

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
Farmington Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Susan Gaastra, John Hebring, Lorraine Koeper, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Bob Underberg  
Board Members Absent: John Miller, Rose Spaar  
Guests in Attendance: Caroline Murphy, Farmington Town Chair; Bob Ellis, Lake District Chairman; Barry Gill, Board nominee; Jan Behnke, Board nominee; Peggy Jesion, proposed 6/2021 appointed executive secretary

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

Approve or Amend Minutes of 04/07/2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by John Hebring and seconded by Phil Peterson. The minutes were approved.

Approve or Amend the draft minutes of the 07/20/2020 Annual Meeting of Members: Motion made by Mr. Underberg and seconded by Ms. Koeper. The draft minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report & Annual Audit: Susan Gaastra presented the Treasurer's report indicating that the Association budget is doing very well. Total membership inflow since the beginning of the fiscal year is \$21,092.00 with \$3620.00 in donations. Disbursements of \$2500 for executive secretary fee and \$300 to the Chain Skiers. The checking account balance is \$45,435.51. Total funds available are \$58,411.18 with a net of \$24,056.18. Disbursements for the proposed 2021-22 budget will be up slightly. In memory of Mary Ann Wells, a membership for the Waupaca Historical Society has been added. Also, an increase in the executive secretary's fee related to the 3-month transition for the executive secretary. \$300 has been added for continuing education member programs to cover costs of speakers, refreshments, etc. Motion made by Phil Peterson to approve the proposed 2021-22 budget, seconded by Mr. Hebring. Proposed budget approved. Jed DeYoung is working on the audit and will be ready for the annual meeting.

Lake District Report: Bob Ellis reported portions of the following lakes will be treated: Otter, Nessling, Bass, Long and Columbia. Onterra determines location and timing of treatment. Two new members will be joining the Lake District Board; Fred Silloway and Paul Mazzoleni will be replacing John Hebring and Bob Dixon.

Executive Secretary's Report: Ms Koeper reported the membership drive is on target with 617 members. The Who's HOO will be going to DigiCopy for printing. Due to COVID concerns the neighborhood chairs will be picking up bundles of the directory similar to last year rather than at a meeting. A safety brochure will be included in each Who's HOO. Arrow orders for 32 signs have been placed and Mr. Hebring is working on getting them ready. In water lake sign assessment will be done by Mr. Hebring and Barry Gill. Website is a work in progress. Noah Lencki is working on members-only site pages and costs and usage will determine the possibility of an online membership platform in the future. The Association received an email from the DNR regarding its walleye management planning process. In response to the Waupaca County Parks & Rec Committee incorrectly stating that the DNR has no parking standards for the Chain, the Association received an email from the DNR confirming the information previously circulated by the Association that the maximum public access standard established under DNR regulation NR1.91(5)(b) for the upper and lower Chain O'Lakes combined is 33 car-trailer parking units. We have received positive feedback on the Association's actions in keeping members informed. With this being Ms. Koeper's last official board meeting, she thanked fellow board members for their support and teamwork in the many accomplishments of the past few years.

Committee Reports:

1) Safety Committee:

- a) Update on Boater Safety Certificate Requirements. Carl Nelson reported he contacted the local marinas regarding whether they check if renters have certificates for boater safety. Becker and Behlke's inform renters of the requirement. Mr. Nelson referred to WI Ch. 30.625 which discusses the responsibilities of rental agencies and does not clearly mandate checking for certificates. He will ask water patrol if they check for boater safety certificate.
  - b) Water patrol update. Caroline Murphy reported there will be a new patrol officer working 40 hours per week with the emphasis on weekends. Other law enforcement officers will be assisting. At the request of the Sheriff's Department, Farmington passed an ordinance for slow no wake speed to be in effect on Round Lake on July 2, 2021 beginning at 2 pm for safety reasons related to fireworks setup. The ordinance will be published, posted at the Taylor/Columbia boat landings and the Association volunteered to put out an email blast. In April Dayton Supervisors Peglow and Barlow voted to turn over Dayton's 38% of the water patrol property/equipment to the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department at the end of 2021 and no longer participate in the water patrol program. Meeting attendees expressed opposition to this vote. It appears this action will need to be reconsidered by Dayton as Ms. Peterson reported the Sheriff's Department indicated at the May Dayton meeting that it did not want the boats. The Association will continue to monitor this situation. A question was asked as to who is responsible for patrolling the lakes during the winter; events, cars/off-road activity, open water situations. Ms. Peterson will contact Dan Lewinski. It was also suggested the Association keep a database of accidents, etc. for future reference and ask members to send incidents to the Association.
  - c) Status update on boat landings. Ms. Murphy stated she notified John Francis from the Waupaca County Parks and Recreation Department of Farmington's ordinance banning parking on Pine Ridge Lane from midnight until 5am and asked that it be enforced. He replied he was not aware of the ordinance and would look into it. Mr. Nelson attended the May P&R committee meeting during which the committee referred to "Chain folks" and the Association as well organized in opposing recent proposals.
- 2) Water Quality and Invasive Species Committee. Phil Peterson discussed the agricultural 5-prong demonstration program and the Healthy Lakes program. The DNR has dropped trees (fishsticks) in Knight, Marl and Pope Lakes. A study in the Central Sands region found lake water levels are impacted by the water withdrawal of high capacity wells.
  - 3) Ms. Peterson proposed a rotational schedule for board members to cover Dayton and Farmington town meetings, Lake District meetings, and County meetings (Zoning, Parks & Rec, etc.) and asked Board members to state their preferences at the June Board meeting.

#### New Business.

- 1) Agenda for Annual Meeting. The Board determined to include reports from water patrol and a real estate update but, due to the COVID situation, there will be no food or beverages provided at the meeting. Peggy Jesion will be introduced at the annual meeting as the new executive secretary pending appointment. Motion by Mr. Hebring, seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the agenda for the annual meeting. The agenda was approved.
- 2) Member request from 2020 for electronic voting. This change would require a vote of the members at the annual meeting to amend the by-laws to allow voting other than in person. The Board determined this could be considered in the future if the Association decides to invest in a membership management software platform but, given the limited items voted upon, it is unnecessary at this time.
- 3) Township updates. The water patrol will be on the Farmington agenda and give a report in June, July and August. Farmington will have reports and resident communication on Otter Drive to see how it's being handled. The new room tax commission will have five members; two from city of Waupaca, one each from Dayton and Farmington, one from rental group.

There was no member input. Ms. Peterson announced that the next Board Meeting will be held on June 19, 2021 following the Annual Meeting (9am) at Camp Cleghorn Chapel.

Mr. Hebring moved and Mr. Underberg seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:25.

Submitted by  
Sharon Peterson  
Acting Secretary