

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022
Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca, WI

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Board Members Present - Jan Behnke, Susan Gaastra, John Hebbring, John Miller, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, and Rose Spaar.

Executive Secretary Peggy Jesion.

Absent: Barry Gill, Lindsey Lewitzke, and Bob Underberg

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

Approve or Amend the Minutes of the January 3, 2022 Board Meeting: Motion made by Phil Peterson and seconded by Susan Gaastra to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra reported that the Association budget was in very good shape. She distributed the proposed FY22/23 budget to board members for review and comment. Ms. Gaastra said that after \$9,817.22 in disbursements, the available checking account balance is \$66,275.97. Taking into account the memberships that are paid in advance (reserves) there is \$32,545 available as of March 31, 2022. Jan Behnke presented information on joining the Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce and after discussion, the Board agreed to add the membership fee to the proposed FY22/23 budget.

Executive Secretary's Report: Peggy Jesion reported that the annual newsletter for Spring 2022 had been sent out and that the article on the formation of the Chain Skiers had received many positive comments. She said that it was mailed out to 869 property owners. Ms. Jesion stated that membership renewals are beginning to arrive and the Association is on target to meet or surpass last year's memberships. She added that there has been about \$1000.00 in donations received to date. Ms. Jesion said that she has been preparing the Who's Hoo for distribution to neighborhood chairs at the Neighborhood Chairperson's Breakfast to be held at the Chain Bar and Restaurant on Saturday, May 21, 2022. Ms. Jesion stated that the Association had received correspondence from a member asking about buoy placement for aerators and the member was referred to the DNR. Another member inquired about water patrol coverage for the upcoming summer and they were referred to the Sheriff's Department liaison for further information. Another inquiry was in regard to why Long Lake has not been part of the invasive species water treatment plan and after consultation with the Lake District, a reply was sent indicating that Long Cove had been treated in 2021 and that the consultants determined that other sections of Long Lake did not rise to the level of needing treatment. The Cleghorn Chapel has been reserved for the Association's annual meeting in June.

Lake District Report: Peggy Jesion shared an email from Fred Silloway who reported that the Lake District's current scope of treatment is focused on invasive (non-native) Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil and Curly Pondleaf and not the removal or treatment of "all" weeds because there are many native and desirable plants necessary to support the ecosystem. In the spring of 2021 and as the result of on-the-water surveys, the consultant determined there were "highly dominate" concentrations of Hybrid Eurasian Milfoil in Long Cove. Additionally, there was a narrow and scattered band of HWM around the portions of the main lake perimeter. In June of 2021, the Long Cove area was treated with a new chemical product. The other areas on Long did not rise to the standard of requiring chemical treatment at that time. A post-treatment survey in Sept 2021, showed nearly complete success in destroying the two invasives in Long Cove as well as the other treatment areas on the Chain (including Bass Lake and Otter Lake which had the heaviest concentrations previously).

Committee Reports and Updates: Sharon Peterson provided a list of committees and assignments and asked the Board members to look it over for suggestions to reconvene the committees which have been on hold during the last two years due to Covid concerns. She reminded the Board that committees must be chaired by an Association member but may have non-members on the committee

- a. Safety and Recreational Use Committee: Carl Nelson said he would review the regulations and safety information in Who's Hoo prior to printing. He said that the DNR has not determined if in-person boater safety courses will resume or remain on-line.
- b. Signs Committee: Peggy Jesion said that twenty six new sign changes had been requested.
- c. Water Quality/Invasive Species Committee: Phil Peterson reported that the memorandum of understanding with Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council had been signed by the Association for continued cooperation. He also reported that the Waupaca County Land and Conservation Department is interested in improving shoreline habitat and will be doing shoreline observation in the coming months to recommend improvements. Mr. Peterson said that the Healthy Lake Program provides grants to homeowners to complete shoreline improvement projects.
- d. History Committee: Nothing to report.
- e. Fisheries Sustainability Committee: Phil Peterson reported that the permit to stock 2,000 yellow perch on the Chain had been approved by the DNR and would occur sometime this May. He said that there will be an emphasis on creating better fish habitat throughout the Chain and the Association will be working on a multi-year plan with the DNR to protect and maintain fish beds on Bass, Beasley, and Young lakes. A UWSP Fisheries professor, Dan Eisman, would like to use graduate students to determine if fish sticks and downed trees in non-developed areas will increase the fish population. He also would like to monitor fish movement on the entire Chain and will be in need of volunteers for this project in the coming year.

New Business:

- a. Website Update: No update.

- b. Next Email Blast: Sharon Peterson said that an email blast will be sent out regarding roadside cleanup, meet your neighbors gathering, and township meeting dates in the near future.
- c. Future Agenda Items: Peggy Jesion said she will be sending out an email to the Board prior to the creation of an agenda for board meetings requesting agenda items.
- d. Neighborhood Chairperson's Meeting: See Executive Secretary's Report.
- e. Annual Meeting: Sharon Peterson said that she and Peggy will work on the agenda for the annual meeting to be held at Cleghorn Chapel on Saturday, June 25, 2022.
- f. Proposed Budget Items for FY22/23: See Treasurer's Report.
- g. Chase Bank CD: The Board discussed and suggested moving the CD to Farmer's State Bank upon maturity so all accounts are located in Waupaca.

Member Input: None.

Next Meeting Date: Neighborhood Chairperson's breakfast and meeting on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. The board meeting will be held following this meeting at the Dayton Town Hall.

Rose Spaar moved and Susan Gaastra seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Rose Spaar
Secretary