**NORTH CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Occasions, Coldwater, Michigan

The meeting of the North Chain Lake Association was called to order by President, Tom Duff at 10:03 am at the Occasions Facility, 430 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, MI.

**NCLA Board Members** included:

**Past President:** Terry Reen present  
**President:** Tom Duff present

**Vice President:**  Mike Reen (appointed) absent

**Secretary:** Carolyn Morrison present   
**Treasurer:**  Colleen Humphrey present

**Director:** Joe Alexander (appointed) present  
**Director:** Carl Murdock present  
**Director:** Frank Russo present

**Quorum:** According to Colleen Humphrey, a quorum WAS present for conducting business.

**Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes** (September 21, 2024) distributed and emailed:Minutes accepted and on file.

**Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report:**

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Treasurer Colleen Humphrey.

Beginning Balance: $6,965.28

Income Collected : $1,930.00

Expenses: $1,454.79

Ending Balance: $7,440.49

The report was accepted and is on file.

**OLD BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Elections:**

* **Vice President, Mike Reen has resigned. Carl Murdock was appointed for one year.**
* **Treasurer: Herb Watson nominated Colleen Humphrey, Mike T. seconded it, and Colleen was unanimously elected.**
* **Directors: Tom Humphrey was unanimously elected to fill Carl Murdock’s Directorship.**

**Joe Alexander has resigned. A new Director will be appointed to replace him.**

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Coldwater Board of Public Utilities Wastewater Manager, Jon Foley.** The Wastewater Treatment plant was built in 1952 and has gone through numerous expansions and improvements. The plant is rated for 3.25 MGD (Million Gallons a Day) and has been taking in 3.40 to 4.0 MGD the last year.

The Plant can handle the extra flow without an issue meeting the limits set by the State of Michigan EGLE Division. The main concern for the Plant is lowering the Phosphorus and Ammonia from the discharge, so we don’t upset the water quality in the receiving waters just like the North Chain of Lakes. We use Microorganisms and chemical to achieve that process.

Another issue is PFAS in the water. We test twice a year and are in the lowest category in terms of limits. Which is a great thing!

The Wastewater Treatment Plant will be going through 2 phases of construction in the next 2 to 3 years. The first phase will replace our outdated UV system with a new more improved system. The second phase will increase capacity for the future growth of Coldwater and improve our Phosphorus and Ammonia removal. The State of Michigan is always requesting each Treatment to improve

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removal rates of those items. We just want to do our part to help the environment and preserve our State’s biggest asset. CLEAN FRESH WATER!

**Branch County Marine Patrol, Josh Vickers**. Stats for 2024 are as follows for the North Chain:

* 177.75 hours patrolled
* 113 Contacts
* 4 Tickets issued
* 107 Warnings
* 13 Complaints
* No accidents in 2024! Great job to everyone on being safe and going the correct direction around the lakes. This helps reduce accidents.
* A reminder that lights must be on after sunset and periods of reduced visibility.  All around white light (360 light) must be on after sunset even if anchored or moored, this includes fireworks shows.

**Members’ concerns and observations:**

1. **Buoys are difficult to get from the DNR. There is a concern for the sunken islands in the Narrows Channel. Signs at the entrances by private landowners are being explored.**
2. **It is the landowner’s responsibility to remove trees that have fallen in waterways.**
3. **Geese eggs, Coldwater Mayor Tom Kramer explained the removal of 200-300 geese eggs in Coldwater Lake is to try to help reduce geese population. It might be considered if enough volunteered in the North Chain. Rodrick Fikel is the first to volunteer. Permits are needed.**
4. **Concern was expressed about guns killing fowl on the North Chain of Lakes.**
5. **Weed spray is scheduled for May 12. Paul Hausler will be available at our Fall meeting.**
6. **The Rotary Park project continues to proceed according to Mayor Tom Kramer. The buildings are in the process of coming down. A new ramp will be installed.**
7. **The lake appears low. Usually, the level is low in the spring to allow people to put in their docks. This year seems particularly low. Contact Mike Hard with questions.**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Dates:** September 13th at Occasions, 430 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, MI

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carolyn Morrison, Secretary**

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