

**Boulder Lake Private Home Owners Association
Annual Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 2019, 9:00 A.M.
Town Hall Community Center, Doty, Wisconsin**

General Business:

Richard Geurts, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Attendees introduced themselves.

In lieu of reading the minutes of the 2018 meeting and financial report - motions were made and passed to accept the minutes and treasury report.

Old Business:

Lake Water Quality

Paul Martin reported on lake quality monitoring. Water is tested four times a year. Water Quality has been very good and clear to the bottom this spring.

Lake Birds, Loon Watch:

Richard reported eagles are nesting in usual spot. Loons came back on May 16th. Viewed four or five fighting in the lake. There appears to be one nesting pair remaining.

Stuart Armstrong reported on condition of Loon Island which is shrinking in size. Mary Jo and Kat have led effort to gain permission from DNR to make improvements to island. No license required, only use of natural materials. Over course of summer, Stuart and others will be working to shore up island. Looking for volunteers in late August or September. Work may also be completed in the winter months.

Buoys:

Buoys were set quickly and efficiently this year with GPS coordinates. Thanks to all who assisted in that effort. Buoys are provided and maintained by lake association. Both North Bays are no wake. DNR set the areas originally and will enforce violations.

Stuart Armstrong asked for up to \$200 to update or enhance the Wake Hour signage at the Forestry campground boat landing. Motion by Sara Hahn, Second by Doug Traxel to approve funds, all in favor, motion carried.

Summer Party:

Richard reports small turnout last year but everyone had a good time. Tim Stephani hosted and is volunteering his place again for 2019.

Website:

Paul Martin gave an update on Facebook and website traffic. Meeting notices are posted on sites as well as the full 2018 Onterra report and updates on Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM).

NEW BUSINESS

Aquatic Invasive Species:

Ken Carlson gave the annual report on the EWM and efforts by the association to address concerns on the lake. Providing a history of the EWM, Ken brought membership up to date. Currently working through second DNR rapid response grant.

First grant which expired in 2015 addressed EWM with herbicides along with hand harvesting. In 2018, three large colonies were discovered and a second grant was obtained. Due to the water depth of the colonies location, it was determined that herbicides were not an effective removal protocol; these deeper locations were removed with Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) contractor. Hand harvesting will still be necessary in the shallow areas of the lake.

In 2019, we will utilize Dash again and Onterra will complete another assessment this fall.

We have received two emergency response grants to date, and will not be eligible for another. DNR will require a Lake Management Plan to move forward which will allow us to apply for additional grants. In the meantime, we will still be relying on hand pulling.

Volunteer hours are necessary to offset the cost of the grant. Ken applied for and obtained a \$2,600 grant from Oconto County which covers those expenses exempted from the DNR grant.

Doug Traxel reported on meeting he attended with Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association. Some lake associations are spending large sums to address these issues. A Lake Management Plan puts us in a position to qualify for additional grants, but we would be competing with other associations for grant funds based on need – other associations having much greater issues than ours.

Stuart encourages association to take ownership of the lake. Advises group that Ken Carlson is donating approx. 150 hours a year on this issue and challenges each member to give 3 hours to the lake this summer - volunteering at the boat landings or hand pulling

EWM. Stuart will hold another hand pulling training session this summer and will send out an email to membership for anyone wanting to attend. Hand held GPS can be utilized to mark those areas once they have been located.

Richard asked for a motion to purchase a hand held GPS. Motion was made and seconded to make the purchase from the grant funds.

Clean Boats Clean Waters.

Signup sheets are available for Federal Forest Campground and Boulder Lake Lodge. See Richard for scheduling. Stuart clarifies that monitoring consists of checking boat trailers coming on and off the lake for weeds, EWM and Zebra Mussels and advising visitors of wake hours.

July 4th Boat Parade:

Parade will be Saturday July 6th at 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. starting in front of Echo Valley. As of this meeting, there will be no fireworks on the lake this year.

Summer Party:

With no volunteer host for 2019 party, Stuart suggests that we pass this year and revisit in 2020.

Membership:

Richard reports that association members Charlie Leitner and John Davis passed away this last year. Motion by Doug to send \$50 each as a memorial to the family. Second by Tilkens, motion carried.

Stuart welcomed new members and asked for comments. Pete Lorge and Drew Bodway both voiced concerns with EWM and need to be proactive.

Election of officers:

Secretary/Treasurer term is up. Request for volunteers for two year term. With no takers, Mary accepted another term.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Pavek