

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC

MEETING MINUTES June 9, 2018

Vice President Mark Schmidt called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The roll call of officers was taken and the President, Karl Nordin and Lake Representative Tom Creviston were absent. The May 12, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written. The Treasurer's report was given and approved as read. New members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

The following items were discussed:

The first order of business was to approve our new by-laws. Our by-laws were updated by our By-Laws committee, Bill Burnap, Mike Higgins and Ted Ohmart with Dan Borreson's assistance now we can apply for 501c3 status.

A motion was made by Bill Burnap and seconded by Ted Ohmart that we approved the revised by-laws as written. All agreed and the motion was passed.

- Kent Gierhard is chair of our Invasive Species Committee and we were advised that Kent meet with people from Beaver Creek and they are going to tour our chain and identify the invasive species we have out there. They will give us some advise on how to deal with any problems we might have. If you are interested in joining this committee give Kent (715/864-2056) a call.
- Our first Annual Lake Calendar is still available. It is full of great pictures from around our lakes. Cost is \$5. We also have new shirts, hats, etc. available. Check our web site for info on that or contact Mary Baldeshwiler-Nordin at mbbaldesh@gmail.com for more information.
- It was noted that there is a very sharp edge on a corner of one of the boat landings on Island Lake. Mark Schmidt said he will contact the Rusk County to see if they will take care of the problem.
 - **A motion was made by Shelly Borreson and seconded by Dawn Benning that if the county won't take care of the problem the Lake Association will repair it.**
 - **UPDATE: Mark Schmitt updated me that this project was completed by the Forestry department.**
- Since we are involved in a Lake Study Project with the DNR we are scheduled to receive walleye fingerlings every two years. Our next batch will be delivered in the fall of 2019.
- Under our new by-laws we will have an election every year instead of every other year. At the August meeting we will have an election for President, Secretary, and Lake Reps for Island Lake and Clear Lake. Next year we will be voting on Vice President, Treasurer and Lake Reps from McCann and Chain Lakes. We have made this change so we don't have a complete turnover of officers at one time. If you are interested in running for President, Secretary or one of the Lake Representative positions please contact Karl or any one of the officers.
- The DNR now requires that we GPS all buoys in the lake. They will approve the placement and then require us to put them at the same GPS'd point every year. Mark Schmidt is going to check on how we proceed with this process and advise us on how we need to proceed at the next meeting.
- The Bethany Ski Team will be staying at the Bible Camp from July 14-20.
- 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 Ron Ottum, Jill King, Bill Jakusz, Bill Burnap and Ted Ohmart.

Our next meeting will be July 14 at 11 AM at Sunny,s. It's our annual Brat Feed...Hope to see you all there.

Our guest speaker was John Bowe from the Chippewa Falls Fire Department. He gave a great talk with some very important facts and reminders. There is a fire every 90 seconds and a fire death every 2 minutes. There are some very basic things we all can do to protect ourselves.

- If your smoke detectors and carbon detectors are more than 10 years old you should replace them.
- You should make sure you have a meeting place outside your home in case of a fire and you should make sure all your guests know about that place.
- When you are out and about in a restaurant or club you should make note of where the exits are. You might not be able to get out the way you came in, if there is an emergency.

These are just a few of the common sense things John suggested we do to keep ourselves safe.

Thanks John for a very informative talk and all the great work you and all fire fighters, police, and first responders do for us!!!

The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM Respectfully submitted: Carol DeLuga

ASSOCIATION MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings are always the second Saturdays of May, June, July and August.

July 14, 2018 – **11 AM** at Sunny's Bar (field)
(July meeting will be followed by our Annual Brat feed)



August 11, 2018 - 10:00 at Hawk's Bar

Island Chain of Lakes Invasive Species Committee Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2018

ATTENDANCE: A.J. Leiden (Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator); Chuck Kristofferson; Sandy Johnson; Dawn Benning; Kirsten Gierhart, Kent Gierhart; Linda Kyser; Carol Hakala

Agenda Topic:

I. Education to the Island Chain of Lakes Association

Discussion: Group discussed possible topics. Felt that the initial education should define what invasive species are and why does it matter to prevent the spread of invasives. AJ discussed the unique ecology of lakes and how invasives can upset that ecology. Gave an example of Zebra mussels and how initially land owners were ok with having zebra mussels since they seemed to make the water cleaner. Eventually the lakes went in the opposite direction and started having algae blooms and the fishery became affected.

Also discussed that newsletter articles should also contain articles that are more proactive in nature; example-the planting of native species along shore lines

Action: AJ Leiden volunteered to write the first article for the committee. Kent will work with Karl Nordin to get it published once written.

Obtain websites of nursery's that specialize in native shore line plants.

Discussion: Focus will be on identifying current invasive plants. AJ and his intern Garrett will each be on a boat to tour the lake. Chuck will provide his pontoon boat and Tom Frank will provide is fishing boat. Group will take pictures of invasive species found; document their location on lake maps and with GPS coordinates.

Focus on Purple Loosestrife-group will document current locations. Mark with orange marking tape if found. This might help lake owners to see and help identify other areas on the lake. Hope is to develop a plan to control or eliminate. It will be harder to spot since it will not be in bloom yet.

Action: Committee members met on June 19th at the McCann boat landing at 10:00 A.M. They toured the lake and being educated by A.J. and Garrett.

II. Ongoing monitoring

Discussion: Will need to develop a plan to monitor the Island Chain of Lakes on a monthly basis.

Action: Plan discussed after boat tour on June 19th. This will allow group members to get an idea of what the monitoring will entail.

III. Clean Boats/Clean Waters-Citizen Lake monitoring network.

Discussion: AJ discussed the program. It is a program that has proven to be effective. Issue is finding volunteers to work on the weekends. What many groups have done is hired interns to work at the boat landings. There are grants that might be available or the Island Chain of Lakes Association might have funds available.

Action: Discuss at a future meeting

IV. Future Meetings

Discussion: Will meet before the July 14th Island Chain of Lakes meeting Sunny's Bar at 10:00, since this is the brat feed and it starts at 1100.

V. Wisconsin Invasive Species Early Detector Handbook

Discussion: Can be downloaded from uwsp.edu/uwexplakes for free or book can be purchased for \$10 a copy. Make check out to UW Extension Lakes and mail to UWEX Lakes, 800 Reserve St., Stevens Point, WI. 54481

VI. Websites

Discussion: <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/programs/cbcw/resources/publications.aspx>

<http://healthylakeswi.com/>

<https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakepages/LakeDetail.aspx?wbic=2350200&page=invasive>

https://dnrmaps.wi.gov/H5/?viewer=Lakes_AIS_View

VII. Parking Lot Items

Discussion: Develop a management plan for invasive species

