Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024- 10 am
Voigt Residence
W5025 Wilson Road
Waupaca, WI

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President, Jerry Voigt at 10:01 AM.

Present: Jerry Voigt, Rick Schaber, Wendy Vincent, Emil Nikolai, Dave Wangerin, John Harvat, and Todd Schultz. Bruce Rucks and Patty Jackson attending via Zoom and telephone.

OPEN FORUM: No general members were present; Jerry Voigt adjourned the open session and called the executive meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Approve Past Minutes: Patty Jackson presented the minutes of June 26, 2024 and July 6, 2024. Todd Schultz motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Rick Shaber seconded. All were in favor.

Financial Report - Rick Schaber
Opening balance was $2,148
Current balance is $4,063
Association Income Year to Date: $9,574 - membership ($3,875), Friends of Long Lake ($5,000 New Equipment) and Other Donations ($449)
Expenses Year to Date: $7,659 - $400 Wisconsin Lakes, $212 UWSP, $200 Caitlin Gift, $4,254 North Central Labs, $125 Website Hosting, $228 SpectraPrint)

Todd Schultz motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. John Harvat seconded. All were in favor.

Membership Report - Jerry Voigt
155 members as of meeting date.

Tax and Corporate Filings – Jerry Voigt
The annual report was filed with the state and the tax filing was made with the IRS.

COMMITTEE & GENERAL REPORTS
Fish Management – Jerry reported that Dave Schultz will continue with this program. The plan is for sucker stocking this fall, like last year. The We Really Kare fish club stocking is still to be determined.

Water Quality and Aquatic Invasive Species – John Harvat
Zebra study Update - Midge larva found on bottom of samplers – the review and rating of the condition is still underway. Weeds covered some collection sites. A 3rd year of study will be made next summer.
Golden Sands –Voigt accompanied the Golden Sands crew. A variety of milfoil species were found, but fortunately no Eurasian Milfoil. The lake was reported to support a diverse population of weeds. The Flowering Rush pulled last season did not return but we will continue to monitor for this invasive.
DO Probe Update – The new probe was purchased and John is learning how to use it. Water quality continues to be within good, normal range. The DNR's summer sampling showed a spike in the Phosphorous level (doubling). This is likely a testing anomaly, but we will watch this closely to see if it is the beginning of a trend.

Land Management/Land Development – Rick Schaber
Project Harmony Proposal was rejected 5-0 by Springwater and subsequently by the county zoning. Rick will continue to monitor this issue. A suggestion was made to check with DNR for any position on this.
Properties currently for sale - West shore property under contract, possibly sold and Fabricius property on NE Shore: Hickory Lane

Friends of Long Lake – Jerry Voigt
Friends met in July. Will reimburse fish stocking (@$3,000 contribution). There is talk about forming a gardening club to allow members that grow flower or other gardens to learn from one another given our unique gardening challenges (sandy soil, deer, etc).

Communications/Social Media – Wendy Vincent
Good responses from lake people profiles and learning about people on the lake.
Meetings are posted and will tie back to the website.
Long Lake currently has 3 main Facebook Pages:
- Association's Public Page offered by the board for public posting, sharing area information
- Association's Private Page offered by the board for community interests such as lost pets and items for sale
- Non-Association Page provided by two property owners for social offerings

Instagram Posts are also provided by the Long Lake Association

Website & Newsletter – Bruce Rucks and Jerry Voigt
Discussion centered about printing newsletter in color or moving to digital only. Color printing is deemed too expensive for the LLA Budget. Print services (paid for by advertising) were investigated but would require quarterly issues, which we are not equipped to do.
Todd Shultz motioned to send an email to all members in addition to informing recipients in the December newsletter about the benefits of digital newsletters (cost, full color, less environmental impact) and the request to switch to digital delivery only. Those who wish to

receive the printed/mailed version can opt in for that form of delivery. The change will be made starting with the Spring/Summer 2025 newsletter; delivery will be digital for all except those who opt in to continue to receive a printed newsletter by mail.
Emily Nikolai seconded. All were in favor.

Fall/winter newsletter articles and requested topics are due by Nov. 15th.

CBCW – John Harvat
550 volunteer hours documented this year.

Town/County/WDNR Reports

- **Patrol** – Jerry Voigt
  Jerry is meeting with new head of patrol soon for end of season report and patrol figures.
- **Springwater –** Rick Schaber
  Tax re-assessment scheduled for 2025
  Enhanced wake survey results – 370 responses (73%), 315 voted for prohibiting enhanced wake activities, 55 voted for no restrictions.
  Next steps:
    - A draft of proposal to restrict sent to DNR for review
    - 30 days will be allowed for comments
    - 30 days later public hearing will be scheduled
- Discussion as to how to approach the enhanced wake issue ensued, including mostly positive results of the safety card, questions as to the impact to the lake bottom and shorelines, safety issues, conflicts between recreators, status of community on the Waupaca Chain, the need for data and maintaining a neutral stance.
- Todd Schultz and John Harvat were appointed to form a task force to determine if there are ways to monitor the lake bottom and water quality for impacts, and to explore a 2025 grant application for study costs.

  Saxeville – Dave Wangerin
  The town board is aware of enhanced wake legislation in other local areas, but not acting upon it at this time.

Old Business

NA

NEW BUSINESS

- Todd Schultz requested to be added to the following committees: Lake Management Plan Review and Education. Emily Nikolai requested to be added to the Education Committee.
- Todd Schultz proposed, and Jerry Voigt motioned to expand the roll of the Education Committee to include recommending/inviting/arranging and reviewing the speakers for the annual meetings. The Education Committee members are Bruce Rucks, Patty Jackson, Todd Schultz, Emily Nikolai. Patty Jackson 2nd. All in favor.

- To allow more time, Todd Schultz proposed board officer elections be determined at a meeting date outside of the traditional meeting directly after the annual meeting. Bruce Rucks seconded. All in favor.
- Jerry Voigt brought forward a proposal from Suzanne Ziemer for a revised paddle event, including monetary prizes. It was determined that the request for prizes be referred to Friends of Long Lake, which has funds available for such purposes.

NEXT MEETING: Sat, April 26th, 2025

ADJOURNMENT:
At 1:06 Jerry Voigt motioned to adjourn the meeting. Patty Jackson seconded the motion. All approved.

Respectfully submitted, Patty Jackson, Secretary