

# WOODBEEK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting  
Camp Greenwood  
November 8th, 2021 at 7:00 PM

In attendance: Wendi Davidson, Norm Davidson, Deb Eaton, Kris Ferguson, Kevin Martin, Colleen O'Herron, Ron Trumble, Ed Armbruster, Kevin Bird, Scott Hutchinson, Don Hoogerhyde, Bob Darvill, Jake Dayringer, Tom VanPortfleet, Phil Sliva, Adam Bigelow, Mark Iteen, Mara Iteen, Gloria Gibson, Bruce Veldman, Krista Betting, Nan Holmes, Scott Jankowiak, Pam Swigart, Jim Swigart, Steve Spaulding, Joyce Spaulding

Absent: Cathy Schrauben

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Wendi who welcomed everyone.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

Secretary- Minutes of the September 13, 2021 meeting were emailed to the board by Kris Ferguson. Wendi said that Kim Covell was listed twice as attendee, and one needed to be changed to Jim Covell. Bruce said another change needed is that he was an alternate, but that according to the bylaws, an officer needs to be a regular lake representative, so Don will be an alternate and Bruce an officer. Wendi said that Deb Eaton needs to be changed to an alternate, and Norm a regular officer. Kris asked why it is restricted to 3 officers each lake, and Gloria said alternate has voting ability if normal representative isn't in attendance. Bruce motioned to accept the minutes, Bob 2nd, motion passed.

President's Report- Wendi reviewed the work that she's addressed since last meeting, which included a commitment to do a monthly "President's Corner" newsletter that will go out mid-month; she attended weed control with Norm, Bob and Bruce; did an event update; she checked into Spencer Township as an alternate meeting space, which it is \$75 if we want to use an indoor meeting space, but outside areas are available for social events and meetings for free. She spoke with Kim Cane at Have Mercy, a homeless shelter in Greenville. This could potentially be an organization we could help out if we decide to move forward with a Charitable Committee. Also discussed the channel concerns between Banks and Thomas with Jason at PLM; she said we've done a practice run on the Meal Train, which has gone well, so will continue those.

Treasurer Report- Bruce reported that we haven't had a lot of activity. Have 26 paid memberships so far and they have contributed \$250 to the Fish Plant (FP) fund. We received \$210 from the Cornhole/Chili Cook-off event. Expenses included \$134 for a post office box, \$20 for MI non-profit filing, PayPal fees, Gloria's blast program fee is \$8.95 a month, and Don purchased a couple of locks for boat launches. We have about \$28,000 in the bank which includes about \$4,500 of Fish Plant reserve. The IRS Non-Profit and State of Michigan Non-Profit have been filed and accounts have been switched to Wendi. Jake motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Tom V seconded, motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Fish Plant- Adam reported he had received a quote for ½ Walleye and ½ Hybrid Bluegill. He reached out to Stoney Creek for a delivery update of the fall fish plant and was notified that we can't get Walleye. Adam asked if we would want all Hybrid Bluegill, but it was a unanimous "no". Adam said the Walleye's come from Minnesota, and the supplier had an issue. Stoney Creek said the fish looked bad and he wouldn't sell them. Adam said Stoney Creek is a middle-man, so he's looking into other suppliers. Don advised that we do a spring plant. He also noted that he talked to a supplier in Fremont. Bruce made a motion that we do nothing now and wait for a spring plant, Adam 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wendi clarified the motion that Adam investigate other suppliers with plans to do a fish plant in the spring. Motion passed. Jake said there is a DNR website that shows fish suppliers.

Lake Quality- Bob reported that at the September meeting it was reported that the beavers were under control, now they are out of control. Bob and others have been there weekly to clean out the mess. John Ross has been putting out more traps and they've turned over but none have been caught. Beavers are

filling up under the bridge, and they're big trees. He said that Professional Lake Management (PLM) did water testing in the fall, and we're waiting on the report.

Golf Outing- Wendi reported that Tom Stressman doesn't want to do the golf outing this year, and Norm also isn't interested. She asked if anyone else was interested. It was decided to table until the next meeting.

Boat Launch & Signs- Don reported that the Kindy Boat Launch still needs repair. There's some crushed concrete, but it would have to be dug up. May have to wait until spring. There was some damage at the Kindy launch from power loading, Don is going to post some signs that say, "Do Not Power load". He reminded everyone that the snow fence is going up soon along with "No Trespassing" signs on the snow fence. He said if lake residents need to get on the lake to fish in the winter and can't go thru their own yard, to ask a neighbor. Jake said that lake residents can use Camp Greenwood property, just let him know. Don reported that at the Thomas channel he put in driveway markers with reflectors as a temporary measure, but it didn't last long.

Kayak Poker Event- Nothing discussed

Welcome Committee- Nan reported that Teri welcomed Bob and Sue Post on Horseshoe.

Monthly Get-Together- Nothing new to report.

Christmas Party- Nan reminded everyone that it's scheduled at Winter Inn on December 11. She thinks it starts at 6:00pm but will double check and also find out the end time. The menu is chicken breast with alfredo sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread & butter, and dessert. It's \$16/per person. We can add pot roast for \$1.00 extra per person. It was agreed to add the pot roast. Will be cash bar. Nan needs RSVPs by December 3<sup>rd</sup> so that Winter Inn can plan and staff. Depending on the count, we'll be by fireplace or front room.

Cookie Exchange- Nan reported no luck with a host this year. Wendi said she could host if the date works. Nan said we've had about 20 people in the past. Discussed dates and timing. It was decided to not have cookie exchange this year. Tabled it to next year and will plan it sooner.

Bridge Raising- Scott reported that he spoke with Wayne, and he's not going to do anything until spring. Wayne said if someone else would like to take over the committee, that would be fine.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Camp Greenwood- Jake reported that they raised the full amount and will be buying all the property that's Camp Greenwood. It will happen by December 28, 2021. One of their main goals is to build more community connections. He said he can be contacted at [jake@campgreenwood.org](mailto:jake@campgreenwood.org) if anyone would like additional information. He said that he's been working for the Camp for 11 years, and it's a big relief to be able to move forward. He introduced Christa, and said she'll be 2<sup>nd</sup> in command. Colleen asked if it will still be under the Presbyterian Church, Jake said no. In 2016 a 501c3 was created for the camp, it will be under that. Lots of congratulations. Jake said they had a Gator Run, it was fun doing a community event, kids love it. It's scheduled next year for September 24, 2022. Wendi said it was a great event.

Beavers- Don, Ed, Bob, Bruce and Ron have been cleaning once a week. Amount removed is incredible. We had a nuisance permit. Open season starts 11/10/2021. Hoping John Ross will add more traps. Channel between Half Mile and Thomas can see their runs.

Channel between Banks and Thomas- Wendi said that we need to discuss the disappearance of the cattails. She doesn't expect concerns can be resolved today. Hopeful to have a game plan by next spring. The loss of the cattails has caused a safety hazard concern, boaters and kayakers now hit a solid mass and it goes into the channel a fair amount. Boaters have been getting stuck, some more than once. At September meeting Don and Bob were approved to make the mass more visible. Reflector stakes were placed, and it worked. It was meant to be a temporary fix until spring, when a permanent fix could

be implemented. The stakes created a 2<sup>nd</sup> concern with homeowners not liking having them there, so they were removed. Other concerns are erosion from boat traffic and natural causes causing the mass to travel into the middle of the channel. Based on the information, Wendi spoke with Jason at PLM. Wendi mentioned to Jason there was talk that PLM removed them and Jason assured her that they did not. Jason said to fix the mass, that we would need to replant, and add bacteria to eat the muck and build up, or if dredged, could put bio logs and also plant something with a deep root structure. Dredging would be expensive and there would be the issue of who's expense it would be. We want to maintain access to all 5 lakes, doing nothing isn't an option. Doesn't want to discuss how the cattails disappeared. The Bylaws say we support the lakes and residences. Scott asked how do we know the channel will fill in? Wendi said that PLM said it will continue to fill in. Scott asked if PLM is weed control or erosion control, and Wendi said that he knew quite a bit about erosion. She only spoke to Jason, but he has seen the area and is aware of the cattails disappearing. Scott said that they had cattails in front of his home 12-15 feet deep, and now they do not, and erosion didn't happen. Norm said with a shelf that it's going to fill into lowest point. Scott H. said that he had a shelf, and it didn't fill in. Norm said that you can't deny the shelf goes somewhere, he said the silt is floating and there's 3 feet of silt. Wendi summarized and said will check if other experts we can talk to. May still need to do some safety things. Jake said he has a friend with a degree in water quality for a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion of what might happen. Biggest concern is if it's going to fill in. Don said they marked where it's mucky and you can see where boaters are getting stuck. Next meeting discuss how to mark it so it's safe from others and pleasing to homeowners. Suggested planting new aquatic life or put a dock out there. Scott H. said there used to be complaints about not seeing around cattails, now they're gone and folks complain because they can't see shelf. Mara commented there's a "Shallow Water" sign at the Horseshoe channel. She said her husband has been driving thru the Banks/Thomas channel for 25 years and never got stuck, and this year they got stuck because they couldn't see the shelf. Wendi said we'll need to table to next meeting and discuss ways to mark the area. Scott Jankowiak stated he thinks PLM used something to get rid of the weeds and it took out the cattails as well. He lives at the channel area said that he doesn't want anything put in that area to mark the shelf. He said it's always been shallow and people get stuck every year, though he acknowledged more have gotten stuck this year. He said it's always been shallow, and people need to get used to the lake channel. Scott H. motioned to table to next meeting, Colleen 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Board Meeting Dates- Wendi proposed to change meeting schedule to 6 meetings a year, every other month. The dates for the remaining meetings would be January 10<sup>th</sup>, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12. Jake said that he can set up a Zoom if needed. Colleen asked if the meetings could start at 6:00 instead of 7:00. There was discussion that not everyone could make 6:00, so it was decided on 6:30. Wendi made a motion that we increase the meetings to 6 per year to start at 6:30, Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Bylaws- Wendi said there are clarifications to work on. A couple of examples are that Bylaws state the members need to be names on deed; 2-year term limits, 3 reps from each lake (we only have 2 from Half Mile); Treasurer will be reviewed by a committee-do we do this? Annual Meeting to be held before end of September, which was noted that it should be August. Special meetings need 30 days' notice; order of business, Bruce said that Roberts Rules of Order state adequate time should be given to voice concerns or opinions. Wendi made a motion to create a committee to review the Bylaws, noting that Kevin Bird and Chris Decker will be on it. President to appoint committee. Bruce 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

Meal Train Committee- Gloria and Mara are going to be part of a Meal Train Committee. Mara said that the purpose of the committee is to provide meals for those that are sick or injured, and for now it will be limited to this. Gloria said it's a lot of communication to set up a train. Gloria found a meal train app that we will be using. If someone has a need, they will contact Mara and she will get the train started. Then, people can sign up and pick dates to bring a meal. They had a trial for an ill lake resident, and it went well. The lake member was very appreciative. Mara will take the lead with Gloria's help. The app is user friendly, and individuals can see dates and what people brought. Also, individuals can notify when meals are no longer needed. Bob said the meals brought for him and Karen have been a blessing (this wasn't thru the meal train). Bruce motioned to approve having the committee, Bob 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott asked about a

special needs committee. Bruce said to start out with this. Mara said for a fee, there's a Pro version that you can sign up for where people can sign up for grocery delivery, prescription pickups, etc., Reaffirmed to keep the meal train just for the sick and injured for now. Asked if any further discussion, none. Motion passed.

Social Media- Gloria reported that with the help of Mike Wolthuis, we are now on Instagram. She said it's connected to our Facebook page, so posts will go in both places. Bruce asked how many we need, and there was discussion that people use different communications. Jake offered to help if needed.










Pay Pal- Bruce reported that the fees went up 3.49% + .49 charge. Jake asked if we signed up for a non-profit version, which we did not. It's deducted from what people pay. Jake said it can be set up so that the payers mark a box that they will pay the fee. Jake to look into it for non-profits and payer pay fee, will get with Scott.

Spencer Township outdoor area – Wendi suggested doing an outdoor sledding event with hot cocoa, etc. She said not great hills, but it would be good for little kids.








Social Events fund- Wendi addressed having a fund for current events, like we do with the Fish Plant. We voted to increase membership dues by \$5.00 to help fund social events, is there a way to identify it on the Treasurers Report? Bruce said that he wasn't at the meeting when the increase was proposed, he said he wasn't told that it needed to be separated and doesn't know why we would need to separate it because we have a budget on the income statement. Jake said that it's helpful to know what's in the budget. Bruce said if we segregate it, then it gets restricted and it's more accounting work. Wendi said she's raising the question because it was asked. Bruce said that we have \$1,250 in the budget for social activities.

8:49 Deb motioned to adjourn, Mara 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

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

-  Pancake Breakfast –
-  Progressive Kayaking –
-  Kayak Poker Run –
-  Golf Event –
-  Annual Meeting –
-  Camp Greenwood Workaday –
-  Halloween Party - TBD
-  Christmas Party – December 11, 2021 at Winter Inn
-  Cookie Exchange – didn't schedule for 2021, will plan for 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, 6:30 pm, Location TBD
-  Monday, May 9, 2022, 6:30 pm, Location TBD
-  Monday, July 11, 2022, 6:30 pm, Location TBD
-  Monday, September 12, 2022, 6:30 pm, Location TBD