

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2024
Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca WI

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:03 a.m.

Present: Jan Behnke, Barry Gill, Peggy Jesion, Fawn Johnson, Mark Kunstman, Carl Nelson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, and Susan Walla. Absent: Julie Mazzoleni

Guest(s) in Attendance - Art Hallstrom, Brett Grams, Dan Johnson, Caroline Murphy, Anne Silloway, and Fred Silloway.

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

Approve or Amend the Minutes of January 17, 2024 Board Meeting: Motion made by Susan Walla and seconded by Carl Nelson to approve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Walla reported that the Association's financial status is in great shape. She said that year to date the Association has received \$16,145.00 in memberships dues, \$7,085.00 in donations, and \$840.00 from the fishing derby. Ms. Walla said that the Association had spent less than half of the yearly budget and that net funds available are \$60,339.79.

Executive Secretary's Report: Peggy Jesion reported that the annual newsletter went out to the membership in late February. She stated that there are currently 650 members. She indicated that following the Town of Farmington overturning the wake enhanced device ban, the Association had received numerous emails expressing disappointment and asking what can be done. Ms. Jesion said that many members had expressed appreciation for the email blasts and the information provided. She reported that she had started much of the preliminary work for this year's Who's Hoo and it will be printed in May prior to the Chairperson's breakfast. Ms. Jesion announced that she will be resigning from the executive secretary's position effective December 1, 2024. Sharon Peterson thanked Ms. Jesion for her excellent work which the Board echoed. Ms. Peterson said that the Association will need to look at the job duties and determine what is essential and what can be automated.

Lake District Report: Fred Silloway stated that their board is receiving a lot of feedback on the enhanced wake ordinance regarding what happened and what to do next. He said that the Lake District Board is developing many relationships with several areas around the state. He said that the Lake District Board will be asking the Town of Dayton to sign off on placing buoys on Miner Lake to indicate Starry Stonewart locations as is required by the DNR. Mr. Silloway said the Lake District Board and the Citizens Advisory Board have had an open meeting violation allegation which is now at the circuit court level and he expects that it will be resolved favorably. He reported that he and Dan Johnson will be building a second Kids Don't Float kiosk to be placed at the Knight's Lane landing. Ms. Peterson noted that Mr. Silloway has been one of thirty nominated as a Lakes Leader by the DNR. Mr. Silloway noted that the second annual flotilla fundraiser will be held on June 8, 2024 beginning at Adventure Outfitters on Taylor Lake.

Farmington and Dayton Updates: Sharon Peterson said that she meets regularly with town chairs Jeff Barlow and Caroline Murphy. She reported that the Adopt a Sign project has been approved by Farmington and Dayton will be approached next. Caroline Murphy said that the Sheriff's Department intends to purchase its own boat which can be used on any lakes in the county and recommended that the township sell its boats.

Committee Reports:

a. Safety and Recreational Use Committee: Carl Nelson said that a boater safety course will be held June 11-13, 2024 and requested fee reimbursement to participants under eighteen again be sponsored by the Association. Rose Spaar and Carl Nelson discussed the committee's table plans

b. Stewardship and Resources: Fawn Johnson reported that Julie Mazzoleni is working on two blogs. She said that they have identified four signs for the Adopt a Sign project and have member volunteers to plant and maintain these areas. Ms. Johnson said their table will have seed library samples and will also have some vendors and organizations.

c. Fish Sustainability: Barry Gill said that the committee is on track with this year's derby and has almost \$4,000 in sponsorships. Mark Kunstman reported that he and Jeff Treu attended an Angling Education workshop and will be looking at opportunities to teach kids to fish. He further discussed the committee's table plans. Mr. Kunstman said that the fish sticks project was put on hold this year due to poor ice conditions. Mr. Kunstman said that walleye stocking is due to occur in the fall.

d. Government and Community Relations: Jan Behnke reported that she will begin to restock the maps at the boat landings. She discussed the committee's table plans.

New Business:

a. Discussion of Events for May 18, 2024: Discussed in committee reports.

b. Annual Meeting: The Board discussed possible agenda items for the June 22, 2024 annual meeting.

c. Proposed Budget Items for 2024-2025: Ms. Peterson reminded Board members to have budget approvals ready for the May meeting.

Member Input: None.

Next Meeting Dates: Board Meeting, Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. Neighborhood Chairperson's Breakfast at Par 4 Resort and at 10:00 a.m. the Neighborhood Meet and Greet at The Beach House (Chain Bar). June 22, 2024 (Annual Meeting/Board Meeting).

Mark Kunstman moved and Barry Gill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. Motion carried.