**NORTH CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes

Saturday, September 21, 2024

Promedica Conference Center, Coldwater

The meeting of the North Chain Lake Association was called to order by President, Tom Duff at 10:03 am

at the Promedica Conference Center, Coldwater, MI.

**NCLA Board Members** included:

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

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

**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** (May 11, 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: $7,737.56

Income Collected : $ 930.00

Expenses: $1,702.28

Ending Balance: $6,965.28

The report was accepted and is on file.

**OLD BUSINESS: none**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Branch County Drain Commissioner, Mike Hard. Branch County had a couple of huge rain falls this spring. The courts determined in 1960 what the legal levels of water can be before dams can be opened to release water build up. The Hodunk/Messenger lakes are unique in that they have numerous waters flowing into them including the Coldwater River, the Sauk River, Mud Creek and all of the City of Coldwater. Hodunk Dam was opened in anticipation of the predicted rain, but still could not keep up. Again, it can not drop below the legal court ordered limit. In February 2018 it was worse because the ground was frozen so there was 100% run off. The State of Michigan is looking at the dams with more visits. Rain events have become more intense and frequent. Coldwater new developments must have storage basins. There is an ongoing, licensed engineering study being conducted to find more water storage to buffer the lake chain. There may eventually be a 100-year flood change. 100-year flood plans for our own properties are available through the City and FEMA for flood insurance.**

**During the months of June, July and August a NO WAKE can not be declared locally. By the time one could be declared by the State, the event has passed. Concern was expressed that out of towners and bass tournament fisherman cause the most problems and do not consider high waters. Everything in the Drain Commission office is public. “Mother nature is still in control”.**

**Branch County Marine Patrol, Mike Spencer. Thanked us for our continuing support. 88 students this year have attended Boater Safety classed. Thanked us for supporting the classes. He explained that any motorized boat operator born after June 30, 1996, is required by law to pass a boater safety course and to carry a boater safety certificate when operating a boat. In addition, boater education is also required for all PWC operators born after December 31, 1978. The is one class left on Saturday, October 12th at the Coldwater Lake Association Building. There are still some limited seats open.**

**2024 Stats YTD:**

* **671.75 hours of patrol time**
* **Accidents: 2—1 hit and run property damage, warrant was issued and subject was arrested. You must stop at all accidents, 1 fatal accident on Messenger Lake that is still an open case.**
* **OWL’s:0**
* **Traffic stops: 529 traffic stops, 497 warnings, 32 citations.**
* **Complaints: 71 complaints**

**Top Warnings:**

* **#1 Navigation rule—wrong direction, 100’from shore**
* **#2 Slow—no wake**
* **#3 Registrations violations**

**The Buoys will be coming out in the next month and winter buoys will be going in.**

**No buoys on the sunken islands across from the Golf course have been approved. NCLA is considering putting up signs at both ends of the islands on private properties as warnings to boaters.**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Dates:** May 10 or 17 and September 13 or 20. Perhaps at Occasions

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carolyn Morrison, Secretary**

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