



**OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION**  
**PO Box 233, Townsend, WI 54175-0233**

**PUBLIC MEETING: August 10, 2019**

Board Members present: Steve Heimerman, Steve Dupuis, Dwight Ziegler, Kathy Wiggins, Nancy Patrick, Matt Marty

16 people (including the above board members) signed the attendance sheet.

Chip Long, WIDNR Fisheries Biologist for Marinette and Oconto Counties gave a fishing report of his area.

- They conduct surveys on lakes from 100 to 1,000 acres on a six to eight year rotation: Surveying size, structure, abundance, age, population estimates.
- Results are available online at: DNR Fisheries and Habitat Reports
- Walleye Initiative: the state budget included funding for walleye stocking for two more years. The DNR website lists the lakes that have/are being stocked.
- Fish stocking: anyone or any group can apply for a permit to stock but the fish must be from certified places. The group applying pays for the fish.
- Good fishing is not always the result of stocking. Some other things that help are regulations, length limits, habitat improvements, etc.
- Fish cribs can be helpful: recommends 10 to 12 per year for 7 to 10 years. Make sure to have 5 feet of water over the top.

Other business:

Healthy Waters Cost Share grant: Applications are due September 15. Application information was handed out.

Other tips/related information:

- Donations for projects may come from anyone, such as businesses or Chamber of Commerce.
- Make sure to publicize your lake events and activities in newsletters or notices in local papers.
- The question was asked if we can carry over this year's money allotment to use for requests that may come up after the September 15 deadline to use this next summer instead of waiting to apply the next September. We will check with the Land Conservation Committee.
- Another request was to ask if the application deadline could be pushed back a couple of weeks.
- OCLAWA should send out the cost share program brochure to all of the organizations to make sure everyone is aware of the program.

DASH equipment for Oconto County: Marinette County built their own. OCLAWA will look into how it is working for them and determine if it is something Oconto County might want to do.

Fund Raiser: Steve mentioned the idea of an OCLAWA cash raffle, \$10 each ticket or three for \$20.

The attendees supported the idea of presenting a resolution to the Land Conservation Committee to add "and Water" to its name: Land and Water Conservation Committee.

Sturgeon decoys were donated to OCLAWA by Hagen Lake resident George Schmidt.

Matt Marty moved to adjourn the meeting; Dwight Ziegler seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Wiggins, Secretary