

Boulder Lake Private Home Owners Association Annual Meeting Minutes

**May 25, 2013, 9:00 A.M.
Town Hall Community Center, Doty, Wisconsin**

General Business:

Christopher Haun, President, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.

Attendees introduced themselves.

It was reported that Gene Walczak, a long-time member passes away last year. It was agreed to send a \$25 memorial in his memory.

Sara Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, read the minutes of the 2012 annual meeting, the minutes of the short meeting at the 2012 summer party and the year's treasury report. Motions were made and passed to accept the minutes and treasury report.

Bob LeBeau was elected Secretary/Treasurer for a two-year term, to begin at the 2014 annual meeting.

Old Business:

Lake Water Quality

Paul Martin reported on lake water quality monitoring. Water clarity last August was worse than usual. The disk was only visible to a depth of 7 feet, as opposed to clear all the way to the bottom, which has been typical, but by fall the clarity was back to normal. Phosphates in lawn fertilizer which are detrimental to water quality are now prohibited by law.

No Wake Sign

The damaged sign posting no wake hours at the Federal Campground has been replaced, thanks to the efforts of Jim Jawort. Now all the signs on the lake have the same hours: no wake 5 p.m. To 10:00 a.m.

Invasive Species Signage

The three signs provided by the DNR to remind boaters of good practices to help keep invasive species out of Boulder Lake were posted at the national campground, Boulder Lake Lodge and Echo Valley boat landings.

Lake Birds, Loon Watch

Jim Tilkens has relinquished the (unofficial) title of Loon Ranger to Mary Jo Ulmen. As Mary

Jo was unable to attend the meeting, Jim reported that the lake stayed iced over very late this year, which was bad for the loons, as they need a long stretch of open water to take flight. But now, there is a resident pair, nesting on the little island. Charlie Leitner, eagle watcher, reported that the eagles are nesting in their old place along the shore north of Traxel's Point. The old nest disappeared, how being a mystery, as eagle nests are typically 8 feet in diameter. They have rebuilt a new nest in the same tree.

Buoys

Doug Traxel reported that the buoys were put out yesterday. Some chains may need to be replaced, which can be done as needed, since that expenditure was approved at last year's meeting.

Alternate to Summer Party

Sara Davis reported on the results of a survey sent to members last summer to find out whether a combined annual meeting and brunch party, or some other alternative to the traditional summer party would be preferred. The majority of respondents expressed a preference for continuing with the summer party.

Website

Paul Martin reported that the new website is almost up and running. Mark Dodge has provided free use of a server and technical assistance. Members are encouraged to send Paul any items of interest for posting. The website address is:

www.boulderlakenews.org

Our association also has Facebook page.

Contractor/Service Provider List

Vern Romsos and Jim Martin will be setting up a referral section on the website where members can recommend local businesses that they have had good experiences with, as discussed last year.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Stuart Armstrong reported on the discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) in Boulder Lake last year, and the actions taken by the Association to combat the problem. The issue was explained at the short meeting before the Summer Party 2012 (see minutes thereof). An Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee was formed. Stuart has led the process of applying for a 3-year Rapid Response grant from the DNR for 75% reimbursement of funds spent to eradicate EWM, up to \$20,000. The grant was approved. Funds were solicited from members and other Boulder Lake users and approximately \$9,000 has been raised. Last fall Cason & Associates was hired to apply a DNR-approved chemical treatment to the 3-acre area with the most EWM, near the Echo Valley boat landing. Members have met several times to hand-pull weeds from the lake, and two surveys of the extent of the EWM have been performed – one by the DNR and one by Cason. Observations to date have

found no EWM so far this spring. Cason & Associates will perform another survey late this summer. We have a permit to re-treat as needed this summer, as soon as conditions are right. Ideally the water temperature would be 65 degrees. Volunteer hours are valued at \$12 per hour toward the Association's financial part of the grant conditions. Stuart will lead another EWM-pulling party on June 22. Doug Traxel suggested putting donation jars for contributions to the AIS Fund at four taverns in the area.

Summer Party 2012

Kathy and Charlie Frisk host the summer party on August 4, and a good time was had by all in attendance.

New Business:

Summer Party 2013

Tom and Kathy Grabow will host the summer party on August 3. Invitations will be sent to all members around the beginning of July.

Venetian Parade

Stuart Armstrong asked if there was interest in reviving the Boulder Lake Venetian Parade of Boats this year. As there seemed to be, he and Renee Diana will organize the boat parade on Saturday, July 6.

Fish

Charlie Leitner reported that the lake may be approaching over-population of bass.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters

Amanda Strick, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Oconto County, gave a short presentation on the DNR's Boat Landing Blitz program for the July 4th weekend. They will provide give-away towels and brochures for volunteers to hand out at boat landings, as part of the effort to educate boaters on the importance of cleaning boats that are moved from one lake to another so as not to spread AIS. Bob LeBeau and Jim Tilkens agreed to coordinate volunteers to be at the federal campground landing on the July 4th weekend.

Zebra Mussel Discs

Two zebra mussel discs were hung on Martin's and Traxel's docks after the ice went out. They will be there all summer and will be returned to the DNR in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Davis, Secretary/Treasurer