

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2022
Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca

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

Present: Board Members Present - Jan Behnke, Susan Gaastra, Barry Gill, John Hebbring, Lindsay Lewitzke, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, and Bob Underberg.

Guest(s) in Attendance - Caroline Murphy, Town of Farmington Chair and Fred Silloway, Lakes District Board.

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

Approve or Amend the Minutes of June 25, 2022 Board Meeting: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Susan Gaastra to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra said that the Association received an inflow of \$2,289.00 in July of which half were donations and dispersed \$1285.38. She stated that Association funds available are \$66,922.00 with net funds available of \$49,165.22 due to reserve amounts from multi year membership receipts. Ms. Gaastra indicated there is a need to transfer some money out of the checking account to certificates of deposit and she recommended \$10,000.00 for one year and \$10,000.00 for a two year CD. She added that as interest rates are very low right now and will be researching best rates.

Executive Secretary's Report: Sharon Peterson gave the report on behalf of the executive secretary. She said that 88 families attended the annual meeting and that there are currently 637 paid members. Ms. Jesion wrote that she filed the Wisconsin Charitable Organization renewal on July 31, 2022 and is working on the three other governmental filings due in October. She indicated that the Association put out three email blasts that included one on June 15th regarding boat cover structures and aerators, the annual meeting summary on June 20th and the last on July 17th from the sanitary district. Ms. Jesion wrote that member correspondence included information regarding the number of boats moored at a single residence and landscaping that did not fit with natural habitat. She said she replied that these were likely DNR issues and provided contact information. Ms. Jesion also indicated that the Association received a copy of an anonymous letter which was sent to several other entities complaining about the lack of monitoring and enforcement regarding recreational vehicles as well as shoreline building. She wrote that another member asked what could be done about the geese problem and she referred him to the material given out regarding natural shoreline habitat that deters geese which was given out at the annual meeting and also to the US Wildlife Services. Ms. Jesion further reported a donation of \$1000.00 received by the Association.

Lake District Report: Fred Silloway said that the Lake District annual meeting will be held on August 13, 2022 at 9:00 at the Farmington Town Hall. He said the meeting will include the election of commissioners, an update on the Chain management plan, and an update on the capacity study as well as the review and approval of the FY22/23 budget. Mr. Silloway said an informal boat survey was done in early June as well as some drone surveys to determine number of boats, types of boats, activity, etc. He stated that a report should be ready in October for the purpose of having data to address concerns about lake usage.

Committee Reports:

- a. Communications: The co-chairs are Sharon Peterson and Peggy Jesion. Lindsay Lewitzke gave an update on the website improvements. She said that it is continuing to be updated and she welcomes feedback. Ms. Lewitzke stated that the member log-in is not built out yet and when it is, members will be notified how to log-in and set up a username and password. Fred Silloway said that an incident reporting function has been added to the website which can be used for any issue of concern and includes the ability to upload photos. He stated that each report will be reviewed and forwarded to the appropriate authority/entity. Mr. Silloway said that this function will give the Association the ability to collect data to provide information when needed.
- b. Environmental: The co-chairs are Phil Peterson and Julie Mazzoleni. Phil Peterson discussed the various monitoring projects that are ongoing on the Chain.
- c. Fish Sustainability: The co-chairs are Barry Gill and Mark Kunstman. No updates.
- d. Community and Governmental Liaison: The co-chairs are Bob Underberg and Jan Behnke. Ms. Peterson indicated that the agendas of various meetings are monitored and would request that all board members serve as ad hoc members to attend meetings as needed.
- e. Nominating: The co-chairs are Sharon Peterson and Bob Underberg. No updates.
- f. Safety and Recreational Use: The co-chairs are Carl Nelson and Rose Spaar. Mr. Nelson indicated that there are no current plans for in-person boater safety classes. Discussion was held about the Association's role in promoting boater safety classes for Association members.
- g. Signs: John Hebring and Peggy Jesion are co-chairs. Bob Underberg said that he has done an inventory of the lake signs and took note of replacements needed.

New Business:

- a. Update on Farmington and Dayton Meetings: Caroline Murphy said that there was an unexpected vacancy on the Town Board and that position has been filled by Phil Durant.

Member Input: None.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on October 5, 2022 at the Dayton Town Hall.

John Hebring moved and Bob Underberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:02 a.m.
Motion carried.