

WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

WCLA Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017

In attendance: Bob Alexander, Ruth Kohn, Kris Ferguson, Tom Stressman, Bruce Veldman, Donna Layle, Rebecca McIntyre, Craig Oldenberg, Colleen O'Herron, Jodie Ramos, Chris Decker, Michael O'Herron, Jean Stevens-Berry, Norm Davidson, Don Hoogerhyde, Tom Hawkinson, Jill Plate, Bob Darvill, Kevin Martin, Jeremy Neve, Sandy Allers, Wayne King, Gloria Gibson

Tom Stressman welcomed everyone at 7:00. Meeting was at Camp Concordia. First order of business, election of officers. He reminded everyone that we will have only four meetings a year, and the annual meeting.

Election of Officers: Chris Decker offered to fill the President's role. Tom S asked for approval, approval was unanimous. Jodie Ramos was nominated by Rebecca McIntyre to be Vice President, Jodie accepted, Bruce 2nd, motion passed. Tom asked for Treasurer nominations, noting that Bruce would like to step back. Bruce explained the position, he goes to PO Box to pick up mail, reimburses people for expenses, pays a few bills, uses Quickens Software. He said that if someone could attend events to collect money that he could stay on as Treasurer. Jeremy Neve volunteered himself and his wife Nicole to take in money at events. RuthAnne Kohn offered to train under Bruce this year, with the expectation of taking on the role next season. Kris Ferguson was nominated by Sandy Allers to be Secretary, Kris accepted, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary: July 10, 2017 meeting minutes had been sent by email for review by RuthAnne. Tom H motioned to accept the minutes as written, Bruce 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Bruce reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He noted that our fiscal year end is 08/31, however, the bylaws have it as 12/31. This needs to be corrected, but can only be done at an annual meeting with more members. Will need to vote on at next annual meeting. We achieved 203 Members, which is a record. About 46 people attended the annual meeting. Norm asked what is included in the Miscellaneous Fund. Bruce said that \$281 is from golf event and \$250 is Mike Wolthuis sponsoring the outing. Norm requested that the golf event have its own line item, since it's gone on for 4 years, and Bruce agreed to add it. Bob motioned to accept the Treasurers Report, Jeremy 2nd, motioned passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish Plant: Tom Hawkinson reported that there will be two fish plants (FP) this year. The first one will be late October/early November with 5-8" Walleye. Walleye are cold season fish. Spring will be 650 Bluegills. Bluegill will be close to spawning season. We get a 28% discount for our quantity. He said that he's been getting good pics, and to keep them coming. He said that he doesn't need a whole committee, but he asked for a helper with the winter fish plant because he won't be there. Bruce said that he can check on the fish plant if he's in town, otherwise he'll get a helper if he can't make it.

Lake Quality: Bob Darvill explained to the new board that he and Don Hoogerhyde are the Lake Quality Committee. He explained the association's relationship with PLM. Biggest expense PLM has is purple loosestrife. If we don't keep it under control, it will get more expensive. One plant can germinate a million seeds. Talk to your neighbors about trying to get it reduced. He and Don saw many houses with it. Bill said to cut the flower heads off, put in plastic bag and put in trash. It's great if they can be dug up and put in bag in trash too. Update on biomass that was in front of Bev Jone's house, about 3 weeks ago Bruce Veldman, Kevin Martin, Don Hoogerhyde, Scott Harding, Bev, Bob Darvill and Wayne King were able to cut it up and get rid of it. Wayne had donated the use of his front loader. The mass was 3 ft thick and filled up the beach area. The team of seven got it

removed and Bev was very appreciative. Two more biomasses were spotted on the lake, but hopefully they stay put. Norm asked if they thought boat propellers could have caused it. Bob said partially, but it's also marshes breaking off. PLM is putting together late summer final report.

Welcome Committee: Nothing to report.

Monthly Get-Togethers: Gloria reminded everyone that Thursday 09/21 is at Smyrna Bar in Belding at 6:15. Nan is accepting RSVP's. Nan would like to continue doing the monthly get-together's and she'll be working on next year's schedule.

Membership: Gloria said that we topped our record with 203 memberships. She already has received a few for 2018. January will be when annual membership letter goes out. Gloria will need Chris D's help.

EVENTS:

Kayak Event: Had over 50 kayakers, was a great success. Would like to add even more creativity to next year's kayak event. Thanks was given to Norm & Wendy Davidson, Jeremy & Nicole Neve, Nan, Gloria & Mickey and Wayne & Kathie King for hosting.

Golf Outing: Norm said everyone had a good time, and looking forward to next year. Brookside charges \$30pp. He'll be looking for the same deal next year. Included cart, food & golf.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom S said that he heard the boat from the non-member/non-property owner had been removed, but Gloria said it's back, so now Chris's issue. The property that was for sale at auction on Half Mile was purchased for \$5,500, don't know who bought it.

Now with fewer meetings, they will need to be strategically scheduled. Tom H. suggested breaking things down to committees and stuff could be brought to meetings for action items.

Gloria said that she, Wendy and Nan would meet for kayak committee, and she'll send an email blast to see if anyone wants to join.

Bruce suggested assigning each board member to a committee.

It was decided to have the 2018 board meetings on February 12, April 16, July 9, and September 10, which are all Monday's. Have summer activities ready to be discussed and approved by February's meeting. Jodi motioned to accept new structure and dates, Bruce 2nd.

Christmas party is next event, committee will be created. The Christmas party has been at the Veldman's the past few years, Bruce asked if anyone else would like to host or had any ideas on another venue.

Discussion of Waterline being emailed only and not mailed beginning with Nov 2017 issue, great that this change is being made and moving along with the technology. Gloria stated that by the Feb 12 meeting, activities will need to be all set for the March Waterline (WL) publication. June and September will be the other months for the WL. WL advertising in 2018 will be 3 publications. Any advertising signed up for 4 WL's in 2017 will roll over to next year.

Cookie Exchange is Sunday, December 3rd at Lori Ackers home from 2:00 – 4:00. Gloria will send an email blast for the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don H asked for introductions from the members.

Committee Volunteers:

1. Party Committee Chair – Gloria

Party Sub-Committees:

- Golf – Norm Davidson (Chair)
 - Progressive Kayaking – Nan Holmes and Wendi Davidson (Co-Chairs)
 - Bowling (need a chairperson)
 - Christmas Party – Jill Plate (Chair)
 - Pancake Breakfast – Nan Holmes (Chair)
2. Monthly Get Togethers – Norm D and Nan Holmes (Chair)
 3. Welcome Committee – Terri Veldman (Chair) and Nan Holmes
 4. Boat Launch – Don H (Chair), Bruce V and Bob Darvill
 5. Lake Quality – Bob Darvill (Chair) and Don H

Don asked how do we want to communicate outside of the meetings. Chris said we'll have to communicate by e-mails, phone calls, Gloria said Facebook (FB) and that she'll put the blasts on FB. Jodi said to do a group meeting or text. The new structure will require the committees to act. It was asked what Gloria uses to send out the blasts and she said that she currently sends out via Google (gmail). She said that when she sends out blasts, she'll direct them to WCLA FB.

8:18 PM Tom S motioned to adjourn, Don 2nd, motion passed.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018 Camp Greenwood