### OTTER TAIL LAKE'S PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOC. INC.

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 25th, 2024 6:30PM

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Gerken. Members present: Gerken, Kemling, Oxberry, Tysdal, Ness, Hunke, Kuder, Hanson, Swanson, Long, Wendt, Wentz, Absent: Madson, Mouritsen

Approval of Agenda- unanimously approved as distributed Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed Approval of Bills – Approved unanimously

**Presidents Report-** President Gerken introduced Jeff Skogen, he will be replacing Fred Rizk. Gerken made a motion to approve Jeff Skogen as a director, motion was passed unanimously.

**Committee Reports Membership**- membership as of April 25<sup>th</sup> is 836 members

Auditing/Finance-.Nothing at this time

DNR/GOV'T- Nothing at this time

Water Testing- Nothing at this time

**COLA**-The emphasis this year is to increase OTC COLA awareness and outreach to all property owners. OTC COLA meetings and events are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays in May, June, July and August.

**Communications/Lakeshore News**-Discussion about the deadline for submitting articles, pictures to LSN. Board would like it to be received by our membership in the early part of the month. Gerken will talk to Ed at Battle Lake Review to clarify print date.

**Website**-Kuder went over website changes and updates. Board congratulated Kuder and Long on a great job with the website update. Gerken discussed having our own website, the board decided to wait and discuss at later meetings. A link will be added to our website for the Ottertail Lakes Area Connections Facebook page.

### Facebook –Nothing at this time

**Worm**- Discussion on worm policy, and possibility that we could skip a year of spraying if it is not necessary. Board will look into inviting people to discuss the possible harm that the worm spraying chemicals may have on birds, water, butterflies at a later meeting

**Foundation**- More discussion on how to improve our working relationship with the Foundation board, discussed how donations from our membership drive works regarding the Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation was discussed to help new board members can understand why it was formed.

**Social**- Board discussed changes to Water Testers and Foundation dinner, the board approved sending a thank you along with a gift card to area restaurants to replace dinner.

**Old Business-**Wentz brought up our donation to Glendalough and made a motion to approve a donation for them. The motion was seconded and passed.

**New Business-** Discussion on mailing out the directory this year, Gerken will check on cost and report back to board in May. Wentz said he enjoyed delivering them as it is an opportunity to talk with members.

Hunke read a thank you for our donation from Cori Mattke with MAISRC U of M, it will be printed in the next issue of LSN.

Signs will be place in the Rearing Pond by OT Water Management to warn against cutting trees with the property.

Social committee will look into possible sites to hold annual meeting.

# Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM

Next meeting is May 23rd 2024 at 6:30 PM