of \$54.

Annual Meeting Preparations and Agenda

The board discusses preparations for an upcoming annual meeting. They plan to set up signs at various locations to promote the event and decide on agenda items. Harris will create the agenda and invite Sarah for a brief water testing presentation. Martha volunteers to manage the technology during the meeting. The board agrees to arrive by 9 AM on the day of the meeting, which is scheduled for June 7th with a 10:30 AM start time. They plan to check the venue's technology two weeks before the event and will use Sandy and Al's projector. The board will set up tables on Friday at 3 PM, and Harris requests notification from anyone unable to attend on Friday or Saturday.

Association Meeting and Picnic Preparations

Harris leads a discussion about preparations for an upcoming association meeting and picnic. The group covers various logistics including food setup, grilling, attendee gifts, board member elections, and ballot procedures. They assign responsibilities for tasks such as beverage pickup, ice, signage, and photography. The group decides to invite booths from organizations like the Master Gardener program and the Loon Center. A motion by Bill and second by Sandy to donate \$1000 to Legionville after the meeting was unanimously approved. Harris outlines plans for the meeting agenda, including starting with presentations at 10:30 AM and conducting the business meeting

during lunch to compress the time. He notes he wants to inform attendees about cleaning stations and walleye stocking.

Volunteers Needed for Buoy Placement

Harris discussed the need for volunteers to help with various tasks, including the placement of navigation buoys. Martha suggested contacting a local dock service to assist with the buoys' installation and removal. Harris expressed concerns about the safety of the buoys and the potential for people to anchor around them. The group also discussed the low water levels on the lake and the potential for lawsuits related to boating accidents.

Newsletter Date Error and Testing Poles

Harris and Martha discussed a date error in an email regarding a newsletter. They agreed on the correct date and Martha offered to correct the error on social media. Harris also mentioned the need to check the functionality of some testing poles before using them. They planned to collect water from a ditch for testing and discussed the possibility of throwing rakes in the area. Becky provided an update on the AIS committee's efforts to apply for a grant, which could potentially provide \$4,100 for Eurasian water milk oil treatment and \$600 for throwing rakes at each landing.

Walleye Habitat Improvement and Funding Discussion

Becky confirms that the extended inspections are scheduled, pending staff availability to work the shifts. The association plans to have a booth at the picnic. Bill met with Mike Knapp from the fish hatchery program to discuss improving walleye habitat in the lake. They will meet again at the end of the month to finalize plans and share information with property owners. The board discusses the possibility of allocating funds from the general fund to supplement the walleye fund for fingerling stocking. Harris also mentions the need to elect a new president after the annual meeting and expresses willingness to continue if someone else takes over the newsletter.

Motion by Bill to adjourn at 8:30 PM.