LONG LAKE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2020 – 7 pm
Reimer Residence (and via Zoom)

Present: Dennis Reimer, Dave Schultz, Ken Swanson, Lindy Rucks, Jerry Voigt, Bruce Rucks, Tom Catlin, Wendy Petersen Vincent and Mike Harvat (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order by President Reimer at 7:10 pm. A quorum was present.

Opening Remarks

Dennis welcomed the group. He indicated that there were no requests from members at-large for an open meeting forum and that the coronavirus restrictions made it difficult for this meeting. He then convened the executive session.

Secretaries Report

The June 20, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted. Motion by Wendy, second by Dave. Motion was approved unanimously.

Review Preparations for Annual Meeting – All

Dennis requested feedback on how preparations were coming as well as logistics for the annual meeting. The following lists discussion points:

1. The board will arrive at 7:30 am for setting up for the meeting.
2. A loudspeaker will be provided by Tom; Dave will provide back up system. Tom will set up and test ahead of time.
3. Tom will provide four 8-foot tables; Board members will provide their own lawn chairs
4. Lindy will take care of membership payments; a table will be needed; Looking for 4 volunteers to spread people out by alphabet. People will pay and check name/address/email. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the table.
5. At check in people will provide a ballot for voting on board members.
6. It was anticipated that comments about wake/no wake would be brought forward. It was agreed that comments would be allowed by one person per property and that comments will be limited to 60-90 seconds.
7. Jerry reported that the agenda was prepared and posted; Jerry will print the agenda and handouts. He mentioned the minutes from the 2019 meeting were not yet prepared. Bob Schnese has notes and agreed to organize them. Jerry will draft minutes using the notes even though he was not secretary at the time of the 2019 meeting. Lindy will provide her notes as back up.
8. Dave and Jerry will update the Lake Management Plan with the fish report from DNR by the weekend and request DNR word on approval. The updated report will be posted on the website and Mike/Wendy will ensure the link is announced on social media channel.

Jerry, motioned that the board adopt the position that the entire lake be given an opportunity to vote on wake/no wake. Any vote regarding wake/no wake must be based on the proposed ordinance language and target at least 2/3 of the property owners response (one vote per property as designated in the bylaws) to be considered representative for forming the LLA position on the issue. Ken seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Directors & Officer Liability Insurance

Dennis, led a discussion regarding director's and officer's liability insurance. Typically a policy costs $600 we have a policy proposal for $475 from West Bend Insurance. The board discussed investing in the policy. Mike suggested the board assess risks before committing the funds.

Jerry, reported asking Mike Engelson at WI Lakes about D&O insurance. Engleson indicated that directors are afforded a considerable amount of liability protection just under state statutes. So long as they act within legal bounds and in the interest of the organization they are fairly well protected for being found personally liable for the actions of the organization. The problem, however, is that just because its a fairly safe bet that a director will be cleared of liability if sued, the costs of defending themselves can still be high. And nonprofits have a legal duty to protect their directors if the director has done nothing wrong. That's where D&O insurance comes in. D&O, among other things, helps cover the legal costs of directors if they are sued for legitimate actions undertaken on behalf of the organization. For some organizations, recruiting new directors without a D&O policy in place is very difficult.

Also during discussion the question of whether the Friends of Long Lake (FLL) legal fund could cover the cost of the policy was brought forward. Clarification on the funds available and whether they could be applied to cover the policy will be investigated.

Jerry made motion to adopt the policy. Wendy seconded; There were 8 yays and one nay (Tom). The motion carried.

Old Business

Jerry reported the Ted Johnson, WDNR suggested that funding a comprehensive water quality monitoring program is unnecessary since Long Lake is a long-term monitoring lake. We benefit from getting the water quality testing at no expense. This could save the need to invest $672 per year based on the proposal received by Jim Schiek. Jim will be invited to a future board meeting to confirm what is in the proposed testing plan.

New Business

Dennis indicated he is contemplating whether to run again due to a personal issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Voigt
Secretary