

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES – May 10, 2014

President Wayne Pawlak called the meeting to order at 10 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of officers was taken. All were present. The August 2013 meeting minutes were accepted as written. Treasurer Elaine Pawlak read the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read. Wayne welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the 2014 season and gave some updates on what has been happening.

- Wayne gave an update on the No Wake buoys between McCann and Chain Lakes. He received over 100 responses to his email requesting feedback on whether we should take them out or leave them in. The majority wanted the buoys left in. We went to the Big Bend Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 14th and based on the large number of people who voted the Big Bend Town Board voted to leave the buoys in the channel.
- We did not do the Walleye Wagon this year due to a lack of volunteers. We were permitted for another deep water tree drop, however, due to the heavy snow the drop was cancelled.
- The Lake pontoon is in the water. All the buoys should be in the water by Memorial Day. If you have any issues with buoys please call Wayne or Ralph.
- We have Island Chain of Lakes T-Shirts (\$10) and Polos (\$20) available. There will not be an increase in prices. We are going to continue to sell them at last year's prices. (What a bargain!!) 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, only three walleye may be kept and they must be at least 18".

NEW BUSINESS ITEM

- 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 wellbeing 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 if you are interested.
- We had a discussion about making a donation to the firework displays that happen on the lakes every year. One display is done by Schepp's Resort on Island Lake and the other by the Higgins family on Chain lake.
 - ♣ **A motion was made by Nancy Bollinger and seconded by Mark Schmidt that the Lake Association donate \$200 to each display as a way of showing our appreciation. All agreed and the motion was passed.**
- We have a new Brat Feed Committee this year. Arlene Creviston, Marilyn Morelli and Sue Ottum have agreed to organize this for us. Thanks ladies!!
- We will be having a guest speaker at our June 14th meeting at Backwoods Resort, Carl Fischer, a Master Gardener, will be giving us some tips.
- There is a correction to the May Newsletter. The August meeting will be held on **Saturday, August 9th**, Please remember that all boating rules apply in the channel between Island Lake and McCann. You can go through as fast as you want when there is no one else in the channel but it is a NO WAKE AREA if there is another boat there. Please, we don't want to be bouncing our neighbors around. Please SLOW DOWN when approaching another boat.
- 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 Carol Hakala, Cory Stemen, Jan Lyndahl, Diana Kasel and Jan Bauman.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted Carol DeLuga