



OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES:

APRIL 24, 2021

Riverview Pavilion, Mountain

Board members present: Steve Heimerman, Steve Dupuis, Dwight Ziegler, Kathy Wiggins, Matt Marty, Nancy Patrick, Amy Klebe, Mary Marks

Organizations recorded as present: White Potato Lake Association, Boot Lake Improvement Association, Chute Pond CLPRD, Mary Lake District, Inland Lakes P & R District, Wheeler Lake Association, John Lake, Munger & Bear Lakes Management District, Pickerel Chain Lake Association, Maiden Lake Association, Anderson Lake Association, Underwood Lake Property Owners, Archibald Lake Association, Machickanee Advancement Association, Townsend Flowage District, Kelly Lake Advancement Association, Oconto Sportsmen's Club.

30 people signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Heimerman at 9:00 a.m.

Steve H. acknowledged the passing of past OCLAWA board members: Judie Gowaski and Bill Dutton. Both were active OCLAWA board members and contributed greatly to the organization.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Kathy Wiggins

Amy Klebe moved to approve the minutes; Matt Marty seconded. The motion passed.

Bylaws update: Kathy Wiggins reported on two items in the bylaws that needed to be clarified from last year's presentation:

- Article V, Section 7 wording was finalized by the board at a meeting based on suggestions made by the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- Article X: The designation of the Association assets were changed but was not brought to the attention of the membership at the 2020 Annual Meeting. They are to go to the department of the Oconto County Conservationist for use in maintaining healthy waters in Oconto County.
- Lance Wiedenhoeft moved to approve these items; Matt Marty seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dwight Ziegler

We have 19 member organizations paid to date. New members this year are John Lake Association, Rost Lake Association, and Winslow Lake Property Owners Association.

Our bank balance as of March 31, 2021 is \$2,149.10

Al Benson moved to approve the treasurer's report; Amy Klebe seconded. The motion passed.

2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACTIVITIES:

- LWCC (Land and Water Conservation Committee): Steve Heimerman goes to their monthly meetings. This committee originally was just the LCC, but due to OCLAWA's urging, they added "water" to the title and now water issues are part of the monthly agenda.
- Citizens Advisory Committee: Steve H., Steve Dupuis, Dwight Ziegler from OCLAWA, a UW Extension agent and the Oconto County Conservationist make up this committee. They review the Oconto County Healthy Waters grant applications and make recommendations to the LWCC for approval. \$35,000 in grants were approved. A change is that if there is money left over each year, organizations can apply for that money without waiting for the next application cycle.
- County Board LWCC Presentation: Representatives from Chute Pond, Anderson Lake, Inland Lakes District, Machickanee Flowage Association, and OCLAWA gave a presentation highlighting water quality issues and projects that each group is involved in.
- Snapshot Day: It was a small group this year, but was successful. 11 people attended.
- Herbicide Containment Curtains: Kelly Lake, Chute Pond and Archibald Lake received a County Healthy Waters Cost Share grant to treat EWM this year.
- Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Program Recipients: \$35,000 was allotted for 7 grants to 6 lakes. Recipients were: Anderson Lake, Archibald Lake, Chute Pond, Inland Lakes, Kelly Lake, Machickanee Flowage.
- OCLAWA helped two groups receive project funding from Lumberjack RC & D with letters of recommendation.

2021 PLANS:

- FLOW-AIS Coordinator: (Forest, Langlade and Oconto Counties joined forces to hire a waterways coordinator) The hiring of a coordinator is in process.

- We plan to have a fall tour with LWCC. Let the board know if anyone has a concern or project that they would like to present to LWCC.
- Snapshot Day: If the state will not sponsor a Snapshot Day, OCLAWA will try to.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Dwight and Steve explained the purpose of this raffle is to have money in our treasury to be able to support or augment the Healthy Waters Cost Share projects, or continue it if the funding is not renewed by the County. The proceeds will help support all of our members' projects. The members will work together to decide how to allocate the funds.

- There are 1,000 packets of three tickets per packet. Dwight divided the packets into 32 bundles.
- Organizations present picked up tickets after the meeting, and Dwight will contact member groups who were not in attendance to ask them to pick up tickets to sell.

OFFICER/BOARD ELECTIONS:

- The following board members will not be running for re-election: Steve Heimerman, Kay Rankel and Matt Marty. Dwight Ziegler's term is also up and he has agreed to run for another term.
- Matt Marty moved to delay the elections until the August 28 general meeting; Amy Klebe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- DNR Warden Leuzzo was unable to attend.
- Jess Keplinger, the Northern Oconto County Deputy Sheriff introduced himself and said 60% of his responsibility is recreational enforcement.
- To call to report a violation, call the non-emergency CALL CENTER: 920-834-6900, not Jess directly. He might not be available to talk to you and there are other officers who might be near-by to be of assistance.

There were no other issues/topics that were brought up by the membership.

Matt Marty moved to adjourn the meeting; Amy Klebe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The CB/CW training session is to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Wiggins, Secretary

