

ICOLA Board Meeting September 11, 2024 Minutes

Call to order by Jeff at 6pm. Present: Jeff, Ted, Frank, John, Rick, Sandy, Larry.

1. Association Dues: This issue was brought up at the August membership meeting.

It was noted that:

- In 2001 dues were increased from \$5 to \$10 (23 years ago).
 - A fully funded budget would require dues at approx. \$35.
 - John will provide further info about the operational cost & budget prior to the next meeting.
 - According to the By-Laws, the Board has the authority to set the dues.
 - Further discussion including a gradual increase.
- Motion by Frank, 2nd by Ted to raise the dues to \$20. Motion passed.

2. Wake Boat Ordinance:

- There was discussion regarding the environmental impact (damage) to the lake caused by wake boat operation.
- Noted the Big Bend Township covers more than 60% of the ICOLA lakes, therefore we need to work with this township.
- More research is being conducted.
- Jeff will develop/provide a sample ordinance to review at the next board meeting.

3. Pan Fish Limit:

- Nearby lakes have lowered their limit from 25 to 10 pan fish per day.
- The DNR indicated that our lakes will be included in a Spring (conservation Congress) questionnaire in regards to lowering the limit. And, members will be notified when this occurs.

4. Walleye Rearing Ponds: update

- Currently mowing area
- Working on quit-claim deed
- Zelies Tree service is going to work with "us" on spraying willow cut saplings at no cost.
- Schepler's have offered a loader and operator at no cost.
- Plan is to flood the ponds this fall so it's ready for spring.

5. Weed Harvester Machine: this was mentioned at the August membership meeting.

- A permit is required if a machine is purchased.
- TSB has 3 machines, 1 working. The machines are labor intensive.
- Not interested in owning a machine.

6. Other issues:

A. Chain Lake fireworks. Noted that Bill may not renew license. Tubes and equipment need repair. A "Go Fund Me" is expected to be created for this.

B. The ICOLA Store will be open this fall.

C. Discussion of holding future membership meetings. Jeff will make reservations.

D. BLM islands. John will continue to work on this.

E. Dive Club to help haul junk out of the lakes _____? will make contact with a local dive team. Suggested to treat the dive team to diner for their work.

F. Road Clean-up team. Noted that pick-up should occur 3 times per year. Nancy is authorized to purchase pick-up sticks and send the receipt to John. Frank will speak to Nancy about this.

Motion by Ted 2nd by Rick to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:30pm.

NEXT MEETING is November 7th at 6pm.