



## June 2023 - Association Newsletter

### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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Lake Association Members and Associate Members,  
I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend. We certainly were treated with incredible weather to enjoy recreating on our beautiful chain of lakes.

Our Association year kicked off with an excellent turn out at Sheps for our May meeting. (Special thank you to the great hospitality of the Shep's staff hosting us this year.) There were some great updates from our Committee Chairs (see minutes), excellent discussions, and it was great to have Nick Stadnyk, the Rusk County Conservationist join us to share information on monies available through the county. Carol Hakala, our Shoreline Restoration Chair, also shared the shoreline projects that the Association has monies available to support native plantings on your shoreline.

For a link to Rusk Counties shoreline restoration website:

<https://ruskcounty.org/index.asp?SEC=FA7AA683-0F24-4E17-9A4C-753E5E2308A8&DE=8387C115-8660-4E67-A9EA-FAB0601ED69B>

Thank you to all who already sent in your memberships for this year. We had an outstanding response so far and I would also like to thank many of you who sent in additional financial donations to support our organization. **Just a reminder, unpaid members will stop receiving newsletters after the June meeting. Once paid we will restart your subscription.**

“So lovely was the loneliness of a wild lake.”

- Edgar Allan Poe

**ICOLA MEETING LOCATIONS, DATES AND TIMES**

**June 10, 2023 10 @AM Backwoods**

**July 8, 2023 Brat Feed 11 AM @Sunny's (Note the one hour later start for the Brat Feed)**

**August 12, 2023 10 AM @ Hawks \*Will need to hold elections for Vice President, Treasurer,  
And Lake Reps for McCann and Chain Lakes**

## **Links to Shoreline Zoning Rusk and Chippewa Counties**

**Rusk County Shoreline zoning link:**

<https://ruskcounty.org/index.asp?SEC=6C5C3289-D463-4C0F-8C16-3773BF9C3BB6&DE=BD8AF525-CA4D-425D-A919-B045248806F3>

**Chippewa County Shoreline zoning link:**

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/government/planning-zonin/program-information/shoreland>

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## **Another Big Donation for Shoreline Restoration**

It is my great privilege to share some incredible news. For the second year in a row, Joseph Stenison, (Clear and Chain Lake property owner) along with the Presto Foundation, have donated money to support the Island Chain of Lake Association Projects. In the last two years, we have received donations totalling \$25,000

On behalf of the Association, I want to thank the Presto Foundation, and Joseph Stenison for these funds. These funds will allow the association to continue to provide grants to offset property owners shoreline restoration projects. Please see next article how you can apply.

## **How To Apply: ICOLA Shoreland Stewardship– Grants Available**

The Island Chain of Lakes Association, Inc. is able to offer up to \$750 to members of the Association and landowners on Chain, Clear, McCann and Island Lakes reimbursement for three simple shoreland stewardship practices. Native plantings along your shoreline; rain gardens on your property, and reimbursement for rain barrels to collect and store runoff from your roof surfaces. These three practices help to maintain and improve our water quality. (We are not reimbursing for rip rap or for labor costs, but we are able to fully reimburse you for the costs of native plants, shrubs, and trees - up to \$750.)

There is a simple application process needed prior to seeking the funds. Please contact Carol Hakala or your Association board for more information or with any questions. (carolhakala@gmail.com – 715-353-2733).

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**If you would like to learn more about shoreline restoration and how you can enhance and protect your shoreline property?**

**Please click the following link**

**[https://wisconsinlandwater.org/assets/documents/Shoreline-Stabilization-Guide-for-Homeowners\\_Print-Version.pdf](https://wisconsinlandwater.org/assets/documents/Shoreline-Stabilization-Guide-for-Homeowners_Print-Version.pdf)**

**Consequences of accelerated erosion along shorelines and reasons to consider a Shoreline Restoration project on your property:**

- Degraded wildlife habitat and killing of aquatic organisms;
- Reduced water clarity, light penetration and near-shore aquatic plant growth;
- Release of excessive nutrients that stimulate undesirable algae growth;
- Change of bottom substrate, impacting spawning areas; and
- Potential loss of valuable waterfront property

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Minutes for the  
Island Chain of Lakes  
Association Meeting  
May 13, 2023

- I. Call to Order- 10 AM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Welcome new members: Emily Niemeyer.
- IV. Introduce 2023 Board and Lake Reps
  - Vice President - Sandy Johnson, Island Lake
  - Secretary - Kristi Thoreson- Island/McCann Channel
  - Treasurer - John Kowalewski-Chain Lake
  - Island Lake Rep- Rick Krahn
  - McCann Lake Rep- Ted Hakala
  - Clear Lake Rep- Larry Bins
  - Chain Lake Rep- Jeff Pippenger
- V. Secretary report - approve as mailed out in newsletter-Motioned by Ted H,  
Seconded by Carol Hakala. Changes to Secretary Report: #5 D. Non-commercial  
site for the Facebook page so no posting of items to sell. Approved.
- VI. Treasurer report- Prepared by John Kowalewski. Presented by Sandy Johnson in  
John's absence.  
Financial balances as of May 11, 2023

Land	\$15,501.48
Walleye	\$19,654.22

Shoreland Restoration	\$14,403.60
Unrestricted	\$23,977.52
Total	\$73,536.82

Membership count as of May 10, 2023  
128 members  
13 associate

Motion to approve: Mark Schmidt, Second: Deb Krahn.  
Motion approved.

## VII. Committee Reports

- Walleye- Rod Steege: DNR set nets and electroshocked. Report on data will be provided by the DNR sometime later this summer. DNR will be back in the summer to do a count on panfish. Last spring DNR did a shoreline study of the bottom material (muck/sand). Walleye study likely goes until 2028 and then is re-evaluated.
- Invasive Species- Kent Gierhart- unable to report- (Tom Frank) – Focusing mainly on Purple Loosestrife. There is an increase of the amount of plants on the shorelines. Hoping to dig the seed plants on Monday to get them growing for beetles. Committee would like to find a beetle source and are looking into sources and prices. Committee will place beetles in mid-June. Objective is for natural control of spread. Committee is looking for help to distribute beetles with kayaks.
- Shoreline Restoration- Carol Hakala: Received a \$15,000 donation last year. Property owners can be awarded up to \$750 for shoreline plantings or rain gardens. Awarded the first \$750 reimbursement. There are enough funds left for about 12 additional property owners who are members of ILCOLA. Nick Stadnyk explained opportunities for Rusk County residents. Program is modeled after the WI DNR Health Lakes Program. County can help design and fund shoreline protection practices. The program pays up to 50% of the costs up to \$1500 of the project. Contact county conservationist and Land Conservation Director, John Stadnyk for consultation. County program deadline is July 28<sup>th</sup>. Question regarding rock rip rap: Has a purpose of protecting bank erosion but it does not have other benefit. Log

revetments are another option for erosion control. Permits may or may not be required.

- Nick Stadnyk 715-532-2162, Cell: 715-415-2387
- nstadnyk@ruskcountywi.uw
- Healthy Lakes and Rivers grants are also available from the state on a case-by-case basis.

VIII. Facebook- Sandy Johnson- Review posting Criteria: Not a selling site. Allowing special events/special occasions to be posted (even by businesses-not regular events like happy hour, etc.).

IX. ICOLA Store - Mary Baldeshwiler Nordin: Website store is open. Order deadline (online order and pre-paid) is May 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM.

X. Other Old Business

XI. August Election: Vice President, Treasure, Lake Reps of Chain and McCann

XII. Fireworks Donations: Increased the donations for fireworks to Shep's and Barnokola Family. Motion to support fireworks and donation: Motioned by Mary Koehn. Seconded by Sandy Johnson. Motion approved.

XIII. Thank Yous:

- A. Buoy Crew: Rick Krahn, John Kowalewski, Tom Meisner, Ted Hakala, Mark Schmitt for storing all the equipment over the winter. Replaced some of the hazard buoys. Around 20 buoys are placed throughout the chain. In the process of purchasing more buoys for this year.
- B. Pontoon Storage: Rick and Deb Krahn
- C. Calendar- Linda Carpenter and John Kowalewski-THANK YOU for soliciting advertisers and for design work.
- D. Newsletter Stuffing: John Kowalewski, Ralph and Carol Deluga, Sandy and Todd Johnson, Larry and Bonnie Bins, Rick and Deb Krahn. THANK YOU!

XIV. Other New Business – Warren Wangen (Chain Lake) died 5/12/2023. -Tom: Discuss funding for beetles. Committee should contact Karl Nordin regarding funding. Question regarding loons: Loon watcher not in attendance at the meeting. -Wildlife Restoration in Rusk County: Karl Nordin Rod Steege attended. Natural habitat for loons in preferred because this chain has so much natural habitat.

XV. Motion to adjourn. Carol Hakala motioned. Seconded by Linda Grefsheim. Adjourned at 10:55

Prizes Awarded per ticket drawing