

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ida. After the pledge of allegiance, and stating that we had a quorum to conduct business, Mike welcomed our visitors and our evening presenters and reminded everyone that the meeting was being broadcast and taped by our Owl.

Board Members present were: Mike Ida, Russ Schroeder, Thor Gunderson, Mark Luoma, Steve Ave'Lallement, Dave Ebert, Mike Duhr, Jeff Witon, Everett Sammis, and Duane Baer. Members absent were: Jim Clemmons, and Lisa Brandt. With Lisa's absence Steve Ave'Lallement volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

Two lake community members were also present primarily so they could hear the presentation that would later be made by members from Walleyes For Tomorrow.

Mike responded to a question asked about the previous meeting minutes by Everett. After the question was answered, it was moved by Mark and seconded by Everett to approve the minutes. The motion was approved. The treasurers/membership report was then given by Duane. Membership renewals are currently slow. Mike asked all Board members to remind people that they knew to renew their memberships. We have a healthy balance of \$33,060.52 in our checking account. Duane made the motion to move \$15,000.00 from checking into a CD at the Northwoods Credit Union at 3.3% interest. Jeff seconded that motion which was then approved by the Board. The Board then approved the full treasurers report.

After introducing our guest presenters from Walleyes For Tomorrow. The presenters shared how they had studied past DNR fyke net surveys and shocking results from our chain and concluded that any attempt to increase the number of adult walleyes on our chain should be focused on Pike Lake, and would need approval from the DNR. The presenters then gave a thorough and in-depth presentation explaining how they would, in the spring, harvest eggs and milk from the chain's walleyes to produce walleye fry. The fry would then be incubated in a walleye wagon and then later be released into Pike Lake. This spring process of harvesting eggs and milk and then releasing fry into Pike Lake would take place over a period of five years. The process is time consuming and labor intensive and we would need about 15 volunteers every night for two weeks to assist staff from WF-Tomorrow in netting walleye and harvesting eggs and milk. The presenters also suggested that stocking walleye fingerlings and small perch for forage with DNR approval would also be beneficial in achieving the goal of producing more adult walleye. In addition to these suggestions, they also shared that "tree drops" would also help with forage-based production.

After more than an hour of good fact sharing and discussion, the 3 staff members from Walleyes For Tomorrow invited Board members to come and join them as volunteer workers on the Minocqua Chain this spring in harvesting milk and eggs from walleye. Many Board members agreed that this "firsthand" experience would be greatly beneficial in helping the Board decide if we want to bring this harvesting process and walleye wagon to our chain of lakes.

After the presentation from WF-Tomorrow **Old Business** was discussed. Mike shared that he has concluded writing a rough draft of the history of Fire Inc/Fire Department, The Pikettes, and the Restoration of the Round Lake Logging Dam. Mike shared that doing the needed research, conducting interviews, and finally the actual writing of each draft has been extremely time consuming, yet rewarding. Four more topics have yet to be started. Dave shared that we have not yet gotten word if the DNR grant for new trail signage has been approved. Mike shared that he had received some feedback from the letter he wrote expressing our Boards concern about the proposed Forest Service-Riley Creek Watershed Project. Part of that proposed project included a fish passage on Round Lake. Mike stated that the Forest Service noted that the Riley Creek Watershed Project was at this point a "wish". There is no pending action on the Watershed Project. Mike shared that if it would become an actual Forest Service action plan it would need to have funding and go through an elaborate NEPA process that could take years. It was suggested that if the watershed project and a fish ladder on Round Lake came up at the annual meeting, Mike would read the actual letter that he received from the Forest Service about the project.

New Business was then discussed by the Board. It was moved by Dave and seconded by Mark that DNR Warden Kendall be our featured presenter at our annual meeting. Kendall will focus on panfish, and possible changes made to panfish regulations given recent panfish surveys. That motion was passed. Mike shared briefly that AB1033, a legislative bill dealing with wake boats and enhanced waves, was being debated in our WI legislature. This bill only addresses distance from shore and local ordinances. The bill does not address size or depth of lake, and ballast of the wake boat. Mike will follow the progress and fate of this bill. Mike shared that the Life Jacket Station at the state boat landing had been hit by a snowmobile and was damaged. Everett volunteered to make the repairs needed. Discussion then turned to our upcoming Board elections. All but one of the Board members, who are up for election, have decided to run again. Mike read a letter from Jim Clemmons announcing his decision to resign from the Board. After a brief discussion Dave moved that Jim's position on the Board be filled at the annual meeting in June in the general election. Thor seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Mike was asked to let the membership know of this open seat on the Board and to invite members to contact him if they were interested in running for the Board.

Discussion then turned to the upcoming Board meeting in April and the presenter who will be with us at that meeting to explain the I-Lid monitoring program. All Board members were encouraged to come with questions and concerns about the I-Lid program. The I-Lid program will also be the focal point of the upcoming Listening Session scheduled at the Fire Hall on April 18th at 9 AM.

Mike read a thank you letter that he sent to Lynne Clemens thanking her for her years of service as Treasurer/Membership officer for our Association Bd. It was determined that our spring Highway Clean Up be held on Saturday April 25th at 9AM. That motion was made by Mike D and seconded by Everett. That motion was passed.

Having concluded all new business, Mike thanked the Board for their thoughtful discussions with the various Board topics covered during the meeting. After setting the next Board meeting on April 17th at 2 PM a motion and second was made to adjourn the meeting. That motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Ave'Lallement (in absence of Lisa Brandt)