

1. Call to order-meeting was called to order at 6 PM
2. Treasurer's Report- this report was given by Sue Rath sack as Jill Lehmann was sick. Checking account balance is \$***** and CD amounts are at \$*****. (\$***** interest made since Jan on the CD's)
3. Sunshine Report- Sally Swanson reported that sympathy cards were sent to Bob Johnson's wife after his passing. Sympathy cards were also sent to Paul Else for the loss of his mother, Luann Else for the loss of her father, JoAnn VandeWalle for the loss of Ed Pezanowski, and Mary Ann Rasmussen for the loss of Neil. Get well cards were sent to both Ed and Neil while they were sick.
4. Harvester/Dump Truck update- it was discussed and approved that WLPA will purchase and have a spare set of cutters on hand next year, so they are ready to go if needed. Cost will be under \$***. The elevator is need of new repairs and we are looking into buying new chain. More details will be reported on this when they are able to take the chains apart later this fall. The new chains should last for up to 20 years. They are currently uneven as one side stretched and the elevator isn't working as it should. The harvester had all the boards on the lower conveyor replaced, as they were rotting. Keith LeComte reported that the harvester is put away and 100% ready for spring. No repairs will be needed in the spring. Yeah! Discussion was opened on potentially replacing the dump truck. Not an immediate need, but maybe in 2025 or 2026. Currently investigating into several different options for dump truck replacement. WLPA would like to have a plan in place, if the dump truck breaks down. One of our harvester drivers is a diesel mechanic and feels there is life left in our current truck.
5. Pizza Pie Fundraiser- this took place one afternoon in August at Rio Lobo. We were able to raise \$*** profit on a very quiet day at Rio Lobo. We will look into more opportunities for these mini fundraising opportunities.
6. Buoy Removal-Buoy removal, clean up and storage for winter will take place on Monday, Sept. 18. If you are able to help, please meet at the West Boat Landing at 8 AM.
7. Riparian lane recap- Things seemed to work well for the 2023 season. There were four individual property owners who had signed up and paid for their lanes to be cut. However, WLPA, was unable to do so because of low water depth. Their payment is being carried over to next year. Forms to sign up for the 2024 season will be mailed out to folks around the lake after Christmas. Everyone will be eligible.
8. Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 17-noon Willow Pond in their lower level- please bring a baked item or other gently used, or unused item to silent auction off. All proceeds will go to WLPA. WLPA will offer sloppy joes, chicken breasts, and pulled pork sandwiches to all members and their families. The club will also pay for one beverage-beer, soda, seltzer, or water at the bar for WLPA club members. After that, the cash bar will be available.

Packer game will be on at noon.

9. New Business-Dam discussion- due to the low water levels this year, we are pursuing ways to hold in the water from the winter melt with the county. More info will be coming.
10. Other old or new business- Sue's contact with the Ojibwe tribe unfortunately passed away this summer. She has some other names of tribal people from the HoChunk tribe and will be reaching out to them over the winter to discuss the rice on this lake. We are wanting to invite tribes to harvest on our lake, or to let us know if the wild rice on our lake is even what the Native American tribes like to harvest.

Sue will also be contacting the Weyauwega Fire Dept in the late Fall/early Winter to see if we can try a small controlled burn on some cattails. There is some evidence that burning cattails above the ice on the lake will result in some of the plants drowning in the spring.

Chuck Gosz brought up an idea for a fundraiser: it would be contacting Lake Weyauwega's Lake Association and offering to run the harvester in their lake for a week at a fee TBD. It would be their lake's responsibility to acquire all permissions and permits with the DNR. Silver Mist charges roughly \$*** per hour for their lake harvesting.

11. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 PM after a lot of great discussions.
12. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 9 at 6 PM at Willow Pond

Respectfully submitted by Sue Rath sack (subbing for Traci Crisci who is also sick)

Stay well out there!