

Island Chain of Lakes, Assn (ICOLA) Membership Meeting Minutes 7/11/26 - Sunny's

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

Meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Jeff Pippenger

Pledge of Allegiance New Members - Kelli Mutschler

Speaker - Deputy Zielke - Rusk County Sheriff Dept and Conservation Warden Kendzior. Warden Kendzior provided a list of safety concerns he has been seeing on our lakes. Paddle boats and Kayaks without life jackets (don't need to wear one, but you have to have one with you) Jet ski's not following distance and no wake requirements, boats not having a throwable easily accessible (it should not be in a seat bench), need for a fire extinguisher if boat is 16 or more feet long (suggests having on all motorized boats (replace every 5-7 years). Answered a number of questions and **EMPHASIZED** that no one should approach another boat operator directly for not following any type of infraction. Take a photo or video at a reasonable distance and contact the DNR or Sheriffs dept. 800 TIP WDNR

Secretary's Report - LaNette Flunker - Motion to accept Jerry Salter Second Mark Schmitt Passed. **Treasurer's Report** - Chris Hirschinger Reviewed year end financials with 2027 budget. Chris mentioned she is still getting in memberships and we are currently at 243 - Motion to accept Lin Bobb Second, Steve Nick - Passed

Committee Reports

Boaters Safety - Steve Nick provided a map that represented the areas of our lakes that are 500ft from shore and at a minimum of 25ft deep. (voted on last mtg) as well as other water safety guidelines and regulations. Steve emphasized that these areas are **NOT enforceable**. Encouraged members to call/email state representatives with your personal comments/suggestions regarding this topic. The map will be emailed to members and placed on the website (if you would like to print your own copy). They will be at the boat ramps, provided to the resorts on the lake and to AirBNB's with a request to post. **Shoreline Restoration** - Deb Krahn - 2 newly completed projects. Natives grow quickly, have deep roots to support the soil. The program does not support the purchase of "perennials". The application is on the website. Member with recently completed project commented on how quickly the plants grew and are already flowering **Walleye** - Rod Stegge - NEED volunteers to help with cleaning screens which needs to be completed at least twice per day. Fish are doing well. Due to financial constraints the fish may be moved to the lake earlier than last year (feeding the fish was \$23,000-24,000 last year). **Invasive Specifities** - Kent Gierhart - nothing to report **Facebook and Website** - Sandy Johnson - nothing new to report

Old Business

ICOLA Golf Outing - Mike Niemeyer - July 18th. There are still a few open spots.

Thanked sponsors (a list will be posted on the website). Still looking for volunteers for Saturdays golf outing

Fireworks Feedback - Heather Bonacorda thanked everyone that helped with set-up and cleanup as well as those who contributed to the fund. Special thank you to: Tim and Barb Stowasser, George Hurtis, and Mike Prasher

New Business

August Elections - President, Secretary, Island Lake Rep and Clear Lake Rep are up for election.

Island Lake Boat Landing - The repair expected to be completed by the end of July
Brat Meisters - Gift certificates were presented to Ron Ottum and Tom Creviston for their many years of service cooking the brats for ICOLA brat feed.

Saturday night movies - Sunny's is providing outdoor PG rated movies starting at dusk.

Motion to Adjourn - Bob Atwood Second: Chris Troy Mertens Passed Respectfully submitted by LaNette Flunker, Secretary.

Date of next meeting - August 8, 2026 at 10:00 at Hawks

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