

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 9, 2015

President Karl Nordin called the meeting to order. As our new president he welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The roll call of officers was taken and all were present. The August 9, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as written. Treasurer, Bea Burnap read the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

The following items were discussed:

There was discussion about the organization's by-laws. After some discussion it was decided that a committee needed to be formed to work out the issues that were in question. The committee will bring back the by-laws to the next meeting for further discussion or approval. The following people were appointed by the president to the committee: Ted Ohmart, Bill Burnap, Ralph Heuschele.

- We discussed the possibility of the Lake Association working to upgrade the signage at the boat landings on our chain. There is no consistency in the signage and the cases are in terrible shape. There are a couple of ways we could approach this project. We could take on the task of design and building new cases or we could buy new cases. There is concern that the cases be water proof and as maintenance free as possible. Karl is going to investigate our options.
- Karl reported that the DNR did not give us any walleye last fall, however, they said they will give us twice as many this fall. The Walleye Wagon did not operate this spring. This project is very labor intensive and requires that volunteers be available daily for about two weeks immediately after ice goes out. (As you know, no one can call that date ahead of time.) If you have a group that is interested in this project please let us know and we will connect you with the people who can explain what is involved. Also please remember the limit for walleye on our chain is three (3) 18 inch or larger.
- The buoys have been put in on all lakes on the chain. If you know of a hazard that should be marked please let us know. Also after some discussion it was decided that a buoy will be put on both ends of the channel between McCann and Island Lake. The purpose of these buoys is to mark the entrance to the channel. Many boaters unfamiliar with the area have a hard time finding the channel and even those of us who are familiar with the lakes have a hard time finding it at night. Remember, *No Wake* applies when you are 100 feet from another boat in the channel. If you have concerns about when buoys go in and come out please let us know so we can work together to accommodate everyone's needs.
- We discussed community access to AED's around the lake and it became clear that this is an area we need to work on. We will be working on this and we will be having classes in the near future. Watch for the sign up on the web site.
- Please remember the No Wake regulations when passing another boat in any of the channels on our lakes.
- Our web site islandchainoflakes.org is under construction. We are working to provide you with lots more information.
- We have new chair people for the Brat Feed held at the July meeting. They are Bea Burnap and Donna Cousino. Let them know if you can help. Also let us know if you are interested in working on fish habitat, invasive species control, wetlands, boat landings, water quality or AED community projects.
- The next Lake Association meeting is Saturday, June 13th. Our speaker at the July meeting will be Jeff Scheirer, Fishery Biologist, from the Park Falls to discuss the shocking they have been doing on our lakes in the fall.

- **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 Bev Kiln, Dan Bobb, Pam Gunderson, LaVern Kiln.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM. Respectfully submitted: Carol DeLuga