

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2025 6:00PM

Ottertail Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Tom Kuder as temporary Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Approval of Agenda- Roll call amended to add Oxberry as present at previous meeting. Unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Bills –Not presented; Treasurer absent

Presidents Report

- Gerken reported that worm spray material purchased in 2024 has not been used in 2025. We will keep it until 2026 and determine at that time if it is usable.
- Gerken discussed placing an article on the Battle Lake schools in Lakeshore News and asked Skogen follow up.
- Gerken discussed new Boater Certification rules for young operators. We will have a presenter discuss this at the Annual Meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership- membership stands at 846 members (\$63,370), 226 Foundation donations (\$7,480) and 2 worm-only payments (\$65).

Auditing/Finance- no report

DNR/GOV'T- Discussion of new Boater Certification laws

Water Testing- Clarity reports: Blanche 25, Deer 16, OTL 14-15, Long 6, Walker no report, Round no report

COLA- Oxberry attended their meeting on 6/19/25. Jeff Van Steenberg presented.

Communications/Lakeshore News- Skogen presented timelines for producing LSN. The Board concluded that all material should be delivered to LSN publisher by end of each month

before publication, except the July issue deadline will be right after Independence Day to allow for celebration pictures.

Website- no report

Facebook –no report

Worm- See President's Report

Foundation- Scott Boll is a new Foundation board member. OTLPOA board voted to appoint Richard Gertz to the Foundation as well.

Social- Door prizes are being acquired for the Annual Meeting

Swimmer's Itch (SI) committee- Long reported that no immediate test for the presence of SI is known. A test with specialized collecting equipment and several days of analysis does exist. The U of M reports that SI appears to be worse in the morning than evening hours. There was a discussion of creating an interactive map of lakeshore owner SI reports but no action was taken.

Old Business

- No report

New Business- August 2 Lake Cleanup contest/event - Carlisle presented fairly complete drafts of the event overview, rules, posters and prizes. After discussion, Carlisle committed to revising and distributing these materials for publication and promotion. Kuder committed to promote on web, social and PR. Motion made and seconded to allocate \$5000 from our Grant Fund toward prizes, and to request an additional \$5000 from the Foundation for prizes. Motion passed. Several board members committed to soliciting prize donations/purchases from local businesses. Long will keep a spreadsheet to track these.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is July 24th 2025 6:00PM