

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC
MEETING MINUTES June 8, 2019
SHEP'S BAR and CAMPGROUND

INTRODUCTION

- I. Call to order – President Karl Nordin called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Karl welcomed several new members were welcomed into the Assn.
- III. Karl advised that the June ICOLA minutes had been published and distributed. Mark Schmitt motioned the minutes be approved followed by a second and the minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Bea Burnap provided the treasurer's report which follows:

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| a. Checking Account Balance as of 6/5/2019 | \$9,319.05 |
| i. Income (Dues and Donations) | \$605.00 |
| ii. Expenses | \$353.80 |
| b. Bank Balance as of 7/8/2019 | \$9,570.25 |
| (\$674 restricted for walleyes and \$60 restricted for invasive species) | |
| c. CDs | \$15,000.06 |
| i. Walleye | \$4141.09 |
| ii. Walleye | \$10858.97 |
| d. Land Acquisition | \$15,049.27 |
| e. ICOLA Savings | \$5,539.27 |
| f. A voice motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report and the report was approved unanimously by voice vote. | |

OLD BUSINESS

- IV. Karl advised that the ICOLA had received a thank you from the Higgins/Bonacorda families for supporting the fireworks displays. Karl thanked both the Higgins/Bonacorda families and Shep's for providing their respective fireworks displays. Karl also thanked everyone for a very safe 4th of July Celebration and remarked there was an incident of on Lake McCann.
- V. Karl reminded members that calendars were available to members and to retrieve their calendar if they hadn't. He also added that additional calendars were available for purchase.
- VI. Mary Baldeshwiler-Nordin reminded members that the ICOLA store was now open but would be closing at midnight on July 15, 2019. She showed members various items available from the store.
- VII. Committee Reports.
 - a. Invasive Species Committee: Kent Gierhart gave an update on the purple loosestrife eradication project and brought a full grown one so members could learn the features of the purple loosestrife. Kent advised that they had ten plants in May which they put netting around the plants with beetles that only consume purple loosestrife. Once the beetles reproduced the beetles were released onto plants on the shorelines. Kent said that one plant can produce over one million seeds after the plant has flowered. Kent added that the committee would like to start a program to monitor boats coming and going from the boat landings to ensure that plants are not transferred from one lake to another. Kent had a table set up with information on purple loosestrife and other invasive species as well as a map showing where purple loosestrife has been located on the chain of lakes.
 - b. Walleye Committee: Rod Steege said that the committee has been working on identifying spawning areas so that the committee can rehabilitate those areas. He said they are also trying to identify past owners to determine other older spawning areas that may be able to be restored as a spawning area. Rod also advised that they were not working on fixing the cribs as they have found that the cribs are not helping to increase the walleye population as fisherman are fishing those spots.
- VIII. The walleye wagon was donated.
- IX. Karl updated members on the 501c3 status of the ICOLA and that the ICOLA is working on submitting the paperwork so that the ICOLA doesn't have to pay property taxes on ICOLA land.
- X. No other old business was addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

- XI. Karl reminded members that under the new by-laws, elections for two year terms for Vice-President, Treasurer, Chain Lake representative and McCann Lake representative would be held at the next meeting. If anyone is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Karl at KarlNordin61@gmail.com or 715-577-8692 as the current Vice-President and Treasurer will not be seeking re-election after several years serving on the board.
- XII. Karl advised the members that he is always looking for ideas and articles from members for newsletter submissions. If any member would like to contribute to the newsletter please let Karl know.

- XIII. Karl offered a special thanks to Sandy Seihemer for all the years of letting us use Sunny's and to the new owners, Amy Mickles and Pat Young, for allowing the event to continue this year after it was sold to them. Also, for all the prep work that Amy and Pat did prior to the event with setting up tables, and making sure everything was ready for this year's brat feed. Karl also thanked others assisting with the brat feed to include Mike and Donna Cousino, Ron Ottum, Bill and Bea Burnap, Mark Schmitt, Darrel and Jan Baumann.
- XIV. Karl presented Ralph and Carol DeLuga a wooden plaque of a map of the chain of lakes for their many years of service to the ICOLA. Carol was the secretary for 13-15 years and Ralph was also very active in the ICOLA and was the Vice-President when Karl became President. Karl said that Ralph assisted him with his duties tremendously the first few years.
- XV. Other New Business:
- a. Mary again reminded members of the store closing date/time.
 - b. Dan Kramer expressed his concerns about the size of wakes that some of the boats on the lakes are making with a discussion following about concerns of safety and shoreline damage. John Keselowski advised that some communities have enacted ordinances about such concerns. Karl said that he would table his comments until the DNR representative presentation and that he would have a "issues bucket" at the next meeting. Karl also advised that anyone could contact him with any issues at Karlnordin61@gmail.com or 715-577-8692 if they are not able to attend the August meeting.
 - c. Jill Krug and Bill Jakusz brought up a concern about a hazard buoy on Chain Lake that about 30+ yards out of place and was concerned that some boaters may lose lower units if it is not corrected.
- XVI. Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting and Darrel Bauman seconded the motion. It was passed by unanimous voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER – RUSK COUNTY DNR WARDEN DYLAN BEOISLE

1. Dylan advised that he covers the entire county of Rusk.
2. Dylan addressed the concerns about wakes and said that the State is currently involved in a study of the effects of wakes. He said that for the DNR to enforce ordinances the ordinances must go through the DNR process for approval. Once the DNR approves them then the county or municipality/town/township must approve the ordinance. Dylan said he would get Karl the information on the DNR approval process. Dylan also added that the hazard buoy should be on GPS which may need to be reset.
 - a. There was mention that Pulaski has wake rules. Dylan said that that lake is looking at a slow/no wake ordinance and currently has an ordinance not allowing boats to travel more than 12 mph from 7 pm to 10 am.
 - b. Dylan suggested that he recommends any local ordinances for a lake or lakes be posted at applicable boat landings.

3. Dylan said the biggest issue that he has seen on the lakes has to do with lifejacket usage. He said he commonly finds that boaters don't have a lifejacket for each boater. He also reminded members that lifejackets are required for kayakers, canoers, paddle boarders, etc.
4. Dylan said that other DNR wardens have expressed concerns about OWI boating. Dylan said that he realizes that in WI drinking and boating are common but reminded members to be responsible when doing so.
5. Mark Schmitt asked Dylan about rules for the channel between Island and McCann lakes. Dylan reminded members that jet skis must have no wake when within 100' of other boats. Boats can have wakes when within 100' of other boats unless the other boats are anchored. Boats pulling tubes have a responsibility to stay more than 100' from other boats.
6. Dylan was asked about spotters in boats when pulling skiers or others. He advised that in 2017 WI changed to be similar to MN law in which a spotter was not required if there was a convex mirror for the boat operator. He said this law applies to jet skis also, however jet skis are still required to be able to have 3 riders.
7. Dylan was asked about boating regulations and he advised the regulations could be downloaded from the WI DNR website. <https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/le/le0301.pdf>
8. Dylan was asked about speed limits for boats. He advised that unless there is an ordinance for the lake, there is no speed limit for boats, day or night.
9. Dylan stayed after his presentation to answer individual questions.

REMINDERS:

****The next meeting will be at Hawk's Bar. DATE/TIME is AUGUST 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM.**

Important Phone Numbers

- Rusk County Sheriff 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

**Island Chain of Lakes
Invasive Species Committee
Minutes
July 13, 2019
10:00 AM**

Attending: Tom Frank, Kent Gierhart, Sandra Seilheimer, Dawn Benning, Carol Hakala

Purple Loosestrife Bio Control Update

1. Discussion: Beetles were introduced near Purple Loosestrife plants located in channel between Island and McCann (east side of channel), McCann (Northwest Corner of Lake) and Chain Lake (bay to left of channel going from Chain to Clear Lake). Locations were marked with orange tape. It was noted that PL is starting to blossom. The group received information from DNR coordinator for PL beetles that there are beetles located on Hwy M near Sand Creek (Sand Creek Fishery Area) which could be a better site to access beetles. Report also needs to be filed with DNR on where beetles were released.



2. Actions: Kent will monitor locations to see if there is beetle activity. Tom will monitor shoreline areas to see if there are new PL locations. Kent will file report with DNR.

Sampling for Invasive Plants at Boat Landings

1. Discussion: Samplings have not occurred yet.

2. Action: Kent to do sampling at boat landings. Looking primarily for Eurasian Watermilfoil.

Aquatic Lake Management Plan

1. Discussion: No update

2. Action: Shore Line Restoration

1. Discussion: No update

2. Action: Develop article for newsletter: Clean Boat-Clean Waters

1. Discussion: Invasive plants are transferred through contaminated boats. Prevention is important. DNR has grant money available to hire interns to man boat landings. Application is due by December 10th. Committee decided that along with PL, this should be a focus for next year.

2. Action: Kent will review application and associated costs.

Lake Clarity Monitoring

1. Discussion: Committee is wondering who is currently doing the water clarity monitoring and if there is any historical data available. This would be useful in developing a Lake Management Plan. Debra Jo Heuschele might have access to this information. Ralph Deluga or Mark Schmidt might have information. Dawn also might have a contact.

2. Action: Kent will follow up with Ralph Deluga, Dawn will follow up with her contact.

a. Update since meeting: Dawn has contacted Richard Martin who has been doing water clarity testing. Island and Clear lakes have been tested for temperature profile, clarity (Secchi disc), phosphorous, and chlorophyll (2014-current). Chain and McCann are only measured for temperature and clarity

Final thought...even though I don't want to wish the rest of summer away, I hope that everyone has a fantastic fall and enjoys the colors autumn brings. Thank you, again, for being a part of this amazing organization and I look forward to seeing you at Hawks on the 10th at 10am, and to quote Carol Hakala's member editorial...

