

## **DLWA 20th Annual Meeting – August 7, 2021 – Carpenter Township Hall**

Board members present: Bill Cromell, Val Cromell, Jim Clarke, Vaughn Duitsman and Bruce Steege

Absent: Mark Smith, Gail Blackmer, Jeff Dunlap, Travis Mangan

Total meeting attendance: 24

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Bill Cromell at 5:34 p.m. Bill introduced the board members present.

The agenda was presented and approved on a motion to accept made by Jim Kush, seconded by Audrey Johnson.

In 2020, the 19th Annual Meeting of the DLWA was held electronically per state Covid-19 restrictions. A summary was sent out via email and postal mail to all members in early August 2019 with a list of items to be voted on. Bill read the official Statement of DLWA Annual Meeting Requirements - 2020 prepared by DLWA Secretary Gail Blackmer to the Membership. Audrey J. made a motion to accept, Denny Carlson seconded.

Val Cromell read the Treasurer's report. Jim K. complimented Val on her membership recruitment efforts, then moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Vaughn D. seconded. A copy of the DLWA Annual Treasurer's Report will be filed along with these minutes.

Bill proposed that he would suggest increasing the number of DLWA board members from seven to nine members. He stated, "The present board has seven members. At times during the year, individual members have expressed an interest in being on the board. We certainly do not want to turn a potential board member away because our bylaws state we can only have a max of seven board members. Many lake associations have nine or more members on their boards." Jim K. moved to increase the DLWA board to a "ceiling" of nine (9) members. Val C. seconded. The bylaws will reflect that the board of directors of the DLWA may have up to nine members.

Prior to the election of new board members, Bill explained the position status of the current board. Bruce S. made a motion to cast a unanimous vote to elect the three (3) "appointed" board members to regular two-year term board members (these self-nominated members are Jim Clarke, Vaughn Duitsman and Travis Mangan). Audrey J. seconded.

Audrey J. motioned to accept the appointment of three (3) self-nominated "alternate" board members: Val Cromell, Jeff Dunlap and Todd Reynolds. Loey Master seconded.

Audrey J. moved to re-elect Gail Blackmer and Mark Smith to another two-year term on the board. Lisa Hansen seconded.

There being no further business, Jim K. moved to adjourn the annual meeting. Denny Carlson seconded.

Following adjournment, informal discussion and presentations included:

A handout which listed a recap of significant accomplishments, events, and discussion items for the fiscal year 2020-21. This will be filed along with these minutes.

A slideshow of the 2021 4th of July Flotilla and Social Event was presented. Photos and videos of Deer Creek and the Rock Arch Dam taken on July 20, 2021 were shown along with the functions of a surface drive mud motor and boat used on the creek.

The MN DNR's "Quality Sunfish Management Comment Sheet" was distributed to those attending the meeting. Discussion followed, and the sheets were collected after adjournment. They will be mailed to Dave Weitzel, DNR Area Fisheries Supervisor.

Interactive discussion was conducted on the following topics: Dam breaking on the outflow; Fish stocking, and fish limits within the watershed; Dredging the creek between Deer and Pickerel Lakes, and at Deer Lake public access; Petitions/letters to state representatives and DNR; Mud motor equipment purchase or lease; Social and/or fundraising event(s) for Summer 2022; DLWA apparel reorder; Septic system permitting; Speed limits on Co Rd 533 and the Deer Lake public access road.

Minutes recorded by Loey Master with assistance from Val Cromell. Presented for board approval by Gail Blackmer, DLWA Secretary.