

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES – May 14, 2016

President Karl Nordin called the meeting to order. He welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The roll call of officers was taken and Karl was the only officer present. The August 8, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as written. Treasurer, Bea Burnap was absent so Donna Cousino gave the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read. A report was given by Dan Borreson and Lynn Bobb on the budget for 2016. We have a working budget of \$5737 to cover our expenses.

The following items were discussed:

- Remember to check out our web site **islandchainoflakes.org**. Stephanie Barber, has made lots of changes. Send any pictures or information you want posted to stephanie@raubarber.com. We also want to post a list of people who do lawn service, home repairs, boat repairs, dock service, etc. Let Stephanie know so we can get the names and phone numbers on the website.
- We are considering having a LAKE DAY next year. This could include activities such as archery and fishing techniques and boat, snowmobile, and ATV sales. It could include food vendors. The possibilities are endless. Karl and Bill Burnap have agreed to pursue this further with Arrowhead Bible Camp. (It was agreed that would be a great location for this event)
- Fireworks were discussed.
 - **A motion was made by Kathy Seilheimer and seconded by Bill Burnap that we make a \$200 donation to Scheps Resort and the Higgins family.** All agreed and the motion was passed. (After the vote it was noted that Scheps needs to purchase a permit for \$25 from the county.) **An additional motion was made that we cover that cost for Scheps.** All agreed so Scheps will get \$225.
- Invasive species continues to be a threat to our lakes. Karl will contact Gary and Susan Hamlen as they expressed interest in this area on their membership. Others interested in a consulting role should contact Karl.
- The Walleye program was discussed. Check our web site in the president's letter for the number of fish the DNR released in our chain of lakes last year. Since the DNR gives us walleye every other year we cannot purchase additional fish. Karl is going to contact members who have expressed interest in the walleye projects to determine other projects that could be initiated to benefit our efforts in enhancing the walleye population on our chain.
- The buoys were discussed. They have all been placed. If you know of additional hazards or believe one has been placed incorrectly please let us know. We have budgeted \$1000 for buoys. Some need to be replaced just because they are so old, others need to be repaired or replaced because they are being hit by boats. The lights have also been broken in the past. We have in the past offered a \$100 reward for information regarding intentional damage to our buoys.
 - **A motion was made by Jack Amanns and seconded by Flo Hayden to continue the reward offer.** All agreed and the motion was passed.
- Karl thanked Bill Burnap, Mike Casel, Mike Cousino, Ralph DeLuga and Mark Schmitt for putting the buoys in. He also thanked Nancy Bollinger for selling the Lake Association T-Shirts and Marilyn Morelli for taking notes and Donna Cousino for the Treasurer's report at the meeting. We also want to thank Linda Carpenter for putting together the mailing list for the Association. This list is a work in progress. If you are a member of the lake association and are not receiving our e-mails please send us your email address and we will include you.
- We have official loon watchers on our lakes: Stephanie Barber on Island Lake and Bill and Bea Burnap on McCann, Chain and Clear. They keep track of our loons and report to the DNR on their status. We are very lucky to have them watching out for our loons.

- There was a discussion regarding the kayak cut through between Clear and McCann lakes. The property is owned by Kathy Seilheimer and she said it is OK to use it. Feel free to clear out any sticks or branches.
- We continue to pursue signage at our boat landings. We are hoping to partner with the WRA and improve the signage at our boat landings. We will keep you updated on this project.
- We discussed community access to AED's around the lake. Each of the bars has an AED and you can purchase one of your own if you wish. Recertified units can be purchased for between \$700 and \$1000. Check out AED.com for more information.
- There was also a discussion regarding First Responders on our lakes. Since our lakes are in two counties, Chippewa and Rusk, this gets a bit complicated. People living in Chippewa County are served by New Auburn/Bloomer. People living in Rusk County are served by Bruce and (we think Chetek). In some cases it would make more sense for some areas of Rusk to be covered by New Auburn/Bloomer.
- Please remember the No Wake regulations when passing another boat in any of the channels on our lakes.
- Our guest speaker at this meeting was Dick Martin. Dick is monitoring the water quality on our chain. He gave us a little insight into what is involved in this. Among other things he tests water clarity and temperature and sends the info to the DNR. Thank you Dick for keeping an eye on our water quality. We all have an interest in the health of our lakes.
- The next Lake Association meeting is Saturday, June 11th. Our speaker at the July meeting will be CeCe Tesky, Rusk County Zoning Administrator.
- **Important Phone Numbers**
 - **Rusk County Sherriff** **715/532-2200 Call with any lake abuse and/or boating and jet ski issues**
 - **DNR Satellite Office Ladysmith** **715/532-3911**
 - **Forestry Department** **715/532-2113 Call with any boat landing issues**

Door prize winners were Gaylan Luncker, Marilyn Morelli, Annette Malone, Travis Grundeman

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Thank you Marilyn Morelli for taking notes for me. Great job!

Respectfully submitted: Carol DeLuga