



Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association

Annual Meeting June 21, 2014

Marden Center, Wisconsin Veterans Home - King, Wisconsin

WELCOME: President Bob Underberg welcomed those present, introduced the Board Members and recognized and thanked the Neighborhood Chairpersons.

2013 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES: Margie Metzger, Secretary, presented the minutes. Approval was moved, seconded and approved by a majority vote. President Underberg also recognized and thanked retiring secretary, Margie Metzger for her six years of service as secretary to the board.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 2013-2014 BUDGET: Jed DeYoung presented the annual Treasurer's Report, audited by Bob Kessler, and the proposed budget for 2014-2015 to the Association for approval. A motion to accept both reports was made, seconded and approved by a majority vote. A member suggested for next year that the budget highlight changes from the previous year. Jed will implement that change.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Kay Ellis was unable to attend this year's meeting. In her absence, Jed DeYoung reported the following:

- Membership as of the meeting is 638.
- Reviewed the association's 2013-2014 achievements.
- Nominated for a three-year term: Dick Conover, Kay Ellis, John Hebring, Margie Metzger, Gary Prell and Barry Tomaras. A motion to accept the nominations and elect the nominees to serve a three-year term was made, seconded and approved.
- Recognized the Neighborhood Chairpersons work distributing the Who's Who Directory. Any Association member who has not received their copy should contact their Chairperson or Kay Ellis.
- 32 new signs were ordered this past May, however we have not received them yet. Reviewed the signboard locations that will be completely redone (Crestwood Dr, Highland Ln, E Miner Dr, Taylor Lake Ln, Whispering Pines Rd and W Columbia Lake Dr).

STATE REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATION: Representative Petersen reported there is no new legislation this year directly affecting the Chain O' Lakes. However, the following three items have possible side effects to the Chain:

- 2013 Bill 596 relating to: including water trails in the state trail system.
- 2013 Bill 680 relating to: adaptive management plans for reducing discharges of phosphorus and total suspended solids to the waters of the state.
- January 2014 Special Session Senate Bill 1 – This bill provides property tax relief aid to technical college districts. This equates to lower property taxes for everyone equalized based on property value.

These reports are on file and available for viewing.

ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Gary Prell introduced David Rasmussen, the 2014 recipient of the Chain Association Scholarship. Jordan will attend UW-Stevens Point in the fall.

WATER PATROL REPORT: Deputy Randy Busch reported the following actions for 2013:

- Hours worked – 1110
- Warnings – 512
- Citations for various offenses – 64
- Citations for OWI – 4
- Citations for marijuana possession – 3
- Underage alcohol possession – 6

For 2014:

- Received a new 17.5" Crestliner boat with a 90 HP Mercury engine.
- 2 new officers hired.

Chain Water Patrol and can be reached at 715-258-4466

SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE: Bob Underberg gave a short update on the revised Waupaca County Shoreland Zoning regulations. Copies of the revisions were made available to the association. Questions regarding the revisions should be directed to the Waupaca County Planning & Zoning office, 715-258-6255.

CAMP ONAWAY NEWS: Laura Kemps, Executive Director & Marnie Spielbauer, Program Director from Camp Onaway thanked the Association members that attended their open house tour on June 18th. They will be offering another open house tour to the Waupaca Chamber of Commerce members on Aug 18th. They pointed out that their camps are open to all children and you can contact them or go to their website for enrollment information.

CHAIN REAL ESTATE UPDATE: Joe Udoni reported the following:

- Market activity this year has been positive and the market is returning to normal.
- Currently 40 homes for sale on the Chain O' Lakes plus 5 buildable lots.
- Prices range from \$445K to \$2M.
- Closed sales recap: 2010=9, 2011=6, 2012=21, 2013=18 and 2014=12 as of the June meeting.
- 75% of homes sold on the Chain O' Lakes sold for under their assessed values.
- Average days on the market are approximately 398.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS PROGRAM: John Hebring reported that there is no boat launch manager this year as in the past the person holding the position has not worked out well. Volunteers are needed to monitor the boat landings. Volunteers are to contact him to sign up for times.

HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT: Memory books and DVD's are available at several local merchants. The committee has set the deadline of July 1, 2014 for submitting cottage/business stories for the final edition of the memory book. The final edition should be completed sometime in 2015.

SAFTEY/SKI HOURS REPORT: President Bob Underberg presented the following:

- Currently there are no actions being taken by this Association or the Townships to make changes to the current waterski hours on the Chain O' Lakes.
- An Association committee, chaired by Barry Tomaras, is reviewing the environmental and safety issues with respect to waterski hours.
- No date has been set to make any changes to the current waterski hours.

- The committee plans to present an initial presentation of their findings at the Association's January 2015 Board Meeting. No decision or recommendations would be made at that meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Association is taking strides to improve communication to the membership via our website. The Board is working with Mark Polebitski on this and hope to provide more timely notification regarding meeting times, agendas, minutes, etc. via the website.
- Code Red is a notification program for the area regarding severe weather. Informational handouts were provided to those interested.
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OPEN DISCUSSION: The following concerns were voiced:

- Clean Water/Clean Boats is a good program and people were encouraged to volunteer to monitor the boat landings.
- General questions regarding public access to Government Island. This would need to be addressed with your State representative.
- Invasive species continues to be a concern to the lake residents. The Lake District group is addressing these issues and is working with various companies to treat problems.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maryann Jenner