

WOODBECK CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting
Camp Greenwood
May 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM

In attendance: Tom Meyer, Phil Sliva, Don Hoogerhyde, Ed Armbruster, Nan Holmes, Bob Darville, Deb Eaton, Chris Decker, Mike Liden, Kim Covell, Jake Dayringer, Krista Botting, Kevin Martin, Angie Peterman, Candie Ritsema, Norm Davidson, Marty Scheel, Marilyn Klemm, Michelle Fierens, Wendi Davidson, Kris Ferguson.

Absent: Tom VanPortFleet, Aaron Antcliff, Kevin Bird

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

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Secretary- Minutes were emailed to the board. Bruce motioned to accept minutes, Jake seconded, motion passed.

President's Report- Wendi attended the Lake Sustainability meeting in March. Attended social dinners in March and April. Wrote presidents corner for March and April. Wrote President's Corner for May Waterline. Met with Nan and Candie to discuss Social Director role transition and social calendar through September. Corresponded with new Camp Concordia directors; will set up meet and greet when BJ gets back next week.

Treasurer- Bruce reviewed the treasurer's report. A payment was made to Arrow Swift for the annual dues mailing. There is about \$33,000 of cash, which includes the designated Fishplant fund of \$5,127. Capital cost is over budget because of the \$2,500 cost of lake mapping. Jake motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Kim seconded, motion passed.

Fish Plant- Bruce, Ed, and Don met to discuss fishplant for the fall. Prices have increased quite a bit from \$3.25 to \$4.00. Last year we planted 2,000 Walleye and 210 Perch. Smallmouth Bass must be 14" to keep, otherwise release. If catch one let Don know. Boat launch Thomas to Banks sign is damaged. Changed boat launch code on May 1st. Dam is doing good. Replaced bumper at Kindy, it was less than \$100.

Lake Sustainability Committee- Chris Decker, Tom R and **Rob (is this the correct name? Is he with PLM?)** spoke with Oakfield Township regarding the invoices and PLM regarding the pricing. PLM said the lakes are being treated with a chemical that goes down to the root. Systemic are more expensive but should only need to treat once a year. Can only treat invasives. Non-invasives only get hit with one that knocks it down but not to the root. There are about 50 to 60 different species of Milfoil. This is why our money is getting spent on big hits. Starry Stonewort is new and very expensive to treat. Systemic doesn't work on this. It floats and only certain chemicals kill it because it's an algae. There's limited chemicals available and DNR restricts. Chris said he rode with PLM, and they couldn't find it. There are residents that don't want in front of their house sprayed, but if the invasives are in front of their house and don't get sprayed, then they'll spread. Don't know if we should give an option. If we don't treat everywhere then we can't eradicate, we need the money for treatments to be well spent. The township is still willing to manage the funding. There's potentially a \$30,000 surplus which could be helpful toward treatment. Think we're good with PLM, the contract is until 2026 and PLM understands we may be shopping.

Lake Quality- Bob reported that Milfoil is on many acres of the lakes. Hydrilla may have made it to our lakes. He suggested going online to identify Starry Stonewort. It won't make it in time for the Waterline, Wendi may do a special edition to talk about the invasives in the President's Corner. Starry Stonewort grows on the bottom and spreads easily when broken. Our lakes are still in good shape. Chris said the cost to treat Milfoil is about \$24,000, and shoreline algae \$3,000. We have about \$42,000 total to spend.

Mapping- Nothing new to report.

Welcome Committee- Phil reported that he welcomed Finkhouse. Still needs to welcome Jousma. Wendi asked him to mention the Boater Safety Program and \$15 gift card when welcoming folks.

Social- Candie reported that April's get together at El Rancho was a big success, we had 48 people. The annual breakfast is June 1st. She asked Angie to send a blast regarding fireworks and who's having them. Elvis is on Saturday, July 6th and the parade will be on the 7th. We are looking for ideas for prizes for first place boat. Norm asked if there would be judges. Boats could register to vote ahead of time and be given a number. Don made a motion for a \$50 prize for each side of the bridge. The Turk Lake get-together will be Friday May 17th. Wendi said that because we have bigger groups to see if we can get a gift card for a raffle.

Annual Meeting- Annual meeting date was discussed. It was decided to schedule it for Thursday, August 29th at 5:30. The social half-hour will be from 5:30-6:00. Food to be figured out.

Pancake Breakfast- Candie reported that it's June 1st, at Camp Greenwood and Caroline has agreed to cook.

Meal Train- Nothing new to report.

Golf Outing- Wendi reported that there are 14 teams signed up, one opening is remaining.

Kayak Event- Ed reported that the Kayak Poker Event will be Saturday, August 3rd. Each kayak will be given one card from 4 out of the 5 lakes. Will be going to Banks twice. 1:00 PM approximate start time. There will be best hand, worst hand, and random. Flashback is the band. In the past, Kevin and Ed pitched in for the band, which is \$600.00, porta potty \$100, and water. Was going to ask for new cards. It's about \$700 total. Wendi had discussed the expenses with them, and she's suggesting charging \$10 per person. \$5 of each ticket would go toward the prizes and the other half going to Ed and Kevin for the event. Chris made a motion to charge \$10 for the kayak event, Kim 2nd, motion passed. Wendi proposed for Ed to turn in bills for balance after the event costs come in.

Waterline- Jake said that Waterline will be going out tomorrow, and the next one will be in September.

Communications- Angie said nothing new to report.

Bridge Raising- Don said the bridge raising has been stalled a couple times in the past. Craig Wassenaar on Woodbeck knows the current Director of Kent County Road Commission (KCRC). They met in September. KCRC said it's common for private entities to give funding to go in on the work. The group put together a PowerPoint presentation to share with the board. Tom Meyer said the main principle would be that it's high enough to go through with a pontoon with the canopy down. The group met with a KCRC bridge engineer and they measured. They are looking for voluntary funding/donations only. They've looked at other ways but think voluntary is the best versus taxes. Would use same bridge footings and deck while building up the road approaches. Are against touching the channel bottom because that would need to involve DEQ / EGLE. Would be 10 foot wide so most pontoons could fit. The existing is 40", would add 36' to get to 76" for clearance. Most pontoons are 8 - 8 1/2 feet, they tested 3 pontoons for measuring clearance at a dock and have it set up so others could test. It would cost almost double going from three foot to four foot. Kent County said it would cost about \$475,000, and the County would be willing to put in \$70,000 - \$80,000. Last time it was quoted around \$300,000 to raise the bridge. The best time to bid is in the fall. Infrastructure and bridge rated to last another 40 years period, the metal and concrete concerns are cosmetic. Bruce asked if there's a way to finance it. The money would be allocated and go into a trust at a bank, it would then go to the Township, and they would manage the money. They do this all the time with private entities. Marty noted in 2009 the board tried to stay neutral. Propose doing township hall meeting and go from there, if there is support. It was suggested that PLM be asked if it could cause invasives to be transported from lake to lake. Don said that once we do the town hall, then we'll know the interest. Don't know how long the road will be closed. Kent County doesn't seem

concerned about Oakfield notification. If we move forward with the survey, then would ask what residents would be willing to donate. Would need to know by fall to get bids for this year. Phil made a motion that the committee proceed with the town hall meeting, then survey. Bruce asked if lake association board member should have an opinion or is it riparian? Don said that people can have opinions but thinks the board needs to take a position and support.

New Business-

Board Positions- No replacement for Bruce yet.

Elections on August 6 – Don reported that there is an upcoming vote on August 6th and encouraged everyone to vote. He talked about the new person that will be running, she previously lived on our lakes.

Camp Greenwood and other concerns- Jake reported that Camp Greenwood had damage to their property and a fire. If people see kids that are messing around or look like they shouldn't be there, tell them to leave, or call Jake and he can be there quick. It happened at North Point Peninsula between Banks and Thomas. WCLA is welcome, and kids can use the playground but need to have adult supervision.

It was also mentioned that a boat had been seen with bright lights and they're harpooning fish, and playing loud music late at night. Wendi said that she would discuss it in the President's Corner.

Old Business-

Lake Directory- Phil said that he has 16 families in the photo directory so far. It was reminded that it's a public website.

Motion to adjourn at 8:12 by Jake, Bruce seconded.

Submitted by: Kris Ferguson, WCLA Secretary

Meetings and Events:

- Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, June 1, 2024
- Poker Kayaking Event– Saturday, August 3, 2024
- Golf Event – Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Candlestone
- Annual Meeting – Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 5:30.
- Camp Greenwood Workaday –
- Halloween Party –
- Cornhole & Chili Cookoff-
- Christmas Party –
- Cookie Exchange –
- Sledding Event –
- **Board Meetings:**
- Monday, May 13, 2024, 6:30pm, location Camp Greenwood
- Monday, July 8, 2024, 6:30pm, location Wendi & Norm's
- Annual Meeting – August 29, 2024, date, and location TBD
- Monday, September 9, 2025, location TBD
- Monday, November 11, 2025, location TBD