

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Farmington Town Hall

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

Present: Susan Gaastra, Lorraine Koeper, John Miller, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, and Bob Underberg

Board Members Absent: John Hebbing

Guests in Attendance: Caroline Murphy, Farmington Town Chair

Approve or Amend Agenda: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Carl Nelson. The agenda was approved.

Approve or Amend Minutes of 06/22/2019 Annual Member Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Carl Nelson. The minutes were approved.

Approved or Amend Minutes of 01/02/2020 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Susan Gasstra. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra presented the Treasurer's report (FY 06/01/19 - 05/31/20) indicating that the Association is in great fiscal shape. Revenue was \$19,645.00. Donations were \$3,270.00. Disbursements were \$11,721.93, under budget by \$4,767.07. The checking account balance is \$30,143.01. Total funds available are \$18,005. The Board recommends rolling over the current CD at its maturity date. Ms. Gastra presented the proposed budget for the current fiscal year. The Board agreed to add \$100 to next year's scholarship in memory of Board member Dick Conover who recently passed away. After discussion, motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Lorraine Koeper. The budget was approved.

Executive Secretary's Report: Lorraine Koeper indicated newsletters were mailed to 869 residents. She said that she would welcome articles ready for publication for future newsletters. Three email blasts were sent out. The first, in January covered proposed zoning ordinance changes. The second in March relayed Waupaca County's travel advisory. The third, in April, covered the DNR updates on boat lifts and other structures in water. Currently, there are 623 members. Ms. Koeper stated that the Who's HOO booklets will go out later this year due to the current Covid situation, with Neighborhood Chairs being encouraged to leave copies on door knobs rather than with in person contact. Ms. Koeper indicated a new vendor for the road signs was found and an order placed last week. Ms. Koeper and John Hebbing have been working on updating the water safety/AIS brochure. Discussion was held about the wake boats and the effect on shorelines and docks. Ms. Koeper indicated that the Water Sports Industry Association has a Wake Responsibly campaign, recommending boats keep 200 feet from shorelines, docks and other structures. Ms. Koeper announced that this year's scholarship recipient was Thomas Katuin.

Discussion and Plan Approval for the Annual Meeting: Ms. Peterson began discussion of how to accomplish the annual meeting during the current pandemic. Three options were discussed and it was decided to have an abbreviated meeting at Farmington Town Hall with social distancing. An email with the agenda and all attachments will be sent to all members who have provided an email address. Approximately 35 members are needed for a quorum and if not reached, the meeting will be adjourned and a meeting set for June, 2021. Motion made by Bob Underberg and seconded by Susan Gaastra. The plan was approved.

Committee Reports:

- a. Safety Committee: John Miller provided information about the plan for the water patrol with the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department. He said that in previous years, staffing was subject to whenever officers signed up but this year there will be a dedicated staff member assigned on high volume days, with support from other staff who will sign up for additional hours. Mr. Miller said this should increase the water patrol hours this summer and indicated that the Towns of Dayton and Farmington have agreed to supplement funding the water patrol should the grant money be exceeded. Carl Nelson provided the Board with updated boater safety certification age-related changes. He indicated the changes will be reflected in the new Wisconsin Boating Laws & Regulations Handbook as well as the Who's HOO.

- b. Water Quality Committee: Phil Peterson said that the zebra mussels monitoring program seems to have been put on hold and invasive rusty crayfish appear to be on the decline on the Upper Chain. A kiosk has been put up at the Knights Lane parking lot. Mr. Peterson said that approximately 1,000 kayaks, SUPs, and canoes were on the Upper Chain over the Memorial Day weekend. He indicated that the DNR has said that there should be no more than 50 per day. There is concern about the sensitive areas that users do not realize should be avoided. Committee members, Phil Peterson, Rose Spaar, and Tom Zilkowski will prepare a response to the DNR's Central Sands Regional Master Plan that includes parts of the Upper Chain.

John Miller indicated that a plan has been developed for the half acre parking lot on Knights Lane which can hold about 40 vehicles. The plan calls for signage for entrance and exit only, loading/unloading, etc. The Town of Dayton will be working on changing its ordinances to reduce the speed limit from 55 and implement no parking on one side of the road along with Hartman Creek State Park. Caroline Murphy said the Town of Farmington will work with the Town of Dayton on the speed limit for the stretch of road within Farmington. Ms. Koeper stated that the DNR sets maximum public boating access limits for navigational safety based on lake acreage, which based on the Chain's 809 acres would be 33 spots for vehicle and trailer parking for the entire Chain. It was acknowledged that the current parking situation far exceeds that.

- c. Zoning Committee: Lorraine Koeper gave an update to the proposed zoning ordinance changes by the Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Department, including a new conditional use for stand alone parking (pay to park) lots in rural commercial and rural neighborhood general zoning. The Board reviewed a letter to be sent from the Association objecting to this change as incompatible with rural zoning. John Miller said that the Town of Dayton is working on an addendum to their comprehensive plan to indicate that this type of use is not consistent with the plan. Caroline Murphy said that the Town of Farmington is willing to take a look at doing something similar.

Lake District Report: Lorraine Koeper was asked by Bob Ellis to report that the DNR has approved the Lake District's request for treatment of Eurasian/hybrid water milfoil. A permit has been issued for sections of Taylor, George, Rainbow, Nestling, Round, Limekiln, Dake and Miner lakes. Property owners where the treatment is to occur will be notified.

Ms. Peterson announced the Annual Meeting would be held on June 20, 2020 with a board meeting to follow to include election of the officers. There was no member input. Susan Gaastra moved and Lorraine Koeper seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Rose Spaar
Secretary