

ISLAND CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC
MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2018

President Karl Nordin welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The roll call of officers was taken. Vice-President, Mark Schmidt was absent. All lake representatives were present. The July 14, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as written. The Treasurer's report was given and approved as read. The following items were discussed:

Kent Gierhart, chair of our Invasive Species Committee reported their primary concern right now is containing the Purple Loosestrife on our lakes. It was agreed that the purple loosestrife needs immediate action as it is going to seed. It must be removed carefully so the seeds do not spread. They recommend cutting off the flowers and bagging them to contain the seeds. They are looking at the possibility of purchasing beetles to eat the plants but it is too late to do that this year. Give Kent a call if you need help ridding your property of this invasive plant and he will advise you on how to proceed. Purple loosestrife is very invasive and we must get it out of our chain. Also, if you are interested in joining this committee give Kent (715/864-2056) a call.

The Walleye Committee reported that we continue to work with the WRA and the DNR to re-hab some of our cribs. The committee will keep us posted on their progress.

Our first Lake Calendar is still available. It is full of great pictures from around our lakes. Cost is \$5.

Our on line store for clothes and gear is now closed. It will re-open in April 2019. Watch our web site for info on opening or contact Mary Baldeshwiler-Nordin at mbbaldesh@gmail.com for more information. This store is controlled by us so if there is something in the store that you want but don't see these items can be added.

We discussed make a donation to help maintain the helicopter pad on Highway 40 but decided to wait until next spring so we can get some facts on exactly what is needed. The pad has just been completed and there are no estimates on costs.

We had a discussion about the condition of our buoys and the wraps on them. It was noted that are channel markers are the wrong color.

A motion was made by Bill Burnap and seconded by Flo Hayden to purchase four new buoys with the proper wraps for the channel at a cost of approximately \$700. All agreed and the motion was passed.

Tom Frank agreed to pick up the new buoys at no cost to the Association.

Under our new by-laws we will have an election every year instead of every other year. At the August meeting we voted Karl Nordin to continue as President. Al Christenson was elected Secretary. Rick Krahn was elected Lake Rep for Island Lake for two years. Tom Slowinsky was elected Lake Rep for Clear Lake for two years. Ted Hakala was elected Lake Rep for McCann Lake for one year and Ron Ottum was elected Lake Rep for Chain Lake for one year. Our election next year will be for vice-president and treasurer and lake reps for McCann and Chain Lakes.

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 Mike Cousino, Tom Creviston, Lenny Drescher and Sandy Johnson. Our guest speaker was Thomas Bischel of the New Auburn Fire/Rescue Department. He demonstrated their water rescue air boat which can also be used on ice. It is the only one in the area and has provided assistance in many surrounding areas. The meeting was adjourned at 12 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Carol DeLuga

