



June 2024 Membership Newsletter

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

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ICOLA MEMBERSHIP,

There is never a month that passes that I am not in awe of our Chain of Lakes. This past month we started to see brand new fawns and turtles began their annual pilgrimage onto the roadsides and into yards to find spots to lay eggs. Loons and geese are nesting and many baby goslings are already trailing their parents around the lakes. It truly is a great place to live and recreate.

In this June newsletter, I will share some pictures of Lake Days and a plethora of thank yous to those who have helped out over the last year. Also, you will see a picture from the first Adopt a Highway event. Lastly, the minutes from our May meeting are attached and these will be approved at our June Meeting.

Finally, at our June 8th meeting at Backwood's, we welcome Sage from Hunt Hill Nature Center to give us a presentation on turtles. Hope to see you there.

ASSOCIATION THANK YOUS

ICOLA Calendar: Thank you to Linda Carpenter for designing our annual calendar, John Kowalewski for renewing the sponsorships in the calendar, and to all the members that submitted Pictures. Calendar sponsors were Jerry Staniszewski with Remax Realty, Bischel Septic Service, Chris Butterfield with Woods and Water Realty, and TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving.

Buoy Crew: Mark Schmitt (also for storing the buoys over the winter), Steve Hayden, Jeff Pippenger, Ted Hakala, Al Christianson, Mike Kastle, Rick Krahn, and John Kowalewski.

ICOLA Pontoon Storage: Rick and Deb Krahn- We are looking for summer dock storage for the pontoon, if you have a spot let Karl know.

ICOLA Committee Chairs: Rod Steege - Walleye Committee, Kent Gierhart - Invasive Species Committee, Carol Hakala - Shoreline Restoration, Nancy Rothwell and Linda Grefsheim - Adopt-A-Highway Committee, Mary Baldeshwiler-Nordin - ICOLA Store, and Sandy Johnson - Facebook

Website: Bob Jensen, Stephanie Rau, and Sandy Johnson.

ICOLA BOARD: VP- Sandy Johnson, Treasurer - John Kowalewski, Secretary- Kristi Thoreson, and our Lake Reps: Rick Krahn - Island Lake, Ted Hakala - McCann Lake, Jeff Pippenger - Chain Lake, and Larry Bins - Clear Lake.

Area Lake Days: Linda Carpenter for signage and advertising design, Introductions at Lake Days: Carol Hakala, Ted Hakala, and Jeff Pippenger. Lake Days Speaker Sponsors: Trubilt Auto (Trubilt was also a vendor and donated the use of the golf cart limo for the event), Jerry Staniszewski with Remax Realty, Chris Butterfield with Woods and Water Realty, and TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving.

Arrowhead Bible Camp for Hosting Lake Days: Jeremiah Harder - Camp Director- With a huge thank you this year to Trenton LeCleur for all his help with set up and with technology support for the speakers at Lake Days. Also the entire support staff who assisted with food prep, and serving.

Electronic Recycling at Area Lake Days: First Choice Recycling - organized by Mike Prasher and Ralph Hutchins.



Lake Establishments - Sheps, Backwoods, Sunny's, and Hawk's for hosting our monthly ICOLA Meetings.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY



Adopt a Highway Participants 5/18/24

Over 20 bags of trash were picked up along Hwy D and Plummer Road along with several abandoned tires. Great work everyone! Thanks to Nancy Rothwell and Linda Grefsheim for their leadership with this project

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ICOLA MEETING SCHEDULE

June 8, 2024 at 10 Backwoods Bar and Grill

W14549 Plummer Road, Weyerhaeuser. WI 54895

Speaker- Sage - Hunt Hill Nature Center- Topic:Turtles

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

N 207 Park Dr, New Auburn, WI, 54757

August 10, 2024 Hawk's Bar

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

ICOLA BOARD ELECTIONS

May 11, 2024

Association Meeting Agenda

- I. 10 AM call meeting to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Any new members?
- IV. Secretary's report: Approved
- V. Treasurer's report: Approved.
- VI. May 2024 Association Meeting Treasurer Report

Assets, May 10, 2024
Unrestricted Funds \$ 30,195.58
Walleye \$ 20,150.64
Land \$ 15,893.04
Shoreland Restoration \$ 22,539.62
Total \$ 88,778.88

Lake Day results: Net Income \$1338.10

Memberships: Members 216, Associate Members 12
Total Members 228

VII. Old Business:

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. Shoreline Restoration Committee- Carol Hakala: 11 Applicants in process currently. 5 Property owners complete.

B. Walleye Committee- Rod Steege: One more stocking of walleyes from the DNR and in 2026 a decision would be made for future funding. This year we can decide about stocking via the Lake Association. Ponds on Hwy 40 will be reopened and will raise our own walleye for stocking.

C. Invasive Species Committee: Kent Gierhart: Considering changing the procedure.

D. Facebook update- Sandy Johnson: Website is in the process of being updated. IslandChainofLakes.org For the Facebook group if you get rejected contact Sandy Johnson or Eric Thoreson as it is set to private. Close to 500 members.

E. Highway Clean-up Nancy Rothwell: Saturday 5/18/24 starting at 8:30. Meet at HWY D and Gemella. Can't part on CTY HWY D. Clean from HWY 40 to Plummer Road. Please come and help.

F. The Lake Association store- Mary Baldeshwiler Nordin. Open until May 13th. Items delivered at the next Lake Association meeting.

G. Summary of Area Lakes Day: Sponsored and hosted by Arrowhead Bible Camp. Provided speakers for education on lake preservation.

IX. Thank You to members

A. Calendar, Buoys, Pontoon Storage, Board Members, Committee Chairs

X. Any other Old Business?

XI. New Business:

XII. ICOLA GOLF TOURNAMENT, John Granholt- July 20, 2024 2PM Amacoy Golf. 4 Person shotgun start. Can have 36 individuals. If anyone is interested contact John Granholt.

XIII. Loon Artificial Nesting Platforms: DNR does not recommend these on this chain as we have natural habitat.

XIV. Fireworks: Motion to give \$1,000 to Shep's and to Chain Lake Fireworks.

Motion: Linda Greshiem, 2nd: Linda Carpenter. Approved.

XV. Happy Mother's Day

XVI. Request for Summer Dock spot for ICOLA Pontoon.

XVII. Other New Business. Inquiry about algae, if there are any

XVIII. Motion To adjourn: Jeff Pippinger 2nd: Linda Greshiem.

XIX. Door Prizes

Speaker: No speaker for the May Meeting

Pictures from The ICOLA Area Lakes Day 2024





McCann Lake Rep Lake Ted Hakala introducing Byron Crouse



Next Area Lakes Day will be in 2026!