

Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association

Minutes of the August 11, 2018 Meeting

Acting President, Steve Heimerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 at Riverview Pavilion.

Lake Organizations/members present were: Archibald Lake, Boot Lake, Rost Lake, Little Archibald, Townsend Flowage, Crooked Lake, Chute Pond P & R District, Maiden Lake, PCLA, Underwood Lake, Anderson Lake, White Potato Lake, Inland Lakes

Ben Schindel, the northern Oconto County Community Officer talked about his job responsibilities and answered questions.

60 % of his job is recreational enforcement. He is working to develop a relationship with the lakes. He does go on the lakes using a DNR boat from Lakewood.

Ben will enforce town ordinances, such as slow-no-wake. Many towns need to update their ordinances, and some towns are working to update them. There is a discussion about northern Oconto County towns making their ordinances more uniform which would help make Ben's job a little easier. There is now a court in Gillett.

He can enforce city/county, DNR state water ordinances such as transporting weeds on trailers.

Ben is making a list of boaters', etc. most common mistakes and posting them at boat landings to better educate lake users.

The best way to get in touch with Ben is to call the Sheriff's office or send an email and he will follow up. Get the offender's boat/jet ski number if possible. If you know who the offender is, but can't get a boat number, go to the boat landing and get a picture of the license plate.

Ben's phone is: (920) 834.6900. His email is: ben.schindel@co.oconto.wi.us

Ken Dolata presented more information about the Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Program. The deadline for applications is September 15. The program will grant \$35,000 to lakes this year, with a \$7,000 maximum to each approved application.

Ken went through Underwood Lake's application and made clarifications and suggestions on how to improve the answers. The application is online and can be filled out directly. A copy of his presentation is attached.

So far, Underwood is the only group to apply, so Ken and Steve encouraged others to try to apply. Several groups expressed interest in applying. For online materials and

information: Go to: www.co.oconto.wi.us/departments/ ; Select **Land Conservation**, then select the **County Waterways/Aquatic Invasive Species** Tab.

Ken is very willing to answer any questions about the grant and filling out the form. His phone number is: 920.834.7152.

OTHER BUSINESS

Snapshot Day is to be held September 18, 9:00, at the Riverview Town Hall. Paul Skawinski will be leading the workshop. There will be an AIS education session, then attendees will form groups and go out to preselected sites, collect samples and return to have Paul identify them. Lunch will be provided. The session will end around 1:30-2:00. 17 people have signed up but Steve will still take a few more attendees.

Annual Meeting: The date will be April 20, 2019, a little earlier than in the past.

There will be a whole new slate of board members and officers as all current positions either have or will be expiring at the meeting. Recent changes include: Steve Heimerman, acting president replacing Mike Winus; Kathy Wiggins, acting secretary replacing Judie Gowaski and Dwight Ziegler, new board member replacing Bill Dutton.

Website:

Our website contract with Go Daddy is expiring and will cost \$359 to renew. It will cost just \$20 per year to keep our address. Our website is very outdated and there is little interest in updating it. Several people mentioned more people are using Facebook rather than websites. There also are other websites that are free so if there is an interest in having a website, there doesn't seem to be a need to renew our contract with Go Daddy.

Dwight Ziegler made a motion to drop Go Daddy but pay the \$20 to keep our website address. Matt Marty seconded. The motion passed.

After no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Kathy Wiggins
Acting Secretary