

# WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting  
Tom Stressman's Home

July 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Tom Stressman, Kris Ferguson, Don Hoogerhyde, Kevin Martin, Bob Darvill, Gloria Gibson, Ed Armbruster, Kevin Bird, Norm Davidson, Robin Scheel, Jodi Ramos, Craig Oldenburg, Bruce Veldman, Aarron Antcliff, Adam Bigelow, Sandy Allers, Scott Hutchison, Denis Kluba, Christine Stressman, Wayne King

Called to order at 7:00 by Tom Stressman, who welcomed everyone.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Secretary- Minutes of the April 15, 2019 meeting was emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Sandy Allers motioned to accept the minutes, Scott Hutchison 2nd, motion passed.

Treasurer Report- Robin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Highlights are 206 paid members; Expenses included new locks at \$131.67 for the boat launches, pancake breakfast at \$401.85, Michigan Lake and Stream annual conference attended by Bob and Karen Darvill at \$716.93. Revenue included \$395 from pancake breakfast. Diane Wilson was the winner of the pancake breakfast 50/50 and the Wilson's donated the \$80 back to the WCLA, which put us in the positive for the breakfast! We received \$2,800 in WCLA contributions and have \$3,261.95 in Fishplant. Bruce motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Don 2nd, motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fish Plant- Adam Bigelow got us on the list and told them straight walleye because so far we have \$2,600, however, we can change it once we have more money. Don asked about smallmouth bass, but they aren't on the list of available fish. Asked if he'll be changing fish and he said when budget is higher, then will add another type. Bruce asked if we're still getting deals like Tom did. Adam said yes. Walleye are \$3.00 each. Hybrid Bluegills are 95% males and can't reproduce after 3 years.

Lake Quality- Bob Darvill reported that PLM said weeds are late because of cold spell. They are coming out soon. There are a couple of homes that have contacted Bob about weeds by their homes. Bob and Karen went to the Michigan Lake and Streams conference. The National president of boat manufacturing talked about wake boats and that's the hot boat being sold. The organization realizes the damage they are causing to shorelines and are pushing for a law that they be 200ft from property lines. Michigan Lake and Stream is pushing state to get new distance. Bruce mentioned trees down on west side of Woodbeck and you can tell its erosion. Bob said another topic talked about at the conference was Phragmites. They are an invasive species that look like bamboo. They have a huge root system. He said to keep an eye out and let him know if seen ASAP.

Golf Outing- Norm Davidson reported that the golf outing is in process. Six teams signed up so far.

Boat Launch & Signs- Don Hoogerhyde reported that he installed "SHALLOW WATER" sign on Horseshoe and "NO WAKE" sign heading into Woodbeck. Tom said that he put up a couple too. Robin said there previously was a NO WAKE by Camp Greenwood, it disappeared and now it's back. Don said he replaced a couple of locks because someone figured out how to change the code. Now must have a key to change locks. 8-9 ft water depth for new docks. Will table the docks to next year.

Welcome Committee: Gloria reported for Nan. There were a few home and a couple of cottages sold, so will have new people to welcome. Jeff Webster was a lake rep, just notified Gloria that they moved. Gloria will tell Nan and Teri. Gloria reminded people to let her know when your neighbors are moving or if you have a new neighbor.

Pancake Breakfast- Gloria reported for Nan. 96 attended, food cooked by cook Caroline was great. Wonderful turn out.

Progressive Kayaking- Gloria reported for Nan. Event will be Saturday, July 20 at 1:00. The hosts are Horseshoe-Hoogerhydes, 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 need 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. Don said people can bring their kayaks to his beach Friday night or Saturday morning if they'd like. Just send a text to let him know. We had 60 last year, Gloria estimates 70 this year. Norm asked about if it gets bigger with family/friends of members coming, asked about additional funds for the events budget and how that will work. Mentioned Halloween party, Tom said that money shouldn't have been spent to throw a party with non-WCLA. Discussed charging \$5.00 a kayak for future event, and it would go toward host homes. That would involve tracking payments, not ideal. Discussed having a jar labeled "Donations Appreciated". Could mention in publications that it goes to host homes. Scott Hutchison made a motion to mention donations would be appreciated for event, Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Christine said if we charged per kayak, then we'd know how much would come in to go toward houses. Don said that he doesn't need reimbursement for hosting. Gloria noted that people wouldn't have money on them since they'll be in suits. Could have jar at last home after people have changed clothes. Norm asked again about how the increase would work. Tom clarified that it doesn't take effect until next fiscal year. When it takes effect, then people could request funds for WCLA sanctioned events. Gloria clarified that next year the funds will be available to request. Adam Bigelow said last year the kayak event was a non-WCLA event, and that was for liquor/legal purposes. Gloria said she will include in a blast that there will be a donation jar at the Davidson's.

Social Get-Together- Gloria said next one is July 16 at Water Tower Grille . August 24 is Annual Meeting at Camp Greenwood, so won't be a separate gathering. September 17 will be at Smyrna Bar.

Christmas Party- Gloria reported for Nan. At last meeting we had discussed Brookside and checking into an appetizer menu. The appetizer menu is pricey. Nan spoke with Jake at Camp Greenwood and he said it could be held there with heat and would be plowed. We can bring our own food and beverages. We would do a dish to pass. Could bring beverages, mixes, ice, poinsettias, prizes. At Brookside for assorted cheese and crackers for 75 people, it would be expensive, and we can't bring our own beverages or food. To have it at Camp Greenwood, we would need to purchase an insurance rider to be able to have alcohol. Robin will check into. Bob made a motion that we have the Christmas party at Camp Greenwood, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tom said that we need to know how much to approve for budget. It would be \$100 for camp rental and need to find out cost for insurance rider. Bruce said that he and Teri will bring the mixers, ice, cups and plates. Bob revised his motioned to approve \$200 for Christmas budget. Motion passed. Wayne King also agreed to pay the \$100 Camp Greenwood rental fee.

Bridge Raising- Wayne said there's a crack in the bridge. County said that's normal. Wayne said the only way we can make it happen is to raise donations and bring to the Township. It was asked if pledges could be made and if it went forward, then pay. Wayne said we'd have to get donations and if we don't end up doing it, money would be returned. Said county may be willing to do it if we raised a majority of funds and offered to county. Would then be between us and Kent County Road Commission (KCRC). KCRC said it would be about \$300,000 to raise it, which would be about \$1,200 per house. Norm mentioned purchasing advertising, like brass plates. Tom asked if a separate entity would have to be created, and Bruce said, yes, would have to be a separate entity. Scott asked how many people are going to hand over money in advance. Money would be made out to entity. There would be a time limit for the fundraising. Asked about getting a vote. Would be hard to do with voting, could be too many on a deed. Robin said churches do it as a pledge. Wayne said he doesn't want to keep asking for a pledge. Wayne said he'd like to do 281 pieces of properties, see what comes in and could work with a signed commitment, then go back out if short with an end date. Take money to county and see what happens. Need Association to get behind it. County has said they could do it for the \$300,000 quoted. Scott asked if WCLA could pay for a mailer, Tom said yes. Christine said it would need to be laid out and detailed. Wayne made a motion that WCLA send out initial publication to raise funds. Scott said how about WCLA pay postage and Scott will provide paper and envelopes. Various people said they'd

pay for initial mailing. Gloria said she can provide names and addresses because it's an association committee. Wayne said he will draft a letter for Tom to review. Bruce said he'll provide labels.

#### Old Business:

Camp Concordia Boat Launch-Craig said the email to schedule Concordia boat launch will start next year.

Half Mile Dock-Scott Hutchinson checked into the dock on Half Mile with Spencer Township. Property has been transferred via quick claim deed. Deed was done before zoning laws, so don't have to do warranty deed. Scott said it's still a deed. If we want to get an attorney involved, we'll have to pay. Parcel is paying weed assessment of \$150. If we won case, dock would be removed. Three houses are using the access. Scott to do more research. Table to next meeting.

Wave runner complaints-Tom has received tons of complaints. He recently witnessed a bad accident, but everyone was ok. He's telling everyone that complains to call the sheriff's department. Tom is suggesting having a meeting with Marine Lieutenant. He's tired of complaints and if folks aren't doing anything wrong, then no worries. Tom is asking for Boards blessing to ask sheriff's office to come as often as they can. Robin asked if there's a charge, Tom said no. Scott made a motion to have them come, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Talked about parking blocking Kindy. If illegal, then call sheriff's office. Tom said to remember the inconvenience comes with the water lifestyle. Can't patrol everything. If something is bothersome on the lakes, take a video and call the sheriff's office.

#### New Business:

New boat launch code email procedure-Gloria has received complaints from members of not being able to get ahold of lake reps, or lake reps not returning calls. She spoke with Scott Hutchinson and he created a formula for her database, so when a member's payment is received, it populates with an email address and then when Don updates with a new code, an email will automatically go out. Email addresses will be hidden under the "bcc" as to not expose our lake community's email addresses. Wanted to present it to the board for approval. Scott made a motion that Gloria can email updated code to paid members, Wayne 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Waterline-Gloria needed help with the Waterline newsletter. Cathy Schrauben volunteered; she loves to write. She presented creativity, but she doesn't publish. Gloria said she'll publish. Gloria asked her to attend kayak and golf events so that she can build her story.

Operating a watercraft age-Don asked about age for operating a watercraft. Don said it's supposed to be 14, but it said 12 in the blast. Tom said there's old and new rules out there and both are published. Rule is now having to be 14 and older.

WCLA FB account-Tom said when putting own opinion, needs to be under personal name. Gloria said it won't let her. Robin said it doesn't work if you're on your phone, must be on computer.

Next board meeting is September 9 at Camp Greenwood. Anyone that wants to be on board but won't be at annual dinner, let Gloria know. Kevin won't be at annual meeting, but said he'll be a rep. Tom said he won't be at annual meeting.

Bruce motioned to adjourn, Don 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

#### **Future Meetings and Events:**

- 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, Camp Greenwood
- Cookie Exchange – December 15, 2:00-4:00 pm, Pink & Frillos

#### **Board Meetings:**

- Annual Meeting – August 24 at 4:30 pm, Camp Greenwood
- September 9, 7:00 pm, Camp Greenwood