

Island Chain of Lakes, Assn (ICOLA) Membership Meeting Minutes 6/13/26

Board Members Present: Jeff Pippenger, Chris Hirschinger, Rick Krahn, Jerry Shadick, Frank Draxler, Larry Bins, LaNette Flunker Members Absent: Jerry Sulter

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Jeff Pippenger

Pledge of Allegiance

New Members - no new members introduced

Moment of Remembrance - Ralph Heuschele who was active in ICOLA recently passed away

Reminder to bring non-parishable food items for food pantry

Speaker - Sage Dunham - Common Loons - The presentation focused on the reasons for the different calls the loons make and their migration.

Secretary's Report - LaNette Flunker - Motion to accept Mary Niemeyer Second Randy Wilkinson Passed. **Treasurer's Report** - Chris Hirschinger - Motion to accept Bill Bonacorda Second Deb Krahn - Passed

Committee Reports

Shoreline Restoration - Deb Krahn - 1 completed project since last meeting and 2 others that have inquired. Native plantings along the shoreline can be a buffer from geese. Projects can be done in segments. Please post photos of your completed projects on the ICOLA Facebook page. **Walleye - Rod Stegge** - NEED volunteers to help with cleaning screens which needs to be completed at least twice per day. Thanked individuals who donated their time for trenching and the electric service **Invasive Species** - no report **Highway Clean-up** - Nancy Rothwell - due to a large number of volunteers they were able to clean up portions of Plummer road in addition to the assigned stretch of County D. **Brat Feed** - Jeff Rossow - Food has been ordered and everything is set to go **Facebook and Website** - Sandy Johnson was recognized for her 4 years of service on the board.

Old Business

ICOLA Golf Outing - Money raised will go towards covering expenses of the fish ponds.

Bylaws Amendment - Jeff read the existing bylaw text and the proposed language to change it. Motion by Steve Nick to move it to discussion Second Frank Draxler. After some discussion/clarification, a hand vote was taken and the result was to oppose the change.

Boaters Safety - Steve Nick and Mike Prasher stated that the committee met on May 16th and from a unanimous vote of the committee members, the recommendation is made to develop an informational but unenforceable map showing the areas 250 from shoreline and water depth of 20-25 ft of water. Significant discussion regarding the maps presented, with members suggesting the distance be further from the shoreline and the depth be deeper. Motion by Randy Wilkinson to develop a map that shows 500 ft from shore and a minimum of 25 ft. A hand vote was taken and passed. A Rusk county warden spoke about not approaching anyone that is not following this guideline. A person can take a video, a picture of the boat from a safe distance to report to the sheriffs department to follow up The number to call to report unsafe boat usage is 1-

800 TIP WDNR. Map will be sent out once developed to the membership and on our website.

Bill Bonacorda made a request for volunteers to help with set up and clean up for the fireworks. For safety he recommends that boats keep 1000 ft from the island. His family is asking for \$8000 to help cover the cost of providing the fireworks. Our lake association provides \$1000 and designated gifts this year brings the total to a little over \$4000 to support the fireworks. He provided a QR code for providing funds and for volunteers.

Looking for someone to do water quality sampling. Talk with Jeff if interested

Motion to Adjourn - Mike Niemeyer Second Chris Hirschinger Passed at noon

Respectfully submitted by LaNette Flunker, Secretary.

Date of next meeting - July 11, 2026 at 11:00 (instead of 10:00) at Sunny's.

If able, please bring non-perishable food items for the local food bank.