

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

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 Walla, Barry Gill, Carl Nelson, Mark Kunstman, Julie Mazzoleni, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, Bob Underberg and Executive Secretary Peggy Jesion. Absent: Lindsay Lewitzke

Guest(s) in Attendance - Fred Silloway and Bill Morgan, Lakes District Board; Dan and Fawn Johnson; and Paul Mazzoleni.

Announcement: Sharon Peterson recognized the passing of board member John Hebring and led the group in a moment of reflection. She indicated that the board had approved Mark Kunstman to fill his seat until the annual meeting.

Approve or Amend the Agenda: Peggy Jesion indicated that New Business needed to be added to the printed agenda as it had been mistakenly left off. Motion made by Bob Underberg to approve and seconded by Carl Nelson. Motion carried.

Approve or Amend the Minutes of October 5, 2022 Board Meeting: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Susan Walla to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Walla said that the Association received \$5,219.00 including a grant from the Chamber of Commerce and had dispersed \$5,184.38. She stated that Association funds available are \$65,121.22 with net funds available of \$48,056.22 due to reserve amounts from multi-year membership receipts. Ms. Walla indicated that she would like to move \$13,000.00 into a 13 month CD at 3.25% and \$12,000.00 into a 24 month CD at 3.15% at Farmers State Bank. Bob Underberg moved to allow the movement of the money into the CDS and Rose Spaar seconded, Motion approved.

Executive Secretary's Report: Peggy Jesion said that WCOLA had received the following correspondence: Planning and Zoning, Waupaca County Historical Society, Waupaca High School, and the Chain Skiers. She stated the Association renewed its Directors and Officers coverage through the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. She stated that two email blasts were sent out in December.

Lake District Report: Fred Silloway said the Lakes District received the preliminary report on AIS on the 2022 application to reduce milfoil. He stated that the treatment for milfoil appeared to work well with very little impact on native aquatic plants. Mr. Silloway stated that the next Lake District Board meeting will be on January 5, 2023 with the only agenda item being a review of the Lake Capacity Study and if approved, will be made available to the public.

Nomination of Directors for Election at the Annual Members Meeting: Sharon said Carl Nelson and Barry Gill have indicated interest for 2023-2026. Bob Underberg nominated both for continuing terms and was seconded by Rose Spaar. All approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. Fish Sustainability: Mark said that the committee submitted photos and articles on the youth fishing contest and fish planting for the newsletter. Barry Gill asked for \$3,200.00 to be allocated for this over the next two fiscal years. Bob Underberg made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mark Kunstman. All approved.
- b. Stewardship and Resources: Julie Mazzoleni said that she is working on an article for the newsletter on the Snug Harbor demonstration garden and an educational session on May 20, 2023. She asked for support for the demonstration garden and it was approved to come from the continuing education fund.
- c. Communication: See Executive Secretary's report.
- d. Community and Governmental Relations: Jan Behnke said that there will be enhanced maps for visitors which will be distributed to all association members and rental units. She will be submitting an email blast to go out regarding this project.
- e. Nominating: See Nomination of Directors section.
- f. Safety and Recreational Use: Carl Nelson said that each township has agreed to sponsor a boating safety class.
- g. Signs: Peggy Jesion said that there are four requests for road signs.

Spring Newsletter: Peggy Jesion stated the newsletter will contain annual membership forms and will be sent out by March 1, 2023. She said all articles will need to be submitted by January 15, 2023. Ms. Jesion said that the focus of the newsletter will be on water clarity, fishing initiatives, and invasive species.

Board Updates: Phil Peterson has resigned from the Board. Sharon recognized his service and his passion for the environment. Susan Walla volunteered to take his committee assignment.

New Business: Discussion was held about meeting frequency. The consensus was that meeting frequency was satisfactory and that committee reports sent out in advance of the meetings were appreciated. Julie Mazzoleni moved to adopt the Ethics Policy that was presented at the October meeting and Susan Walla seconded. All approved.

Member Input: None.

Next Meeting Dates: The 2023 annual meeting schedule: April 5; May 17, May 20 (Neighborhood Chair/Meet and Greet/Educational Session), June 24(Annual Meeting), August 2, and October 4.

Rose Spaar moved and Susan Walla seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried.