

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 8, 2017 8:30 AM
Dayton Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Wells at 8:40 am.

Present: Board Members Present: Marilyn Dixon, Kay Ellis, Jack Fulcher, Susan Gaastra, John Hebring, Margie Metzger, John Miller, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Bob Underberg and Mary Ann Wells
Board Member Excused: Dick Conover, Joe Udoni and Bob Underberg Guests: Bob Ellis, Larry McPhail and Joel Coltrain

Approve or Amend Agenda: The agenda was approved.

Approve or amend December 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Approve or amend January 7, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra presented the report. Total cash available to date is \$30,126.62. Checking account balance as of April 3, 2017 is \$20,303.98. We are on budget. Kay was thanked for reducing printing costs. Discussion was around the money from the 5 year memberships and the extended memberships not being reflected in the annual income.

Executive Secretary's Report: Kay Ellis deposited \$1300 from paid memberships. There are over 630 memberships. Kay received two thank you letters from Wisconsin Lakes and the Waupaca Chamber for our memberships. Waupaca High School sent a letter concerning the scholarship. 50 people have asked to receive the newsletter by e-mail. Kay sent out drafts of the agenda for the annual meeting and the chair breakfast. Kay asked that the Executive Board approve the annual meeting agenda before the May board meeting so it can be posted on the website.

Lake District Report: Bob Ellis reported on the Lake Management Plan. In the past 25 years the Lake District has spent \$700,000 of DNR grant money. With the awareness by lake owners around the state concerning water quality, the DNR has been overwhelmed by the amount of lake districts forming. The Lake District has had to start over with requirements and paperwork. Since the Lake District here is well established, it has been a challenge, as an established and long standing entity, to work with new DNR management, consultants and paperwork. April 21 is the next meeting of the Lake District. Bob Ellis encouraged us to attend because it helps with grant money. There will be 4 projects going on this year- 3 in Dake, Miner and Otter and 1 in Columbia Lake near the Casino. Chemicals and diver hand removal of invasives will be the methods used. The Lake District will continue to have a paid person at the Taylor Lake boat landing monitoring boats for 6-7 hours during the weekend.

Committees Report:

- a. Website: Sharon Peterson reported that the website is taking shape. The information tab needs to be sorted, along with having the "contact" tab in an easier to find place. Information for Dayton Township, Farmington Township and the Lake District are on the site as well. Sharon welcomes suggestions for the development and improvement of this site.
- b. Scholarship: With Joe Udoni absent, the board wasn't sure as to the finalizing of the scholarship payment. We authorized Susan Gaastra to write out a check for the scholarship.
- c. Memorial: Discussion ensued as to what was done in the past and what should be done going forward. It was moved and seconded that if someone served on the board for 10 or more years, a \$200 memorial would be given. If someone has served less than 10 years, a \$100 memorial would be given. Motion carried. Mary Ann Wells will send a letter to Betty Kessler informing her that a \$100 memorial will be sent to Waupaca Chain of Lakes Foundation and \$100 to the Waupaca Historical Society in Bob Kessler's memory.

- d. Water Quality: Phil Peterson is on the steering committee of the Central Sands Water Action Coalition. Legislation has just passed in the state Senate concerning high capacity wells. It will allow permits to be issued in perpetuity. This is being pushed by potato and corn growers. This legislation will limit impact studies by the DNR. County wise water testing will be taking place in Waupaca to determine the impact these wells have. There is a team in place for the CLMN testing. There should be 2 secchi tests done by July 1st. If any of the volunteers want to use a temperature profiler, Phil will have it available.
- e. Potential Formation of a Planning Development Committee: Tabled
- f. Sign Committee: John Hebring gave us an update on the sign replacement. John Miller volunteered to help John. This is Bob Ellis' last year working with the signs. John reported that there are 59 signs and 800 names.

Member Input: One of our guests voiced concern about weeds in Bass Lake. Bob Ellis addressed his concern.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Replacement of Executive Secretary: It was suggested that the Board post the job description on the Dayton and Farmington Township websites. Kay Ellis and John Miller will work with putting the job description out and interviewing people for the job. Margie Metzger will call neighborhood chairpersons to get the word out. John Hebring moved and it was seconded that the starting salary be \$5000. Motion passed.
- b. Aerial Photos of the Chain: Tabled
- c. Attendance: There was a suggestion made that people who are missing meetings should be called. Mary Ann was asked to call Joe and see if he still wants to be on the board.

New Business:

- a. 2017-2018 Budget/Membership Dues: Susan presented the proposed budget. The budget will be voted on at the May meeting.
- b. Potential Bylaws Revision: Tabled
- c. Posting "unapproved" Annual Meeting minutes on website: The minutes will be posted.

Next Meeting Date: May 20, 2017 9:30 AM Clear Water Harbor Boathouse

At 10:30 am it was moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and approved by the Board.

Marilynn Dixon
Secretary