

**ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES – June 14, 2014**

Vice-president Ralph Deluga called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Roll call of officers was taken and President Wayne Pawlak and Treasure Elaine Pawlak were not present. The Secretary and Newsletter Editor were present. The May 2014 meeting minutes were accepted as written. Elaine left the treasurer's report and it was read and accepted as read.

**NEW BUSINESS ITEM**

- Ralph gave an update on the walleye situation on our chain. He reminded everyone that the size limit for walleye is 18". You must throw anything under 18" back. Please be sure your friends and neighbors are aware of this change. We need to throw the smaller ones back if we are going to increase the walleye population in our waters. There is an anonymous tip line (1-800-847-9367) you can call if you see someone breaking this regulation.
- Perhaps you have seen boats on the lakes late at night with big lights on them. These people are spearing gar fish. Spearing this fish is perfectly legal.
- Ron Ottum and Tom Creviston put the remaining buoys in the lake. If you have questions or concerns about placement or believe we need additional buoys please call Wayne or Ralph.
- The Bethany Ski Team will return to our lakes from July 19<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Remember the next meeting is July 12 at Sunny's Resort at 11 AM and it is our Brat Feed. Bring a lawn chair and come and enjoy some good eats. We will have a guest speaker from the DNR
- We have Island Chain of Lakes T-Shirts (\$10) and Polos (\$20) available. Nancy Bollinger has agreed to take over the shirt sales. You can contact Nancy at 715/967-2497 if you wish to place an order or see her at the next meeting. (We do have some sizes on hand.)
- Dues for 2014 can be paid at the meeting or through the mail. Thank you to all who have already paid.
- Remember largemouth and smallmouth bass of any length may be kept on the Island Chain of Lakes. Unless posted otherwise,
- Carl Fischer was our guest speaker at this meeting. He and his wife Becky are Master Gardeners and work through the University as volunteers in the community to help with any issues you might have with plants and trees on your property. Carl recommended the web site [www.learningstore.uwex.edu](http://www.learningstore.uwex.edu) as a great resource for information regarding plants, trees, shrubs etc. He talked about the pros and cons of chemicals and fertilizers and recommended you read and follow all label directions. More is not necessarily better. Phosphorus is still present in some products so please read labels carefully. If you have questions or concerns regarding your garden or yard the Fischer's are available to help.
- Check out our web site at [www.islandchainoflakes.org](http://www.islandchainoflakes.org) for important dates and phone numbers.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

- **We will be having an election of officers for the Lake Association in August. Wayne and Elaine our president and treasurer are retiring their offices as they are planning to spend time in Florida. Ralph our vice-president would like to take on a new role in the organization and is willing to help out in any way he can. Please consider running for one of these positions. The well being of our lakes is very important and we have made some good strides in the last years. We want to keep all these good things going. These positions do not require a great deal of time, but there must be someone at the helm if we are going to continue. Wayne is chairing the nominating committee so give him a call. We really need your participation!**
- Please remember to contact your lake representative if you have questions or concerns specific to your lake
  - **Island Lake** – All Grefsheim and Mark Schmidt      **Clear Lake** – Tom Creviston and Jack Amann
  - **Chain Lake** – Gerry Janke and Ron Ottum      **McCann Lake** – Rollie Shadick
- Important phone numbers to keep on hand:
  - **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 boat landing issues

Door prize winners were Gale Martin, Nancy Bollinger, Steve Burkart, Ann Brown and Carol DeLuga

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.  
Respectfully submitted Carol DeLuga