

**DEER LAKE WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
18th ANNUAL MEETING AND POT LUCK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2019
CARPENTER TOWN HALL**

5:00-5:45 P.M. – Attendees at the Annual Meeting of DLWA enjoyed a pot luck dinner with a variety of dishes generously provided by members and guests. Members were asked to sign in and received a survey to complete, ranking their priorities for watershed projects. The meeting was attended by 37 DLWA members and seven guests, for a total of 44 at this year’s annual meeting. Samples of our watershed apparel, including hats and T-shirts were displayed and order forms for purchasing them made available. The apparel has a nice looking logo, and the proceeds help to fund our website page.

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Bill Cromell. Bill recognized and introduced the board members present, as well as tonight’s speakers and volunteers who helped with preparations for the meeting.

Agenda for the meeting was distributed. Bill called for additions to the agenda, and hearing none, the agenda was approved on a motion by Jim Kush, seconded by Gail Blackmer.

Reports:

Secretary’s report – Gail Blackmer, Secretary, read aloud the minutes of the 17th annual meeting held at this location on August 4th, 2018. Art Lind moved to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Audrey Johnson, motion carried.

Treasurer’s report – Sheila Vorland, Treasurer, gave the report, noting that revenues this year were \$5805, which was the total of the general fund revenue plus all the specific funds revenues. Expenses totaled \$4220, with the continuous flow fund accounting for \$2050 of those expenses. Currently, at the close of the accounting period ending July 31, 2019, there is \$3014 in the general fund, \$1019 in the continuous flow fund, \$540 in the water quality fund. Sheila also noted that

118 households count as paid memberships currently. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Jim Kush, seconded by Val Cromell.

Proposed Bylaws – Membership vote – Bill reviewed for the membership that the board of director's has revised or added a number of items to the Bylaws of DLWA. These changes and additions have been reviewed and approved by the board of directors; however they do require approval of the general membership. A summarized list of the changes was distributed to members for review. Questions from members regarding the e-mail voting process and donations to specific funds were clarified, along with a suggestion that the word "historical" be added to the objectives. Jim Kush moved that the bylaws be approved with the suggested amendment. Seconded by Jim Moffett, motion carried.

Election of New Board Members and Alternates – The two year board terms of Sheila Vorland and Gail Blackmer are expiring this year, Jim Kush stated he is retiring from his several terms on the board, and Patti Olson resigned her position earlier this year, leaving four seats to be elected tonight. Bill asked both Sheila and Gail if they would accept nomination for another term, both agreed. Art Lind moved, Audrey Johnson seconded to elect Sheila Vorland for another term, motion carried. Jim Kush moved, Jeff Hansen seconded to elect Gail Blackmer for another term, motion carried. Nominations were called for to elect two more members. Art Lind moved, Val Cromell seconded to elect Mark Smith, motion carried. Jim Kush moved, Jeff Hansen seconded to elect Chris Fischer, motion carried. No additional board member nominations were heard. Bill called for nominations for alternate board members, stating there may be up to five alternates and that interested persons may submit their names. Bill nominated Jeff Dunlap as an alternate member. Gail moved, Val seconded to elect Jeff, motion carried. Bill then nominated Val Cromell as an alternate member. Art Lind moved, Lisa Hansen seconded to elect Val as alternate member, motion carried. No additional nominations were heard, therefore Bill closed the board member elections.

Recognition and a thank you was extended to Jim Kush for his 10 years of service on the board of directors. Jim stated he will continue to support the goals of the

DLWA, noting that over the years he has travelled 94,000 miles to spend time in the watershed area!

Guest speakers- The following guest speakers were at the meeting to give information and education to all members:

Dave Weitzel, Area Fisheries Supervisor, MN DNR, spoke on his position as Fisheries Supervisor in Itasca and part of St Louis counties. Dave discussed the work of the fisheries department as it relates to the fish population and lake management plans. A walleye length regulation review comment sheet was distributed to gain public input on protected slot limits.

Kim Yankowiak, Water Resources Specialist, spoke and had a slide presentation on the work being done by Itasca County SWCD in relation to water quality studies and testing of water samples. She noted that water quality in our area is quite good, partly due to the fact that there is lots of public land with little development in the DLW.

Chris Fischer, DLWA member and website administrator, spoke on the website he has developed for our use, how to access it and which features will be archived on the site. Chris also highlighted some of the efforts to increase awareness of AIS prevention.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the annual meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. on a motion by Jim Kush, seconded by Jeff Dunlap.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gail Blackmer, secretary