**NORTH CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Promedica Conference Center, Coldwater

The meeting of the North Chain Lake Association was called to order by President, Terry Reen at 10:01 am

at the Promedica Conference Center, Coldwater, MI.

**NCLA Board Members** included:

**President:** Terry Reen present
**Vice-President:**  Tom Duff, Jr. present

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

**Director:** Mike Reen 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 16, 2023) distributed and emailed:Mike Reen made a motion, seconded by Carl Murdock to accept the minutes. The motion passed. Minutes on file.

**Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report:**

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

Beginning Balance: $7,226,00

Income Collected : $1,950.00

Expenses: $1,438.44

Ending Balance: $7,737.56

Mike Reen made a motion, seconded Frank Russo to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed. Complete report on file.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Boat Cleaning Tools: Tom Humphry has already replaced some cleaning tools. Keep an eye open for people “borrowing” them.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**Weed Control: Reports of the lake survey and weed applications have been emailed to members. Contact Paul Hausler,** Water Resources Practice Leader, Office (616) 447-3376, Cell (616) 450-4716, [weareprogressive.com](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.weareprogressive.com%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7Ce61b5573b6634973d87108dc738ad680%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638512287658885020%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=L%2FhqxDQPZx9ONhHysSp4fOiMCx8QU%2F1efJEanB38wRw%3D&reserved=0) **with any questions.**

**Fisheries, Matthew Diana, Fisheries Biologist: Matt reported that he works through the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Michigan for the Public Trust of fisheries which includes licensing. He works with individuals and Lake Associations. Matt was pleased to be working with the North Chain Lake Association and getting to know the North Chain. The fish survey done for the North Chain of Lakes is very old. Hopefully, a new survey can be done in the future. Matt reported that the fish kill last summer was actually very small. When fish are stressed due to high heat, over production, depletion of oxygen or chemicals, fish may die. He did not think it was a long-term issue, but always appreciates calls to report fish kills. Questions from the members included the following:**

* **Farmers fertilizers run off. Natural borders help. Call the EGLE if concerned.**
* **Yard fertilizers run off. Natural borders help. Call the EGLE if concerned. Don’t use phosphorus.**
* **Algae Bloom. Some are natural. The temperature of the water can contribute to the bloom. Call EGLE if concerned.**
* **Septic System run off. With older homes this can be a particular problem. They are often leaking, under sized, and located too close to the lake. Ecoli can result. Call the Health Department if concerned.**
* **Fish Stocking. A fish survey would help determine if bass, bluegill, and croppies need to be stocked. Nature usually regulates the fish. The North Chain of Lakes are probably too shallow to consider walleye stocking and they are not native to the lakes. Carp are also not native to these waters but have been here a very long time.**

**Matt can be reached at (269) 910-0157, email** dianam@michigan.gov **or www.michigan.gov/fishing.**

**Marine Patrol, Sheriff Pollack: Thanked the Lake Association for their continued support. The Marine Patrol uses an educational approach on the lakes versus a punitive approach.**

**Marine Patrol, Sgt Josh Vickers: Josh also thanked NCLA for their continued support. NCLA will again be buying lunch for a Boater Safely Class, June 8th. Please, see below for more information and registration. Seventy-seven students took classes last year. So far this year, fifty-five students have registered. Many are taking the class online.**

**The Marine Patrol was on the North Chain 216 hours, making 183 stops with only 9 citations being issued. Most stops were due to boating in the wrong direction, registration expirations, and exceeding the speed in No Wake zones. There were four accidents. Out of state boaters seemed to need more instructions. All watercrafts must have lights on from sunset to sunrise including kayaks. Use flashlights if necessary.**

**Concern was again expressed about the sunken islands in the Narrows area.**

**Elections: Even years for President and Secretary and one Director.**

* **President: Terry Reen nominated Tom Duff, Mark Zinn 2nd and** **being no other nominations from the floor, Tom was unanimously elected President. Tom resigned his position as Vice President. A replacement will be appointed by the Board.**
* **Secretary: Carol Woodman nominated Carolyn Morrison, Jill Dirschell seconded and being no other nominations from the floor, Carolyn was unanimously elected Secretary.**
* **Director (Frank Russo’s appointed position): Carl Murdock nominated Frank Russo, Tom Duff seconded it and being no other nominations from the floor, Frank was unanimously elected Director.**

**Facebook, North Chain Lake Association (follow): Nancy Murdock is helping to vet people posting. The Autistic child selling t-shirts is a scam.**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Dates:** September 21, 2024, Promedica Conference Center, flood insurance.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carolyn Morrison, Secretary**

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2024 Boater Safety Class Schedule Pre-Registration is required.

 Did you know those born after December 31, 1978, must have a boating safety certificate to operate a PWC (personal watercraft) legally? Did you also know those born on or after July 1, 1996, must have a boating safety certificate to operate a boat legally? The operator must be in possession of their certificate while operating either a boat or a PWC. Certificate does not expire.

Date/Time: **Saturday, April 27th** 9am-4pm Location: Coldwater Lake Association 516 Warren Road Coldwater Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6703 Lunch will be provided.

 Date/Time: **Saturday, May 4th** 9am-4pm Location: Sunset Cove Resort 931 Sunset Drive Quincy Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6704 Lunch will be provided.

Date/Time: **Saturday, May 18th** 9am-4pm Location: Coldwater Lake Association 516 Warren Road Coldwater Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6705 Lunch will be provided.

Date/Time: **Saturday, June 1st** 9am-4pm Location: Sunset Cove Resort 931 Sunset Drive Quincy Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6706 Lunch will be provided.

Date/Time: **Saturday, June 8th** 9am-4pm Location: Branch County Sheriff’s Office Training Room 379 Keith Wilhelm Drive Coldwater Please follow the signs for parking, walk to the west side (rear) of the building where the training room is located. Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6730 Lunch will be provided.

Date/Time: **Saturday, October 12th** 9am-4pm Location: Coldwater Lake Association 516 Warren Road Coldwater Registration: https://michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com/em/events/6731 Lunch will be provided.

CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE