

NORTH CHAIN LAKE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, May 14, 2022

Coldwater Township Pavilion, Coldwater

The meeting of the North Chain Lake Association was called to order by President Terry Reen at 10:03 am at the Coldwater Township Pavilion, Coldwater, MI.

NCLA Board Members included:

President:	Terry Reen	present
Vice-President:	Dennis Dirschell	absent
Secretary:	Carolyn Morrison	present
Treasurer:	Colleen Humphrey	absent
Director:	Tom Duff, Jr.	present
Director:	Mike Reen	present
Director:	Carl Murdock	present

Quorum: According to the acting Treasurer, Tom Humphrey a quorum WAS present for conducting business.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes (September 18, 2021): Dwight Woodman made a motion, seconded by Mike Reen to accept the minutes. The motion passed. Minutes on file.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was presented by acting Treasurer, Tom Humphrey.

Beginning Balance:		\$6,904.81
Income Collected	:	\$1,960.00
Expenses:		\$ 965.58
Ending Balance:		\$7,899.23

Mike Reen made a motion, seconded by Mark Zinn to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed. Complete report on file.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: the North Chain Lake Association is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. SPECIAL REPORTS:

Marine Patrol, Josh Vickers:

- Josh sent Sheriff John Pollack's apologies for being unable to attend. He sends his many thanks for all the donations.
- **Boater Safety classes:** The main purpose of the boater safety education course is for the Branch County Marine Patrol Deputies to train knowledgeable, safe, and responsible boaters. Topics covered include general boating and water safety, navigational rules, causes and prevention of crashes, operation and fueling techniques, environmental concerns, and reporting responsibility. These classes will be a traditional classroom setting, with a written exam requiring a 75% or better to pass. There's no age requirement, however, those under 12 years of age will need to be accompanied by an adult. Free lunch will be provided courtesy of Coldwater Lake Association, the Marble Lake Improvement Association, and the North Chain Lake Association. REGISTER ONLINE
Any motorized boat operator born after June 30, 1996, is required by law to pass an approved boater safety course and to carry a boater safety certificate. In addition, boater education is also required for all PWC operators born after December 31, 1978.
May 21 and June 4, 9-4, Coldwater Lake Association Building, 516 Warren Rd. Coldwater.
June 11, 9-3:30, Sunset Cove-Marble Chain of Lakes Improvement Association, 931 Sunset Dr., Quincy
June 18, 9-4, Branch County Sheriff's Dept, North Chain Lake Association, 379 Keith Wilhelm Dr., Coldwater

It is possible to go online for the Boaters Education class. The website is www.boat-ed.com/Michigan. There is a fee for this online class. We encourage those taking a boater safety class to do so through the class offered by the Sheriff's Office, this allows for questions and interaction with other students, and the Marine Patrol Deputies.

- A new marine patrol boat is in the process of being outfitted. Two more boats are ordered but because of the slow supply issue will be received in August and October. They will be outfitted and put into service in 2023. Then there will be six marine patrol boats in service.
- Citations for the North chain were issued to 65 boaters. 7 accidents in 2021. There has been one accident so far this year near the Willows Bar and Grill.
- Buoys are permitted by the DNR, then the Marine Patrol puts them in the water. The buoys now have solar lights on them to make them visible at night. Concern was expressed about a need for a buoy on the Narrows sunken island. Request must be made to the DNR.
- The Marine Patrol will do boat inspections at the Rotary Park on June 12th.

Facebook Page, Mike Reen: Members of the NCLA and businesses on the chain may post and advertise on the NCLA Facebook page. Members may ask if anyone knows of a business they can use. No political or covid comments are allowed.

Shoreland Stewart, Tom Duff: Michigan Shoreland Stewards Program Guide was given to all the members present. Additional information may be obtained at www.mishorelandstewards.org. "Lakeshore development, landscaping, and erosion control can be done in a way that minimizes negative impacts to the lake and meets lakefront property owners' recreational needs." Natural, native shorelines are encouraged. These native plants have deeper roots.

Boat Wash, Tom Humphrey: A new permanent boat wash can cost \$60-70 thousand dollars. A grant submitted to EGLE passed the district but failed at the state level for a boat wash. A new grant proposal has been submitted to the Coldwater Solar Program. Matching funds from the Association may be needed. Tom continues to explore every possible means to get a boat wash on the North Chain. Boats spread aquatic Invasive species from lake to lake.

Petition: a representative from the League of Woman Voters shared a petition to promote votes, 2022.

Wake Boats: wake boats are damaging shorelines. Report boats if too close to your shore.

Swans: beware of swans protecting their nests. Like all animals they will attack if their nests are threatened.

Kayak Launch: a new kayak launch has been placed at the Rotary Park with donations from the Rotary Club.

Trash cans: more trash cans are needed at several landing sites. Terry is looking into this. Many NCLA members have been removing trash. Thank you.

Weeds: spraying and harvesting dates are being sent to members as we receive them.

Elections: Eric Goodwin made a motion to proclaim by acclamation the following remain in office for another term:

President, Terry Reen

Secretary, Carolyn Morrison

Director, Tom Duff, Jr.

Tom Tedrick seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Adjournment 10:58 am

Next Meeting Dates: Saturday, September 17, 2022. Location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Morrison, Secretary

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