

WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
Camp Greenwood
May 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson, Kevin Martin, Ed Armbruster, Kevin Bird, Bob Darvill, Mara Iteen, Gloria Gibson, Nan Holmes, Scott Jankowiak, Carol Bird, Chris Decker, Cathy Schrauben, Phil Silva, Jake Dayringer, Bruce Veldman, Don Hoogerhyde, Wayne King, Tom VanPortfleet, Colleen O'Herron, Scott Hutchinson

Absent: Deb Eaton, Ron Trumble, Norm Davidson

Called to order at 6:31 pm by Wendi who welcomed everyone.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President's Report- Wendi reported that she and Norm attended the Social Dinner in April, and two Channel Committee meetings.

Secretary- Minutes of the February 28, 2022 meeting were emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes, Don 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Bruce reported that we have 194 members. Not a lot of expenses – padlocks and dock repairs. We have about \$37,000 cash, which about \$7,000 is Fish Plant Reserve. There wasn't a fish plant last fall, and we haven't had one in the spring due to an issue of supplier. Phil made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jake 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish Plant- Don contacted two suppliers Stoney Creek and Laggis Fish Farm. They both recommended not doing a spring fish plant, the fish are too small. Planning on a fall fish plant with Walleye from Stoney Creek and Small Mouth from Laggis.

Lake Quality and Beaver Control- Bob has checked the dam, doesn't appear to be damage from Beaver's. PLM has been out for spring testing, but we don't have a current update. He attended the Michigan Lake & Stream Annual Meeting, and asked about the spray that's been prohibited. They said it could be due to the affect it had on one lake, then they do it for all. The Minnesota Test was discussed that confirms wake boats cause higher waves resulting in more erosion. Nothing is planned to be done. Companies have stopped building them. Motors are down or a slant, the ones with a slant shoot out more. Bob recommends we continue our membership, they have good resources. Weed control is scheduled for May 16.

Golf Outing- Wendi said Tom may be stepping down from the lead, asked if anyone could take over.

Boat Launch & Signs- Don said the fence that was put up at the Kindy Boat Launch seemed to work well. Had one issue with kids going over it. It was removed just before ice was done. Before ice went out, Tom Meyer and Don leveled the Kindy dock and installed "No Power Loading" sign. Jim M and Don put in fresh concrete and rubble in the area that had been washed out. Bruce, Don, Ed, and Bob repaired the Camp Concordia boat launch. The center supports got pushed by ice. The sign is missing between Woodbeck and Horseshoe (HS), think it fell in. There are two "Shallow Water" signs that are falling over on HS, need to get put back up.

Kayak Poker Event- Kevin reported it will be same setup as last year with some minor changes. He requested Gloria and Nan's help again. After WCLA event, then a party at Ed and Bobbie Armbruster's will follow. Will be requesting some pontoons like last year. Last year the WCLA funded porta-john rental, snacks, water and supplies. Jake made a motion to authorize \$400 as a budget for porta-john rental, snacks, water, and miscellaneous items. Wendi 2nd, Motion passed. It was asked where can kayaks can be parked? Kevin said can bring kayaks ashore to Ed's or 2 neighbors. Participants will need to bring ropes to tie up. Bruce to check if an insurance rider is needed.

Progressive Kayak Event- Won't have it this year since we have the Poker event, may rotate years. Have had a couple people say they would host, will put that on back burner for next year.

Welcome Committee- Nan said that she and Teri will be welcoming people to the lake again. It was stopped during Covid.

Halloween Party- Nan asked what the Board thought about doing a Halloween Party in October instead of a social dinner. It cost \$10/pp last time and members paid \$5/pp. It would be \$11/pp this year. It would be Saturday, October 29, 2022 at Brookside Golf & Grill. Wendi asked Nan to get a cost for a DJ.

Pancake Breakfast- Nan reported that it's Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 – 11:00 am at Camp Greenwood. Carolyn will cook again and we pay a fee to Camp Greenwood.

Annual Dinner and Meeting- Nan reported it will be Saturday, August 27th at Camp Concordia. She reached out to Carolyn to cook. Nan asked if we could request RSVP's. Last year attendance was much smaller and a lot of food was given away. It was decided to request RSVP's.

Monthly Get-Together- Next get togethers will be May 24th 6:00 pm at El Rancho Mexican Grill & Bar, June 20th 6:00 pm at Hop Hog Backyard Brewpub and July 18th 6:00 pm at Candlestone Water Tower Bar and Grill. RSVP's are required.

Christmas Party- Nan is still researching options. Frugthaven is too expensive this year. Winter Inn is still an option. Jean asked if Winter Inn offered an appetizer option with dinner after. Nan will check if the two dinner options would be available.

Meal Train- Mara reported that she had 23 members sign up to support a recent meal train request. We will be supporting our member when they let us know it's needed. Mara will relay any food restrictions. There was an event on 04/22 to support the family and there's a Venmo app if folks still want to donate.

Bylaws Committee- Cathy reported that they have met a few times and are in the third draft with language. They plan to have recommendations at next meeting. A 30 day notice to all members for any proposed changes in the Bylaws is required. Chris said the committee will be ready.

Channel Committee- Wendi reported the Channel Committee has met twice and discussed reflectors between Banks and Thomas. One of the concerns some committee members had was about the Boards potential for liability if signs or reflectors were put up. It was decided not to move forward with signs or reflectors. Jason from PLM also attended the meeting and he will be coming back with a proposal on how to manage the channel. One of the ideas presented by PLM is that they could do a sonar scan to provide some depth maps so we could have a baseline and know if there are changes. PLM has science and history of our lakes and provided advice. Scott Jankowiak asked if the committee could be dissolved since the channel is being left as is. Bruce made a motion to dissolve the Channel Committee and have Jason of PLM come to the Board with the report and recommendations. Scott Jankowiak 2nd it, Motion passed.

Bridge Raising- Wendi reported that a member asked if the bridge raising could be re-looked at and focused on. Wayne said his feeling is that the Board stay neutral, as not all members want the bridge raised. Engineering has been done previously for raising it 3 feet. Wendi asked if there was a survey of members previously, and Gloria said there was a report where people said they would pay, but not guarantees of donation. Wayne said we need to decide if Board is going to support or not. There was issue of money collection and if we collected and then needed to return funds. Board discussed if it should support the bridge raising or stay neutral. It was agreed that it's too controversial for Board to take a position. Wendi made a motion that the WCLA Board stay neutral and not be involved with the Bridge Raising Committee. Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pay Pal- Scott discussed with Bruce the savings if we change our account to a non-profit. Bruce said it isn't a significant cost savings, no need to change.

Corn Hole Chili Cook off- Nothing discussed.

Boater Safety Course- Wendi reported that so far -0- response. Wendi said she was asked by some grandparents if grandkids could participate. It was discussed that if that incentivizes grandkids of members to get their boater's safety, then we could be in support of that. Jake made a motion to extend the offer of a \$15 Amazon Gift Card to the grandchildren of members who pass their boater's safety class and also extend the deadline to June 30, 2022. Phil 2nd, Motion passed.

Plants Sale- Wendi said that we'll discuss the date, place and other details at the July Board meeting. All plants will be \$2.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Calendar of Events- Wendi, Nan, and Gloria have worked on and delineated to clarify which are association sponsored events. She noted that Elvis on July 2nd and the August 20th party on Horseshoe aren't WCLA sponsored events. Bruce asked if the calendar is going on the website. Gloria said she'd put on the website as events are confirmed.

Kids Fun Day- Wendi is looking for volunteers. Tentatively August 7. Craig said we could host it at Camp Concordia.

Drain Commission Letter- Wendi reported that all lake homeowners received a letter from the Office of the Drain Commission in regard to the Stacey Street seepage of water through the earthen embankment. Seepage has potential to mobilize the earthen material and cause the embankment to fail. She left a voice mail with Jeff Knapp to try to get more information but has not heard back. Scott Hutchinson to call for additional information.

Lake Hours request- Wendi was asked by a member if the Board would consider requesting that speed boats and PWC's have reduced hours on the lakes. It was discussed, but decided that all we can do is remind boaters of Michigan Marine Law and Boater Safety Rules. The rules will be put in the next Waterline along with a reminder that, as a courtesy, to respect No Wake hours.

8:08 PM Bruce motioned to adjourn the meeting, Wayne 2nd, Motion passed.

Submitted by: Kris Ferguson, WCLA Secretary

Meetings and Events:

- Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 8:00-11:00 am at Camp Greenwood
- Kayak Poker Run – July 23, 2022
- Progressive Kayaking – possibly next year
- Golf Event – July 30, 2022 at the Links of Bowen Lakes
- Annual Meeting – Saturday, August 27, 2022 at Camp Concordia
- Camp Greenwood Workaday – April 23, 9 am – 4 pm & May 14, 9 am – 4 pm
- Halloween Party - TBD
- Christmas Party – December 11, 2021 at Winter Inn; TBD for 2022
- Cookie Exchange – Will plan for 2022
- Sledding Event – February 12, 2022

Board Meetings:

- Monday, September 13, 2021, Camp Greenwood
- Monday, November 8, 2021, Camp Greenwood
- Monday, January 10, 2022, 6:30, Wendi & Norm Davidson's home for in-person & Zoom
- Monday, ~~March 14, 2022~~, Rescheduled to 02/28/2022 at 6:30 pm, Camp Greenwood & Zoom
- Monday, May 9, 2022, 6:30 pm, Camp Greenwood
- Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:30 pm, Wendi & Norm Davidson's home
- Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:30 pm, Location TBD