



July 2024

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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ICOLA Membership,

As we rapidly approach one of our biggest holidays for lake recreation it is my hope that we all practice a little extra courtesy and patience when recreating on the lake. We want to ensure that we have another safe 4th of July at the lake.

For those who get the email reminders you are already aware of some upcoming events but I want to restate them here...

Fireworks: Weather Permitting

July 4th on Chain Lake

July 6th on Island Lake

BRAT FEED: We will be having our annual brat feed and ICOLA meeting on July 13th. This meeting will start at 11 AM at Sunny's Clear Lake Resort located at N207 Park Lane, New Auburn, WI 54757. Thanks to Jeanine and Jeff Rossow for organizing this annual event. Our speaker will be from the Rusk County water patrol.

1st ICOLA GOLF OUTING: ICOLA is having a golf outing on Saturday, July 20th at Amacoy Golf Course, N2921 WI- 40 Bruce, WI 54895. This is a 9 hole fun round of golf. Make up your own foursome or come and be paired up with a team. Open to any ICOLA members. It is a great opportunity to meet some other lake property owners and have a good time.

2:00 Registration

3PM Shotgun start

4 Person scramble

Cost: \$30 dollars per person which includes 9 holes of golf with a cart.

Please contact John Granholt at 715-225-1037 or email at Jgranholt@yahoo.com Or Mike Niemeyer at 612-309-9825 or email Mike at Michael.neimeyer@outlook.com to let them know if you plan to golf so we have a preliminary headcount for the event. Sign-ups will also be at the bars on the lake by June 28th.

Presto Foundation Donation- \$15,000.00

THANK YOU to ICOLA member and property owner Joseph Stienessen and his work with the Presto Foundation to obtain another \$15,000 dollar donation for ICOLA projects. This year's funds have been earmarked to assist with getting the fish rearing ponds refurbished across from Shep's. ICOLA walleye committee has been working with Rusk County WRA to get these ponds back up and running for future fish stocking. Additionally, ICOLA has been working with the state to get permission to protect the Bureau of Land Management Islands. These are the small islands on Chain Lake where the fireworks are shot off. Hopefully, funding will allow us to protect and maintain these areas.

***Thank
You!***

ICOLA MEETING SCHEDULE

ANNUAL BRAT FEED

July 13, 2024 Sunny's Bar at 11:00 Annual Brat Feed

N 207 Park Dr, New Auburn, WI, 54757

Special Thanks to Jeanine and Jeff Rossow for organizing

SPEAKER: Rusk County Sheriff/Water Patrol

August 10, 2024 Hawk's Bar

30994 122nd St #5211, New Auburn, WI 54757

ICOLA BOARD ELECTIONS

AUGUST ELECTION BALLOT

Nominations will be accepted up until the August meeting

President: Jeff Pippenger

Secretary: Kristi Thoreson

* Chain Lake Rep: Frank Draxler *

Chain Lake Rep is a 1 year special election due to Jeff Pippenger running for the President position

Clear Lake: Larry Bins

Island Lake: Rick Krahn

June 8th Speaker and meeting minutes

Special thanks to Jeff Pippenger who took the minutes due to another commitment that our secretary had for this meeting.

10:00 am... President Nordin called the meeting to order.

Speaker Sage Duncan from Hunt Hill Nature Center gave a presentation about Turtles of NW Wisconsin. Went through the anatomy and life cycle of snapping turtles, habitat of turtles and how to handle them.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: No comments and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: John gave a presentation of the association's balances. Passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Karl noted that Presto gave another \$15,000 donation to the ICOLA, of which \$10,000 will go to the Walleye Fund, and \$5,000 will go towards the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) island fund.

Committee Reports:

Walleye committee - Rod Stegge went through the status of working with the WRA and the WDNR to get the Walleye rearing ponds ready for next year.

Invasive Species Committee - Kent Gierhart explained the status of the purple loose strife beetle that are in good supply.

Facebook and Website Update- Sandy Johnson gave an update.

Highway Clean-Up Update- Linda Carpenter gave a recap of the May 18th clean up. There were 19 volunteers that collected 21 bags of trash and four tires in the first clean up.

President Nordin asked if there was any other old business - no other old business.

New Business:

Presto Foundation - \$15,000 do action was discussed earlier in the meeting.

ICOLA Golf Outing - Sandy Johnson put out on Facebook with John Granholt being the contact person. Additionally, Sandy Johnson will put it on the lake association website.

The request for a summer docking spot for the ICOLA pontoon was put out to the members.

Other new business - Bill Bonacorda (who provides the Chain Lakes Fireworks) talked about the July 4th fireworks on Chain Lake this year and said that pontoons need to stay back 1000 feet. Additionally, he mentioned that next year's fireworks may not happen due to his license renewal and the work required for them.

Motion to adjourn...Jeff Pippenger and seconded by Tom Kreviston at 11:00 a.m.