

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES - May 13, 2017

President Karl Nordin called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The roll call of officers was taken and Vice President, Mark Schmitt, was not present and Tom Creviston, the Clear Lake representative, and Rick Krahn, the Island Lake representative, was not present. The August 13, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as written. Treasurer, Bea Burnap gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read. New members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

The following items were discussed:

- Our first Lake Day was discussed and it was agreed that it was a very successful event and we are going to do it again next spring. We want to thank the following vendors for their participation: A&D Docks & Service Adventure, Awaits Event Venue Chippewa, Valley Electric Co-op, Cleary Buildings, K and L Prop Repair, Kelly Realty, Lake Holcombe Marina, Mower Insurance, Next Step Energy LLC, Sport Motors Harley Davidson, State Farm Insurance, TNT Insulation, TSB Lakefront Restoration & Dining, Water Source Heating & Cooling, Woods and Water Realty, Zacho's Power Sports. We also thank our speakers, Patrick Goggin, Christian W. Cold, Steven & Ellen Terwilliger and Kris Larsen. The visit by Mayo One Emergency Helicopter also added excitement to the afternoon. We were able to distribute a lot of information on a lot of topics and we hope those of you who attended enjoyed the day and those of you who were unable to attend will join us next year.
- Remember to check out our web site islandchainoflakes.org. Stephanie Barber, continues to update the site. Send any pictures or information you want posted to stephanie@raubarber.com. We also want to post a list of people who do lawn service, home repairs, boat repairs, dock service, etc. Let Stephanie know so we can get the names and phone numbers on the website.
- Karl thanked the Membership Committee, Linda Carpenter and John Kowalski, for doing a great job of organizing our membership data. We have been trying for years to get this information in a usable format and Linda and John have succeeded in doing that.
- An update was given on the signs for the boat landings. We have three signs left to install. They will be delivered and installed sometime the end of May or early June. During this discussion a motion was made to dedicate one of the signs on Island Lake to the memory of Bob Redding. Bob did so much to help improve the walleye population on our lakes. He spent many hours doing research and working with the DNR to restore our walleye population. It was agreed his memory should be honored.
 - **A motion was made by Ralph DeLuga and seconded by Bill Burnap that a plaque be designed and placed on one of the Island Lake signs. All agreed and the motion was passed**
- Karl informed us that we are on the list to receive walleye fry from the DNR this year. We should receive about 10 per acre and in past years they have been 6-8 inches.
- Karl gave us an update on the land purchase in the marsh. During the winter the last 40 acres in the marsh became available for purchase. We worked with the CVORA (Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance) to make that purchase and we continue to work with them to convey the property to the DNR.

- We continue to sponsor the Wildlife Restoration Association (WRA) at the silver level (\$250). This organization does a tremendous amount of work in the county improving fish habitat, water quality, lake access, etc.
 - A motion was made by Gary Hamblin and seconded by Ralph DeLuga to work with the WRA to restore some of our cribs. All agreed and the motion was passed.

We will keep you posted on how this progresses.

- Fireworks were discussed.
 - A motion was made by Linda Carpenter and seconded by Flo Hayden that we make a \$225 donation to Schep's Resort (\$25 for a county permit) and \$200 to the Higgins family. All agreed and the motion was passed.
- The possibility of the Island Chain of Lakes becoming a 501(C)3 was discussed. It was agreed that there are some benefits to being tax exempt. Dan Borreson, our Accountant, has agreed to investigate this for us.
- Invasive species continues to be a threat to our lakes. We want to form a committee to stay on top of this so it does not become a problem. If you are interested in leading or being part of this group please contact Karl. We have a company we can hire if we identify a problem too big for us to handle.
- Karl thanked Mike Casel, Ralph DeLuga, Mark Schmitt and Steve Prucila for putting the buoys in. If you think one is in the wrong place or one is needed somewhere please let us know.
- We discussed community access to AED's around the lake. We agreed to replace at least one unit this year (possibly two) if funds permit. We will keep you posted on this. These units are at Shep's, Backwoods, and Hawks.
- The next Lake Association meeting is Saturday, June 10th.
- **Important Phone Numbers**
 - Rusk County Sherriff 715/532-2200 Call with any lake abuse and/or boating and jet ski issues
 - DNR Satellite Office Ladysmith 715/532-3911
 - Forestry Department 715/532-2113 Call with any boat landing issues

Door prize winners were Ted Ohmart, Sandra Seilheimer and Linda Kaiser'
 The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.
 Respectfully submitted: Carol DeLugao