

## April May 2024 ICOLA Meeting Minutes

I. 10 AM call meeting to order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Any new members/ Who is the longest member: ?

IV. Secretary's report- approve as was sent out in the August Newsletter. Motion:

Bonnacarda 2 nd : Linda?

V. Treasurer report- annual budget sent out in the August Newsletter. See below for current numbers.

Calendars will be put out on John's dock starting in May and brought to Lake Association Meetings. Motion: Tom Miesner, 2 nd Mark Schmidt.

VI. Old Business:

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Shoreline Restoration Committee- Carol Hakala: Thank you to Joe Stennison for kicking off the project as well as committee members (Alec Christianson, Karl Nordin, John Koweleski, ...for setting up the policies. Thanks to Linda Carpenter for application materials, logo, and signage.

B. Walleye Committee- Rod Steege: WI DNR representative will discuss shocking.

C. Invasive Species Committee: Kent Gierhart: No report.

D. Facebook update- Sandy Johnson: Thank you to everyone using the platform.

E. Highway Clean-up Nancy Rothwell: Waiting for approval of application-likely to happen. First clean-up will be Saturday, September 30 th Hwy D from Hwy 40 to Plummer Road (about three-mile section). Nancy has a sign-up list. Contact her to sign-up.

F. The Lake Association store will not re-open until 2024.

VIII. Channel and Slow/no wake markers now all have lights.

IX. Thanks to all the bars on the lake for each taking a turn at hosting our meetings in 2023.

X. Any other Old Business? None.

XI. New Business:

XII. Mark your calendars for Area Lakes Day's Saturday, April 13, 2023 at Arrowhead Bible

Camp.

A. If you are a Lake Association Member and would like to reserve a vendor table please let Karl know ASAP.

B. Request for Speaker Sponsors- Looking for 4 to cover 3 speakers and Advertising - \$250 per sponsorship.

XIII. ICOLA BOARD ELECTIONS:

A. Vice President- Sandy Johnson. No nominations from the floor.

B. Treasure: John Kowalewski. No nominations from the floor.

C. McCann Lake Rep: Ted Hakala. No nominations from the floor.

D. Chain Lake Rep: Jeff Pippenger. No nominations from the floor.

XIV. Other New Business: Concert today on Chain Lake at 4:30 PM. Mary motioned for two door prizes but we already do two per establishment. Hawk asked about swim raft placement regulations-recommended to talk to the landowner and/or call DNR.

XV. Motion To adjourn: Lynn Bob, 2 nd : Deb Krahn.

XVI. Door Prizes

Treasurer Report:

Feed:

97 adult sales	\$485
Expenses	\$427
Net proceeds	\$58
Walleye Fund	\$19,780.58
Land Fund	\$15,601.15
Shoreland Fund	\$23,789.16
Unrestricted Fund	\$24,148.10
Total	\$83,318.99

Memberships  
244 members  
19 associate members  
263 total

For reference  
249 total in 2022  
233 total in 2021

After August election, filings will be made with IRS and WI Dept of Financial Institutions for fiscal year ending, June 30, 2023.

Speaker: Jeff Scheirer- WI DNR Fish Biologist: Focused on walleye restocking. Several strategies proposed to increase population. No one cause seems to be the issue. Seems to be change in environmental conditions that make other species of fish more prevalent as walleyes are not as adapted to changing conditions and other species have become more adapted and more dominant. The state has a walleye initiative for stocking walleye fingerlings. Island Chain has been stocked since 2010. Each of the four lakes receives a prescribed rate of 10 large fingerlings (6-8 inches long) per acre every other year. In spring of 2023 two surveys were conducted. Two Lake Association members participated: Rod Steege and Jeff Pippinger. Not enough for data on Clear and McCann. 2.4 adults per acre on Chain Lake. 1.8 adults per acre in Island Lake. Population is up three times since 2012 in Island and Chain. Not seeing natural reproduction which was the goal of stocking. Appears that in order to keep a walleye fishery here DNR will have to continue stocking. There is funding for three more years for DNR stocking. Also were able to get good information on Northern Pike. Size structure looks good and is unusual. DNR will draft a summary report online this winter after their field season. Also have data on bluegills and large-mouth bass. DNR will return in fall for one more walleye recruitment surveys. The chain is also enrolled in another study that looks at the interaction between bass and walleyes.



**THE ICOLA ONLINE STORE** will be opening soon.  
Stay tuned for the link coming via email.



## ICOLA Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you were a member last year and all your contact information is the same

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Lake Address (if different)** \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I own ICOLA waterfront property       I DO NOT own ICOLA waterfront property

Circle your Lake: Clear Lake / Chain Lake / Island Lake / McCann Lake

### Newsletter delivery preference:

\_\_\_\_ E-mail Newsletter (RECOMMENDED- also receive periodic important notifications)

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_ U.S. Postal (Will use primary address above if USPS is selected)

I am interested in helping with: \_\_\_\_\_

**YEARLY FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$10.00**

**ADDITIONAL DONATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your canceled check will serve as your tax deductible receipt.**

Check here if donating more than \$50 to request a receipt.

Please make checks payable to: **Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc.**

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