

## **DIAMOND LAKERS 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7/19/25**

Called to order by David James standing in for President Scott Johnson at 3:02pm

1) New Members introduced themselves: Tom and Sandy Benson, Steve Eggimann & Diane Van Tassell, and Dan and Jennifer Nortunen. Welcome to all!

2) Minutes of 2024 General Meeting were approved with motion by Ed Wallen, second by Raye Lahti and general membership voting aye.

3) Board Members John Rosebush, David James and Scott Johnson were approved to be re-elected to 3-year terms. Motion by Mark Wilhelm with second by Pam Jacobel and general membership voting aye.

4) Treasurers Report by treasurer Bob Jacobel. Details available. Broadly, DLers have unrestricted revenues of about \$7600 including \$3000 dues, \$1000 from Town of Grand View, and \$3600 of donations. We have expenses of about \$2000, most of which involves the camera at the boat landing. We have a total of \$15,400 in our coffers with about \$10,000 in an interest-bearing Stewardship Fund and the remainder in our checking account for operating expenses.

5) Wildlife update includes “sightings” of wolves on camera monitored by Raye Lahti, and Loon update by Jesse Meshivitz with hatching of two loon chicks on June 10, and survival to date of the chicks. Thanks to Mark Wilhelm for taking the lead on refurbishing the loon island with help from Ed Wallen and Raye Lahti.

6) AIS Station report by David James who did the heavy lifting in regard to writing the grant to obtain funds and literal heavy lifting of positioning the station. We hope it gets good use. “No Parking” signs will be added soon. James hopes we will take a regional view of invasive Species.

7) Culvert that controls outflow of Diamond Lake under North Diamond Lake Road is an Important issue to all, but no update as of yet as Feds and State did not meet as planned. Board will keep Membership updated

8) Healthy Lakes and Rivers update by Ed Wallen. Diamond Lake is Oligotropic but has been considered an “outstanding resource water” by WEX which puts us in the top 1% of all Wisconsin waterways. Ed has seen a Sechi Disc reading this year of 16 feet which is better than our average of 12.5 feet. We have several “practices” that have been completed or are underway to improve the shoreline and lake. These are partially paid for by HLR grants that Ed authored. We have two \$1000 grants available, but they must be used by years end 2025. Contact Ed if you are interested.

9) Nate Thomas Fisheries Biologist Wisconsin DNR gave an excellent presentation on DL fish population. We are considered a Trend Lake, so we are studied every 3 years. The 2024 Study was done with Fyke netting, electrofishing, and creel survey. Of note, is that our Fishing Pressure is about 1/2 of other Northern Wisconsin lakes, that our walleye population is the highest it has been in two decades (1.6 per acre despite NO natural reproduction), and that Bass are still the most desired by fishermen.

10) Meeting was adjourned

John Rosebush