

Winchester Town Lakes Committee Meeting

July 27, 2022 – 9:00 AM

Present: Blaze Burton (Adelaide Lake), Tom Kocim (Birch Lake), Kay Wegner (Circle Lily Lake), Jim Evans (Harris Lake), Nancy Russell and Darryl Gust (Hiawatha Lake), Darrell Smith (Little Papoose/Noseeum Lakes), Susan Esslinger (N. Turtle Lake), Glenn Goldschmidt (Rainbow Lake), Steve Budnick and Gary Engstrom (Rock Lake), Arlene Kellett (S. Turtle Lake), John Grimmer (Town Board Liaison), Jamie VandenLangenberg (NLDC Water Program Coordinator), Rolf Ethun (Committee Chair).

Meeting was called to order by Rolf E. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda was approved following a motion by Gary E. and Arlene K.

Financial Report was given by Rolf E.

John G. reported on some **possible** agenda items for the Town Board's August 1 meeting (Room tax for rental properties, shared EMS services, Shipping container ordinance, Ordinance to specify building setbacks, Tractor mower delivery issue, Turnarounds at end of town lanes for snow removal and fire access).

Jamie V. reported on eradication of invasive weeds in Harris Lake; working on eradication of invasive yellow iris on Turtle Lake Chain; requesting lake members with boats to help take lake interns around to remove purple loose strife; another training session on August 4th at Rest Lake Boat Launch at noon; please keep track of CBCW volunteer hours on your lake; 12 Lake Station Open House at noon, Friday the 29th.

Old Business: Steve B. reports the Dissolved Oxygen Meter training and Scheduling is on pace. Thus far Rainbow, Harris, Rock, North Turtle, Hiawatha, and Birch have used the DOM. Please remember to power off the unit after use. The sensor cap has only a two-year warranty.

Rolf reported on the 6 County Lakes Conference held at Nicolet College. It was well attended. WTLC members in attendance included Rolf E., Steve B., Jamie V., Paul Lewandoski, and Glen Wildenberg. The big concern was WAKE BOATS. Minnesota DNR has taken a hard line on these boats. You can get information at VCRLA.org.

Used Fish Line Collections have been successful.

A motion for Gary E. to head a committee concerning the WTLC on a vote to present a request for the Town Board to create an ordinance about use of wake boats on Winchester lakes. Motion made by Susan E., Second by Steve B.

New Business: Circle Lilly has no Lake Association. There are continued efforts to "drum up interest". CBCW program not used, since only lake owners use the boat landing, there is a kiosk at the boat landing.

Turtle Lake Chain Association (report by Gary E.) had a successful major membership recruitment, celebrated the annual FUN DAY, and has applied to the state for a CBCW grant as a qualifying lake association. Bat monitoring continues on Rock Lake and North Turtle Lake.

Motion to adjourn was passed. Motion by Darryl G. Second by Gary E.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, Secretary