

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, May 18, 2019, 9:30 AM  
Chain O'Lakes Bar & Grill

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:30 am.

Present: Board Members Present: Dick Conover, Susan Gaastra, John Hebring, Lorraine Koeper, John Miller, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Dave Struve, and Bob Underberg

Approve or Amend Agenda: Agenda was amended to remove the April 3, 2019 Board meeting minutes from approval. Motion made by John Hebring and seconded by Susan Gaastra to approve the agenda as amended.

Approve or amend June 23, 2018 Annual Meeting Draft Minutes: Motion made by Susan Gaastra and seconded by Carl Nelson. The draft minutes were approved to be presented at the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra presented the proposed annual budget for the next fiscal year and the Board incorporated certain increases that had been proposed at the April Board meeting. The increases brought the total budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year to \$16,489, which is a decrease from the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget of \$16,607. Susan indicated that the Association will be in a good financial position with the approval of this budget. Moved by John Hebring and seconded by John Miller to approve the 2019-2020 budget. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Executive Secretary's Report: Lorraine Koeper reported there are 631 current members in the Association, a slight increase over last year at this time. Lorraine reported that the Who's HOO had been successfully printed through Digicopy and distributed to the Neighborhood Chairpersons at the meeting preceding the Board meeting and the Chairpersons were given detailed instructions concerning delivery of the Who's HOO.

Committee Reports:

- a. Water Quality Committee: Phil Peterson reported that the previously discussed Watershed Plan was no longer being pursued because back in the 1990s the EPA and the DNR had declared the Waupaca River a high priority watershed and the DNR had done a follow up report on that program last year that covers the same information as the proposed plan so the DNR, Waupaca County and Phil have determined a new plan is not needed. The three focus areas for future conservation efforts in the watershed area coming out of the report are to target high nitrates in the ground water in the watershed, the water draw down issue in the aquifer due to high capacity wells in the watershed area, and habitat loss, primarily wetlands. Phil recommended that the Association President or other board members apply to become part of the Lake Leaders Institute. Phil then brought up the idea of developing a recognition program tentatively called "Stewards of the Chain" to recognize people who have made strides to improve and promote the health of the lakes. It would be in coordination with the Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department and Phil will keep us posted as the program develops. Phil then proposed that we invite members of the Farmers for Tomorrow along with representatives from Waupaca County Land & Water Conservation Department and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (a federal agency) to join Board members to spend some time out on the Chain on pontoon boats. This is intended to provide the participants with knowledge of the Chain O'Lakes and to discuss the watershed and environmental concerns we share in common. Carl and Susan volunteered the use of their pontoon boats, with a combined capacity of 27 people. The suggested dates were June 19<sup>th</sup> or June 26<sup>th</sup>. Phil will coordinate this activity with the farmers involved.

Lake District Report: John Hebring reported that there was no report as there had been no Lake District meeting since the last Association Board meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- a. The draft agenda for the annual meeting was reviewed. President Peterson is presenting the Association scholarship on May 31<sup>st</sup> and will invite the recipient to the Annual meeting. Vice President Underberg will contact Kevin Petersen concerning making a 15 minute presentation and being available for a question and answer social session after the meeting. It was moved by Bob Underberg and seconded by Susan Gaastra to approve the agenda for the annual Meeting of Members on June 22, 2019 at the Marden Memorial Center. Motion carried.
- b. There was some discussion concerning the pros and cons of some sort of program to add to the compensation of the deputies that patrol the Chain O'Lakes but it was determined that it was probably something that cannot be handled at the Association level. Carl Nelson indicated he heard the County is having a hard time meeting the staffing levels necessary to provide the same level of service as in previous years.
- c. John Miller indicated that there was renewed interest in developing the south end of Long Lake. Mr. Miller indicated the developer is working with the DNR and will have to commit to investing in the sewer system and roads before the project can move forward.

New Business: Ms. Peterson reported that the County Parks & Recreation Committee revisited a proposal to add a pier at the Dake Lake boat landing. She and John Miller had attended the last Committee meeting at which it was discussed. There was no vote taken at the meeting and the matter will be under review at the next meeting. Neighboring property owners will be contacted by Waupaca County. Mr. Miller will attend the next meeting and report back to the Board with an update.

Member Input: There were no members present.

Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2019, ½ hour after the end of the annual Meeting of Members. Sharon asked that someone volunteer to be the Association's Secretary since Dave Struve no longer has time to dedicate to the position.

Moved by John Hebbring and seconded by John Miller to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:30 am. Motion carried.

Bob Underberg  
Acting Secretary