

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

## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**May 22, 2025 6:00PM**

**Ottertail Community Center**

Respectfully submitted by Tom Kuder as interim Secretary.

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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

**Approval of Agenda-** unanimously approved as distributed

**Approval of Minutes-**unanimously approved as distributed

**Approval of Bills** –Not presented; Treasurer absent

### **Presidents Report**

- Gerken reminded the board of the Lake Cleanup effort that was discussed at the last meeting and suggested we schedule an annual event. Carlisle and Tysdal agreed to lead a 2025 project and propose a date, rules, prizes; with marketing help from Kuder.
- Gerken reported three areas of concern from member renewal forms: VRBOs, anti-spraying issues, and swimmer's itch. There were 5 complaints of each type out of about 800 renewals.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership-** membership stands at 797 members (\$59,725), 220 Foundation donations (\$7,250) and 2 worm-only payments (\$65). (Wentz communicated these numbers before the meeting.)

**Auditing/Finance-** no report

**DNR/GOV'T-** Long reported no progress to get trash collected at Deer Lake access

**Water Testing-** Some candidates have been identified to replace Mouritsen as Round Lake tester. Clarity reports: Blanche 15.5, Deer 13.5, OTL 13.5, Long 6

**COLA-** Nothing at this time

**Communications/Lakeshore News-** May issue not yet received. (NOTE: some issues arrived the day after meeting)

**Website-**Kuder replied to suggestions for a QR Code or Pay button in a prominent location, and agreed to add a Pay button on the home page. Kuder reported over 90 membership payments have been processed via our new payment link.

**Facebook** –Nothing at this time

**Worm-** Still waiting to see if worms appear this year. Gerken reported our leftover product from 2024 can't be resold.

**Foundation-** Richard Gertz is a potential Foundation board member.

**Social-** MN Senator Jordan Rasmussen has been confirmed as a speaker at our annual meeting August 7.

**Swimmer's Itch committee-** Kuder reported he has published two board-submitted articles on swimmer's itch on the website. Kuder inquired about any known tests for the presence of itch other than human exposure. Long agreed to contact R&B Labs with this inquiry.

### **Old Business**

- Foundation has not responded to request for their meeting dates. Gerken to follow up.
- Motion to authorize Wendt to expend up to \$500 for gifts/prizes at 2025 Annual Meeting. Motion passed. Kuder agreed to promote on website.

**New Business-**Mouritsen reported in absentia that buoys have been placed on OTL.

**Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at about 7:15 PM

**Next meeting is June 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 6:00PM**