

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023
Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca WI

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Board Members Present - Jan Behnke, Barry Gill, Fawn Johnson, Mark Kunstman, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Nelson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, Susan Walla and Executive Secretary Peggy Jesion. Absent: None

Guest(s) in Attendance - Art Hallstrom, Dan Johnson, Paul Mazzoleni, William Morgan, Caroline Murphy, Anne Silloway, and Fred Silloway.

Approve or Amend the Agenda: Motion made by Susan Walla and seconded by Carl Nelson to approve. Motion carried.

Approve or Amend the Minutes of August 2, 2023 Board Meeting: Sharon Peterson indicated punctuation and spelling revisions needed. Motion made by Julie Mazzoleni and seconded by Carl Nelson to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Walla reported that the Association's financial status continues to be in great shape. She said that the Association brought in almost five thousand dollars in receipts and spent almost three thousand within the budget as indicated in the financial statement. Ms. Walla said that as of August 24, 2023, \$20,000.00 was transferred into a certificate of deposit giving a net balance of \$53,339.60 in available funds.

Board Transition: Sharon Peterson announced Bob Underberg's resignation from the Board. Sharon Peterson suggested appointing Peggy Jesion to fill the vice president position until the annual meeting of members in June 2024. Motion made by Barry Gill and seconded by Susan Gaastra to approve. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary's Report: Peggy Jesion stated that there are currently 642 members. She said that Mark Kunstman has completed the road sign order and replaced some that were faded. Ms. Jesion reported the Association had sent out email blasts regarding the Lake District Meeting, Julie Mazzoleni's blog, Fishing Derby results, and Kids Don't Float kiosk. She said that correspondence came from many members who are now subscribing to the website, a request for additional slow no wake markers coming into Sunset Lake, and a few relating to incident reporting on the website which have slowed due to the time of year. Ms. Jesion indicated that she filed form IRS 990N to maintain the Association's tax-exempt status. She added that the website domain had been transferred from the previous contractor to the Association and there will be an annual \$120.00 fee to maintain the domain.

Lake District Report: Fred Silloway said that starry stonewort had recently been measured on Miner Lake and one colony had disappeared, the second is the same, the third grew a little and the fourth had grown substantially. He said that the DNR has recommended monitoring these areas for another year as in other lakes in Wisconsin, the colonies have self-contained. Mr. Silloway indicated that Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources had completed a survey in the last week and found that areas treated for Eurasian milfoil yielded excellent results. He said that the Lake District had asked for an additional slow no wake area on Columbia Lake near the sunken

island and both Farmington and Dayton have held public hearings and are prepared to pass the request. Mr. Silloway also said the Town of Farmington would be holding a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to ban enhanced wakes. He reported that as part of the Clean Boats/Clean Waters program, there were 27 inspection days at the Taylor Lake boat landing and 1081 boats were inspected.

Committee Reports:

- a. Government and Community Relations: Discussion was held about the Board's position of the proposed enhanced wake prohibition. Motion was made for the President to make a statement on behalf of the Association at the public meeting by Barry Bill and seconded by Rose Spaar. Motion carried. Jan Behnke stated that she is continuing to review the map and brochure for improvements and looking at the possibility of online payments for dues payment on the website.
- b. Safety and Recreational Use: Committee will continue to work on articles for the website. Planning is underway for a spring boating safety class.
- c. Stewardship and Resources: The committee is still promoting the Healthy Lakes program with the county. Julie Mazzoleni said that they are looking at an Adopt a Native Species sign. She said she continues to post blogs on the Association's website.
- d. Fish Sustainability: Mark Kunstman reported that there were 58 fishing participants and 82 fish entries in the Youth Fishing Derby and it was a great success.
- e. Communication: Sharon Peterson said that an email blast will go out alerting members to the public hearings that may be of interest to the members. She stated that in the spring, information will go out in regards to the Columbia Lake slow no wake addition and the additional buoys.
- f. Signs: See Executive Secretary's report.

New Business: Peggy Jesion asked the board members for submission of articles for the spring newsletter by the end of the year.

Member Input: William Morgan asked if flashing light could be put on the slow no wake buoys at the entrance to Sunset Lake to enhance boater attention.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024.

Jan Behnke moved and Carl Nelson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried.