

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2022
Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:48 a.m. following a presentation by Eric Olson, Director Lake Specialist at UWSP Extension about his work and the opportunities available to lake associations and districts.

Present: Board Members Present - Jan Behnke, Susan Walla, Barry Gill, John Hebbring, Lindsay Lewitske, Julie Mazzoleni, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, Bob Underberg and Executive Secretary Peggy Jesion.

Guest(s) in Attendance - Caroline Murphy, Town of Farmington Chair; John Miller, Town of Dayton Chair; Fred Silloway and Bill Morgan, Lakes District Board; Dan and Fawn Johnson; Art Hallstrom, and Craig Klapper.

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

Approve or Amend the Minutes of August 3, 2022 Board Meeting: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Carl Nelson to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Walla said that the Association received an inflow of \$2,574.00 and dispersed \$2,075.38. She stated that Association funds available are \$65,595.00 with net funds available of \$48,530.22 due to reserve amounts from multi-year membership receipts. Ms. Walla indicated she is continuing to research certificates of deposit as there is a need to move some money out of the checking account.

Executive Secretary's Report: Peggy Jesion said that there are currently 642 paid members. She stated that she received ten requests for new signs, six of which are new owners. Ms. Jesion indicated that she filed the WI Charitable Organization renewal as well as the WI Department of Financial Institutions annual report. She said the last email blast was in August to notify members of the changes following the Lake District Board election and the incident reporting feature on the Association's website. Ms. Jesion stated that she, Sharon Peterson, and Fred Silloway met to discuss collaboration and communication between the Association and Lake District Board. Fred Silloway provided a spreadsheet showing summary information about the 28 reports received and reviewed on the Incident Reporting feature of the website. Ms. Jesion requested newsletter topics suggestions and noted that topics of interest lately have been permanent boat structures, water clarity, invasive species and enhanced wake.

Lake District Report: Fred Silloway said that the Lake District next meeting will be held on November 10, 2022 at 9:00 at the Farmington Town Hall. He said the meeting will include affirmation of the goals and objectives of the 22/23 comprehensive plan and how to execute those goals as well as discussion and nomination of a new board member. He said that during the last few months the Lake District has been placing emphasis on reaffirming or reestablishing relationships with community partners. Mr. Silloway stated he was told by the contractor for elimination of invasive species that the overall followup results were positive with a reduction in eurasian milfoil. Mr. Silloway said that the contractor identified a new invasive species, Starry

Stonewort, in four locations on Miner Lake and that the DNR was notified and indicated that it was likely brought in on a boat propeller. Mr. Silloway said that the Board is finishing the Lake Boating Capacity study which will include the shoreline boat census, boat landing activity, and drone surveys and could be released this October.

Committee Reports:

- a. Fish Sustainability: Barry Gill said that committee had met twice to establish the projects for next year. He stated that annual fish stocking, youth fishing contest, and fish sticks have been identified. Mr. Peterson said that there is a property owner willing to participate in establishing fish habitat. He stated that the fish migration study is also a project focused on Beasley, Bass, and Young initially.
- b. Environmental: Phil Peterson said the committee is changing its name to Stewardship and Resource. He stated that subcommittees have been identified as Water Quality, Invasive Species, and Native Species. Mr. Peterson said that six projects have been identified for implementation.
- c. Communication: See Executive Secretary's report.
- d. Community and Governmental Liaison: Mr. Underberg said that new rules now allow repairs to existing boathouses on the water. Jan Behnke said that she was advised by the Chamber to apply for a grant to provide brochures and maps of the Chain to property owners to give to renters. Bob Underberg motioned to apply for the grant and Susan Walla seconded. Motion carried.
- e. Nominating: Sharon Peterson will update at the next meeting.
- f. Safety and Recreational Use: No new updates.
- g. Signs: John Hebring said the committee work is done for the year.

New Business:

- a. Ethics Policy - Review and discussion of a proposed ethics policy drafted by Mr. Gill. Ms. Peterson indicated that board members should review and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.
- b. Association and Lake District Email Blasts: Discussion occurred about a communication partnership between the Lake District and the Association to reach property owners via the Association's email blasts and website.

Member Input: None.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on January 4, 2023 at the Farmington Town Hall.

Bob Underberg moved and Rose Spaar seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion carried.