



OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

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OCLAWA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20,2019

Board members present: Steve Heimerman, Matt Marty, Dwight Ziegler, Kay Rankel, Kathy Wiggins

Lake organizations recorded as present: Archibald Lake, Machichanee, Inland Lakes, Ranch Lake, Boulder Lake, Pickerel Chain Lake, Townsend Flowage, Boot Lake, Chute Pond, White Potato Lake Association, White Potato Lake Sportsman Club, Mary Lake, Ranch Lake, Leigh Lake-Underwood Lake, Little Archibald Lake.

26 people signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by acting President Steve Heimerman.

The 2018 Annual Meeting minutes were presented. Matt Marty moved to approve; Dwight Ziegler seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's report: Dwight Ziegler, the acting treasurer announced we have a new post office box and are opening a new checking account. There are 14 organizations who have paid their dues as of this meeting. Those organizations are listed at the end of the minutes.

Guest speaker: Brenda Nordin (WDNR) gave a presentation of the Oconto County Lake Management Project that the WDNR is conducting in conjunction with UW Stevens Point, UW-Extension, Oconto County and OCLAWA. The aim is to have lake management plans for all lakes in Oconto County. Several grants she mentioned that are available are: Healthy Lakes Grants, Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grants, Small scale planning grants for items/projects up to \$3,000, and grant programs for rivers.

Jim Plotkin, the new Northern Oconto County Community Officer, was introduced and gave a short description of his duties. He is responsible for the 7 townships north of Highway 64. His duties include recreational enforcement and traditional law enforcement, including town ordinances. He can be contacted through the Oconto County Sheriff's office.

OCLAWA has decided to open a Facebook page rather than maintain a website. OCLAWA information will be posted as well as member organization announcements.

Government Involvement: OCLAWA, presented a plaque to the Oconto County Board stating appreciation for the board's recognition of the needs of lakes and waterways in the county by appropriating money for the Healthy Waters Grant.

Steve Heimerman stressed the importance of inviting our local government officials to our annual meetings and other events so they will be more aware, and hopefully supportive, of our organizations.

OCLAWA 2019 Activities:

1. Brat Fry at Mike's Grocery Store in Townsend: July 13. Volunteers are needed. Pickeral Lake will help with the details.
2. Meeting open to the public: August 10, 9:00 at Riverview Town Hall.
3. Snapshot Day: August 17th at Suring Village Hall. 9:00 to 1:00.

Currently available grant programs:

1. Oconto County Healthy Waters
2. Oconto County Cost Share: For small conservation projects like shoreland restoration.
3. Healthy Lakes: Associations apply for larger conservation projects.
4. Lumberjack RC & D: for northesast Wisconsin; The grant money comes from forestry sales.
5. Fisheries Forever: Basically to improve fishery health and education.

OCLAWA Officer Elections:

Jim Rock made the motion to approve the following board members; John Zimdars seconded the motion. The motion passed. Since all members are up for a vote, the length of terms were staggered:

Steve Heimerman, President: 2 years
Steve Dupuis, Vice-President: 1 year
Kathy Wiggins, Secretary: 3 years
Dwight Ziegler, Treasurer: 2 years
Matt Marty: 3 years
Kay Rankel: 2 years
Nancy Patrick: 1 year
Bob Moeri will be an "apprentice" board member

Fundraising Ideas:

We are developing the idea to establish our own OCLAWA grant. Fundraising ideas mentioned were raffles, banquets, and asking for donations on our Facebook page.

Matt Marty moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathy Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wiggins,
Secretary

(Members as of 4/21/2019): Anderson Lake Association, Archibald Lake Association, Bass Lake Association, Boot Lake Improvement Association, Boulder Lake Private Homes Association, Chute Lake P & R District #1, Inland Lakes P & R District #1, Little Archibald Property Owners Association, Machickanee Advancement Association, Mary Lake District, Oconto Sportsmen's Club, Pickeral Chain Lake Association, Ranch Lake, Townsend Flowage P&R District, White Potato Lake Advancement Assn, White Potato Lake Sportsmen's Club.

