

WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting At Camp Greenwood

April 15, 2019 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Tom Stressman, Kris Ferguson, Jean Stevens-Berry, Don Hoogerhyde, Kevin Martin, Bob Darvill, Gloria Gibson, Phil Sliva, Ed Armbruster, Kevin Bird, Carol Bird, Norm Davidson, Robin Scheel, Jodi Ramos, Craig Oldenburg, Ron Trumble, Bruce Veldman, Colleen O'Herron

Called to order at 7:02 by Tom Stressman, who welcomed everyone.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary- Minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting were emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Bruce Veldman motioned to accept the minutes, Jean Stevens-Berry 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Robin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Highlights are 182 paid members; \$9,100 in expenses, which included new WCLA brochures that Gloria ordered to use for new residence and have available at events, Don purchased Private Property No Trespassing signs at a cost of \$90 for Kindy boat launch, \$257 for postage for Waterline. We received \$382 in revenue for Fish Plant. Current balance is \$20,910.75. Bruce motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jodi seconded, motioned passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pancake Breakfast- Gloria confirmed that Pancake Breakfast will be at Camp Concordia on Saturday, June 1 from 8:00 – 10:00 am, and Cook Caroline will be the cook. She said that Nan needs helpers. So far Kris has volunteered. Don and Jodi volunteered. Robin will be there to collect money. The signs for the breakfast are at Tom's, Robin has some signs in her barn, and some are in storage at Camp Greenwood. Bruce volunteered to put the signs up and take them down. Tom to bring to Bruce the signs that he has.

Progressive Kayaking- Gloria said the event will be Saturday, July 20 at 1:00. The hosts are Horseshoe-Hoogerhydies and Bruce said he'll help, Woodbeck-Kings, Banks-Trumbles and the last host stop is the Davidson's on the peninsula. The Davidson's will again be hosting an after-party for the event, attendees to bring a dish to pass and bring their own alcohol or beverages. If going to after-party directly from the event, then dish and beverages can be dropped off prior to event.

Welcome Committee: Gloria reported for Nan, nothing to report since last meeting.

Annual Meeting- Will be on Saturday, August 24th at Camp Greenwood. 4:30-Social, 5:00-Meeting, 6:00-Dinner.

Christmas Party: Gloria reported for Nan. Nan checked into reserving Brookside on Saturday, December 7 from 6:00-11:00. They discussed doing all you can eat chicken and prime rib or roast beef, veggies, sides, coffee and desserts (extra), cash bar, parking. Bruce suggested a lighter menu, similar to what we currently do with appetizers and desserts, so people can mingle rather than do a sit-down meal. Others commented that it will be easier to visit doing lighter food options. Also discussed that we need to book Brookside to keep the date. Kris made a motion to reserve Brookside for Saturday, December 7th and to have Nan check into the lighter food options, Jodi 2nd, motion passed. Nan to check into appetizers and desserts (thank you Nan!)

Cookie Exchange: Gloria said it will be at Pink and Frillos again, she did a really nice job of hosting. Will be Sunday, December 15 from 2:00-4:00.

Social Get-Together: Next one is on 04/16/19 at Turk Lake at 6:15.

Fish Plant- Adam Bigelow said we can only do Walleye in the fall. Now both fish plants (FP) are in the fall. Stoney Creek takes the temperature in the tank and takes the temperature in the water and if too much of a difference, then they don't do the plant. Don asked if small mouth bass were available. Adam said there weren't any on the sheet. Also our lakes are not set up for small mouth due to the sand.

Lake Quality- Bob Darvill reported that PLM was supposed to come out for testing, but weather wasn't good for it. Bob said there is a new state law that if you take a boat out of water and go to a different lake, the boat has to be cleaned, including live wells. Bait cannot be thrown back into water. Will be interesting to see how it's enforced. Bruce said we don't have a lot of transients. Up north there's lakes with people that volunteer at stations to spray off boats. Also supposed to check that there's no vegetation on trailers or boats. Coming out with new boating laws and responsibility in 2019. He handed out a booklet to each board member. Lakes in good shape. Invasives are under control.

Golf Outing- Norm Davidson reported that the golf outing is all set at Cedar Chase on Saturday, July 27th, 9:00 am shotgun start. Looking for volunteers. He received a phone call about a lake residence wedding reception is the same day and some of the guests are people that would normally be at the outing. Wanted to let Norm know in case we wanted to change the date. It was discussed that the date may not always work out for everyone, so would proceed as planned. After the event, there will be the annual cocktail party at the Davidson's for the volunteers and players. No minors. People can sign up for the event at Golf Emporium. It's \$50 per person. Friends and family can be invited.

Boat Launch- Don changed the code on April 1st. Next change will be May 1st. Purchased new locks for Kindy and Concordia. Put up a "No Wake" sign on Horseshoe (HS) side heading to Woodbeck. Ice made it fall. "Shallow Water" sign installed on HS. "No Wake" with rules to be installed at Banks. Installed sign that says "Private Property, No Trespassing" at Kindy. Robin asked if it was blocked. Don said there was a big pile of snow. Snowplow bent the signs. Backloters can't use the launch for swimming or kayaking. In regard to an additional dock at Kindy, at Rhynard's a 10ft section to match would be about \$700 total. Extension of existing dock. Talked about Wayne's offer of a 2nd dock. Bruce said the water is deep there, they would need about 10ft posts. Another question, do we want permanent or 10 footers. Craig offered some bent up posts, Bruce said he'll grab one to see if long enough. Ice could still move it. It moved signs with 10 ft posts. Floating docks are a good option but cost more. They still have posts and ropes to hold them. Bruce would like to make sure we have a good bottom. We had a 10 ft post and it kept going down. Will table to next meeting.

Bridge Raising- Bruce spoke on Wayne's behalf. The committee met a couple of weeks ago. Got a quote from Kent County Road Commission. It would be a little less than \$300,000 with contingencies. Bruce, Gloria and Scott Hutchinson, met with Greg Deane, Oakfield Township Supervisor.

Old Business-

Apparel Website: Gloria went on the new apparel carrier, MSP Design's website. She tweaked it to accommodate. They accommodated with different shapes, colors, textures. There's silk, canvas, nice assortment. She said it's very easy to use and to try it out. She has placed an order and is waiting for its arrival.

WCLA Brochures: Gloria shared the new WCLA brochures that the purchase had been approved at previous meeting. She said they haven't been updated for 7-8 years, so nice to have new ones. They will be available at all events and given as part of the welcome packet.

New Business-

Camp Greenwood Meeting: Jake, Director of Camp Greenwood, wanted to invite the WCLA Board and members to a meeting at the camp on Friday, June 14 at 6:00 pm. Will be reviewing what's happening at the camp regarding the property and church, which includes a Capital Campaign to raise funds. It will be put on Facebook and an email blast. Robin mentioned that surveyors were

there last weekend. Bruce asked Jake to follow up with a memo after the meeting for those that can't make it.

Membership Cards: Gloria said that membership cards are done for whomever pays their membership. There's no use for them for those that use the Kindy launch. There's postage, printing, and time involved. She sends out a paid list and that has the paid people. Craig, Director of Camp Concordia, said if it helps, people could do driver's licenses. There was discussion that the members name could be from a same household but have a different name. Tom said we should still mail to folks that would use the Concordia launch. No need to continue doing cards for those that use the Kindy launch. Gloria confirmed that going forward cards will only be sent to those that would use the Concordia launch.

Camp Concordia: Craig said the camp has gotten busier. There's been added time with people scheduling the boat launch and then not coming. He thought of creating a dedicated email for people to schedule thru. He wants to make it easy for everyone. He suggested launch@campcordia.org. Then he or his wife would respond after checking the paid membership list. Members would need to pay early so that they're on the list in time. Tom said dues need to be paid 3 weeks before launching.

Michigan Lake Association: Bob said the Michigan Lake Association conference is May 4-5. He requested that he and Karen go. They would both then be able to attend the various presentations separately. Bruce made a motion to send them, Don 2nd it, motion carried.

Half Mile Dock Issue: Tom said it was brought to his attention that at the north end of Half Mile, there's a dock extended into the waterway in the weeds. Tom checked, and confirmed that yes, it's there. This was a property that was brought to our attention that was on the county foreclosure site, and the WCLA had the opportunity to bid on, but decided against it. The person that bought it lives on Half Mile Road and put 3 people on the deed. This isn't legal. Tom spoke with the township supervisor. The ordinance states a dock must be 10 feet from property line. He only owns 15 feet. Correspondence was sent notifying him that according to the ordinance it's not allowed and would like dock removed ASAP. The owner is not nice. Township is drafting another letter and their lawyers will probably get involved. Bruce asked about the deed. It has the owner and his neighbors on it, with the intention that everyone could use it. It's called funneling. Tom will be sending a letter too. Tom has spoke to people on both sides of the dock. They said lots of cars and boats, guy isn't nice. You can launch boats but can't dock them. Dock needs to be removed, can't just be shortened. Tom said if anyone asks about it, to send them to him.

July 8th is next board meeting. Will be held at Stressman's home.

Bruce motioned to adjourn; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Future Meetings and Events:

- Pancake Breakfast – June 1, 8:00-10:00 am, Camp Concordia
- Camp Greenwood Meeting – Friday, June 14 at 6:00 pm
- Progressive Kayaking – July 20 at 1:00 pm
- Golf Event – July 27 at 9:00 am, Cedar Chase
- Christmas Party – December 7, 6:00-11:00 pm, Brookside
- Cookie Exchange – December 15, 2:00-4:00 pm, Pink & Frillos

Board Meetings:

- July 8, 7:00 pm, Stressman's home
- Annual Meeting – August 24 at 4:30 pm, Camp Greenwood
- September 9, 7:00 pm