

Diamond Lakers Annual Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2019

---Intro/opening remarks: Frosty

---New members introduction:

Ray & Kathleen Lorenz, 2018

Dave & Trina James, 2019

Thomas and Lynne McNutt, 2019

(*in absentia*) Maureen Chapin and David Biesecker, 2019

---Approval of 07/2018 meeting minutes: So moved by Juels Carlson, seconded by Todd Stivland.

---Treasurer's Report, Bob Jacobel: Current balance is \$4,680.75. A review of budget receipts and expense both incurred and anticipated, shows that they will very nearly balance this year. This will not be the case in the future w/o some action (see discussion below).

---Lake water quality report by Ed Wallen: We are half-way through annual lake monitoring (four sessions per year). Lake quality is excellent: 2.2 µg/L chlorophyll in Diamond vs 16.1 µg/L average for our area. D. Lake is categorized as "mesotrophic" (just as desired).

---Fishing/wild life report: Various members volunteered information, including small-mouth, walleye and northern pike recent catch & releases, bear sightings near the dam. One juvenile eagle appears to be in the nest on the SE shore. Loon pair has been sitting on the nest since June 10th but so far no success despite three attempts.

---Old business: (none to discuss)

---AIS boat landing camera update, Bob Jacobel: System is working well now, though needs a few tweaks. Wi-fi connection is sometimes "marginal." Overall, it is greatly improved from last year due to the upgrades installed recently. The speaker is currently being repaired.

---Discussion of hybrid milfoil that is currently present in Lake Namakagon and options to cover increased annual expenses relating to boat launch monitoring. Bob anticipates approx. \$700/year budget shortfall starting in 2020 that would gradually begin to erode our reserves. This led to an extended discussion/ consideration of ways to increase income, including a separate AIS fund based on donations, a two-level dues system, and increasing regular Diamond Lakers dues to \$50/yr. A motion for the latter was made by Lynne McNutt and seconded by Mark Collins and then **approved in a unanimous vote**.

Also, the question was raised about a possible cleaning station at the boat launch. Significant problems related to providing power, equipment security and the lack of safety from traffic at the launch site mean that it would need to be located elsewhere or users advised of other off-site locations—board will discuss further.

---Nominating Committee report, Dianne Klump: The terms for Raye Lahti & Sarah Stivland (Board Members At Large), Bob Jacobel (Treasurer) & Ed Wallen (Vice President) expire this year. All volunteered to stand for election and continue for another term. Motion made by Monica Wallen/seconded by Ruth Lauritzen to reelect the four incumbents. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

---LP Winter Gas update: Diamond Lakers special price from Midland is \$1.129/gallon for prepaid gallons ordered now. Also, Dianne Klump and Bob Jacobel approached Como and they have offered DL members a special rate of \$1.199 with no advance payment. Members need to make arrangements asap, as per e-mail from Bob.

---4th of July boat parade: Best in show this year was the “mermaid crew/Kraker family.” Sally Carlson suggested using a retired canoe paddle as a rotating trophy in the future. The idea was met with widespread approval. The parade was followed by a barbecue hosted by the Carlson family. All thanks to the Carlsons for the well-attended, delightful event. The 2020 boat parade date will be Friday, July 3rd.

---Ed Wallen introduced Angelina Sikora, manager of Tommy Thompson fish hatchery in Spooner. Diamond Lake has been and will be a recipient of their walleye fingerlings. Angelina discussed their process and stated that the stocking of Diamond began by them in 1972. The years 1996-2006 were “small fingerlings” and since 2007 it has been “large fingerlings.” Angelina explained how the hatchery farms their fish and stated that they have 46 separate ponds, each approx. 1 acre in size. Tommy Thompson fish hatchery is the largest Musky producer in the United States. They realize a success rate of approx. 60-70% vs. only .01% success rate in nature. The hatchery offers tours to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays b/w 10 & 2.

---Final item: We all sang happy birthday to Chuck & Ellie Raths—both are turning 85 this year (August & November).

Submitted by: Tracy Veillette (acting secretary for Michelle Veillette)