

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2021
9:00 a.m Farmington Town Hall, Waupaca

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Sharon Peterson at 9:06 a.m.

Present: Board Members Present - Susan Gaastra, John Hebring, Lorraine Koeper, John Miller, Carl Nelson, Phil Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Rose Spaar, and Bob Underberg.
Guest(s) in Attendance - Caroline Murphy, Town of Farmington Chair.

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

Approve or Amend the Minutes of October 7, 2020 Board Meeting: Motion made by Carl Nelson and seconded by Bob Underberg to approve minutes. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Gaastra stated that the Association is fiscally in great shape. She said that net funds available to the Association on December 31, 2020 are \$24,168.34.

Executive Secretary's Report: Lorraine Koeper said that there has not been much change to the current membership. She stated that she filed the Affidavit in Lieu of Annual Financial Report to the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions which was due as the Association is a charitable organization. She reported that she would be working on the annual newsletter and spring membership mailing that would be sent to all Chain property owners to be received in early March with a return date for membership renewals of April 1st. She reported positive feedback from the email blast regarding the meeting between the towns and the Sheriff's Department and some additional emails received by the Association related to water patrol and lake crowding concerns and her responses, including encouraging the members to actively contact township, county, and state representatives with concerns about boat density and safety. Ms. Koeper said the County Parks and Recreation Committee recently discussed parking availability around the Chain boat ramps and indicated that they wanted to come up with additional vehicle and trailer parking options focusing primarily on the Oakwood Park area. She said it was stated that this issue will be on a forthcoming agenda for a fuller discussion. The board members indicated that this is very concerning and needs to be closely followed.

Lake District Report: John Hebring indicated that there is nothing to report as the District has not met since August, 2020 beyond a brief mandated meeting in December, 2020.

Nomination of Directors for Election at Annual Meeting: Ms. Peterson reported the Nominating Committee was recommending Jan Behnke to fill Lorraine Koeper's open seat at the June annual meeting and discussed Ms. Behnke's background and involvement as a Neighborhood Chairperson. Mr. Underberg and Ms. Peterson indicated they would run for re-election. Motion by Lorraine Koeper and seconded by Susan Gaastra to nominate Sharon Peterson, Bob Underberg, and Jan Behnke for election at the June annual meeting. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- a. Communications: Lorraine Koeper indicated that the website is in the process of being redone on a new platform which will make it easier to update and increase access for users. She said that she has received several submissions for the newsletter.
- b. Safety: Carl Nelson said he is working on an article for the newsletter on the most common boating violations. John Miller said that he had met with the Sheriff regarding the water patrol and the boat issue. He said that a schedule was worked out for the upcoming summer
- c. Zoning: Lorraine Koeper indicated that there do not seem to be any major issues that would affect the Chain in the proposed County zoning ordinance changes recently approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee.
- d. Water Quality/Invasive Species: Phil Peterson said the display kiosk at Pope Lake describes what a state natural area is and also discusses the dragonfly trail. He indicated that feedback has been very positive.

New Business:

- a. Memorials: Sharon Peterson suggested a memorial gift in honor of past president, Mary Ann Wells in the form of a membership for the Association to the Waupaca County Historical Society. Bob Underberg motioned for approval and Phil Peterson seconded the motion and it was carried.
- b. Process to fill the Executive Secretary Position: Ms. Koeper is willing to stay in the position until the end of 2021 depending upon when a replacement can be found. She said a notice will be put in the newsletter detailing the position duties and indicated that the person filling the position is not required to be on the Board.
- c. Room Tax: Caroline Murphy indicated that the rentals around the Chain that go through rental agencies such as the VRBO, Airbnb, etc collect an 8% room tax. She said that this has previously gone to the city based on zip code. Ms. Murphy indicated that the city administrator contacted the townships as it is believed that some of this money should go to the townships and the Town of Farmington passed an ordinance to facilitate this. She said that 70% has to be used for tourism and 30% can be used as the township deems appropriate. Ms. Murphy also indicated that all rentals need to be licensed through the Waupaca County Public Health Services.

Member Input: Caroline Murphy stated that the Town of Farmington will send out a postcard to property owners to survey interest in garbage pickup to be added to the tax bill.

Dates for 2021 Meetings:

- a. Board Meetings: The approved meetings are April 7, 2021, May 15, 2021, June 19, 2021 August 4, 2021 and October 6, 2021.
- b. Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday, June 19, 2021

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on April 7, 2021 at the Dayton Town Hall.

Mr. Underberg moved and Mr. Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:31 a.m. Motion carried.

Rose Spaar
Secretary