

WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
Camp Greenwood
September 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson, Ed Armbruster, Kevin Bird, Bob Darvill, Phil Sliva, Bruce Veldman, Don Hoogerhyde, Kim Covell, Norm Davidson, Angie Peterman, Tom Meyer, Marilyn Klemm, Krista Botting, Jake Dayringer, Michael Liden, Kevin Martin, Candie, Ritsema, Deb Eaton, Chris Decker, Marty Scheel, Robin Scheel

Absent: Aaron Antcliff, Mara Iteen

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Wendi who welcomed everyone.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Voting of the Officers- Deb Eaton made a motion to keep the same officers. Kim Covell 2nd. The same officers agreed to serve again. Motion passed. Officers are Wendi Davidson-President, Kevin Bird-Vice President, Bruce Veldman-Treasurer, Kris Ferguson-Secretary.

Secretary- Wendi read the minutes from the July 2023 meeting due to having new members in attendance. Don made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, motion passed.

President's Report- Wendi reported that she wrote the August Presidents Corner; wrote President's Corner for September Waterline Edition; met with Nan to plan next year's Social Dinners and events; participated in the WCLA Golf Outing; she and Norm attended Social Dinner at Kicks in August; prepared the Year in Review for the 09/16/2023 Annual Meeting & attended Annual Meeting; organized the Share Your Plant Sale scheduled for Saturday, 09/23/2023.

Treasurer Report- Bruce reported that for the new fiscal year, we have \$1,145 income. \$1,040 is prepaid membership dues. We have 26 members paid for the 2024 season. Raffle income \$155.00. Expenses are insurance, PO Box, IRS & state filing. Have \$27,564 in the general fund. He received a \$300 invoice from Lakes & Streams for membership renewal. After discussion of the benefits of membership, it was decided to renew. Wendi mentioned that she hadn't seen the magazine, Bruce said he'll make sure she gets a copy. Wendi said that there are good rates on CD's right now. She and Bruce had started paperwork to purchase a CD that was voted on in a previous board meeting, they will soon be completing the process. Jake motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, Phil 2nd, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish Plant / Boat Launch & Signs- Don said that we're going to plant 2,000 8-9' Walleye and 300 3-5' Yellow Perch. Cost is about \$6,300. He'll receive an email from Stoney Creek a couple of days ahead of delivery. Don will let Angie know when it gets scheduled so that she can send a blast. He asked about doing a survey to see what people are catching. He got the Banks Lake sign turned around. We're going to put snow fence up again at Kindy. Need to replace it, only costs about \$30. He said that he, Ed, Jake and Ron put "No Trespassing" signs by 16 Mile. Don asked if there a way we could purchase the road end. Bruce said that Kindy had been a road end as well, and we could reach out to our Kent County contact. Don said he'll start the conversation.

Lake Quality and Beaver Control- Bob reported that a new invasive species called Starry Stonewort has been identified in the past 2 weeks. It comes from Europe and is moving west. It's been spotted in Horseshoe. We still have Purple Loosestrife and Eurasian Milfoil (Milfoil), as well as native Yield Grass. Ice didn't happen so it didn't kill off the weeds like it normally would. Chris asked how PLM bills are being tracked. He said that he previously was able to see what was sitting in our account with the township treasurer. Chris said he'll contact the treasurer. Kevin said that new species may have to be sprayed up to 40 times per year. Bob said the Milfoil has spread since last year. Chris made a motion to have a temporary weed control budget review committee. Bruce volunteered. Bob said that two beaver families have been removed and water is flowing. He said September – October is when mapping will take place.

Welcome Committee- Phil reported that at the Annual Meeting, that he and Denise welcomed Phil & Mary Ellen Bloem on Thomas. The Spragues did an article for the Waterline.

Monthly Get-Together and Social- Wendi reported that we had a total of 19 events and 600 participants. Nan and Wendi met to review the social events list for the new period. Next Social Dinner is October 17 at Candlestone. Mindy and Cathy Schroeder made Halloween center pieces that will be raffled off at the dinner. Wendi said if anyone has ideas for non-cost events to bring them to her.

Cookie Exchange- Deb Eaton to host on Sunday, December 10th at 1:00. Deb requested funds for beverages and snacks. Jake made a motion to approve up to \$100 for the event, Kevin Martin 2nd, Motion passed.

Halloween Party- Cancelled for 2023

Cornhole and Chili Cook-off- Wendi said it will be held November, November 4, 2023, 1:00pm at Wendi & Norm's home. Wendi requested \$150 for trophies and medals. Bruce made a motion to approve, Bob 2nd, motion passed.

Christmas Party- Scheduled for Saturday, December 2nd at Wendi & Norm Davidson's home. Depending on the weather, may need a driver to shuttle folks from the road to the house. Bruce offered to shuttle if needed. Chris offered to have one of his kids help. It's bring a dish to share, and BYOB. Wendi requested \$200 for snacks and beverages. Marty made a motion to approve up to \$200, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

Meal Train- A meal train recipient received \$140 in donations to purchase food. They didn't end up using and donated it back to the WCLA. Mara will have that option removed from future Meal Train options, it was difficult to get the funds.

Bylaws Committee- Kevin said that the bylaws have the board members and alternates serve for 2 years. Purpose is so that whole board doesn't quit. Three new representatives have been voted in. Jake said he'll review new list for who's in 2 year term and who has 1 year left and note with the appropriate astericks.

We will have special meeting from 6:00-6:30 to vote on changes to the Bylaws.

Share Your Plants Sale- Will be on September 23, 2023, at Wendi and Norm Davidson's home. Plants, and pots can be dropped off any time after Friday, September 22nd at 8:00am. There will be helpers there until Wendi gets there at noon. There will be signs at the end of the drive. Pots have been added to the sale for \$2.

Boater Safety Course- Wendi reported that 9 kids completed the boater safety course. The program is open to kids and grandkids, up to 21 years of age, of WCLA members.

Waterline- Jake said if anyone has any articles, feel free to forward. He said that getting articles in Word is easier than a PDF. Wendi mentioned that photos didn't come through. The Waterline is January, May, and September. Wendi said that Phil could assist if needed. It's done by the 15th. Need to have everything in by end of previous month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Camp Greenwood- Jake reported that the workaday will be Saturday, October 21st. There will be the annual work day, then lunch, then annual meeting from 1:00-2:00pm. The camp is hosting a Halloween Festival Carnival event, with a concession stand, haunted trail, caramel popcorn from 6:00-8:00pm. Everything is free except the concessions.

Water Sustainability Plan- Chris suggested a Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) and committee. Wendi suggested starting with the budget. Bob said that we have a WSP with PLM. He'll get it in the Waterline and to Angie to upload to the site. Kevin said we'll also need to build a future plan from mapping, and will need more information before the committee can be formed. Chris made a motion to form a Water Sustainability Plan committee with Kevin to go through the data. It would be different than the Lake Quality & Weed Control Committee. The mapping will be a couple of months.

Board Meeting Schedule- Board meetings will be on Mondays at 6:30 on November 13, January 8, March 11, May 13, July 8, September 9, and November 11. Annual Meeting will be in August.

Wendi unavailable- Wendi will be out of commission in December and maybe January, will need Kevin to help.

OLD BUSINESS:

Apparel- Next order will be in the May 2024 Waterline.

Annual Meeting- Bruce reported that we had 46 attendees. Costs were \$550 for the food and Cook Caroline.

7:46 PM Wendi motioned to adjourn the meeting, Don 2nd, Motion passed.

Submitted by: Kris Ferguson, WCLA Secretary

Meetings and Events:

- Pancake Breakfast –
- Progressive or Poker Kayaking Event–
- Golf Event –
- Annual Meeting –
- Camp Greenwood Workaday –
- Halloween Party –
- Cornhole & Chili Cookoff- Saturday, November 4, 2022, at The Davidson's
- Christmas Party – December 03, 2022, at Winter Inn
- Cookie Exchange – Sunday, December 11, 2022, at Deb Eaton's home
- Sledding Event –
- **Board Meetings:**
- Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30pm, Camp Greenwood
- Monday, November 13, 2023. 6:00-6:30pm Special Meeting, Board Meeting at 6:30pm, location TBD
- Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:30pm, location TBD
- Monday, March 11, 2024, location TBD
- Monday, May 13, 2024, 6:30pm, location TBD
- Monday, July 8, 2024, 6:30pm, location TBD
- Annual Meeting – August 2024, date and location TBD
- Monday, September 9, 2025, location TBD
- Monday, November 11, 2025, location TBD