



## OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

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### **OCLAWA FALL MEETING**

August 28, 2021

Riverview Town Hall

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

Organizations Recorded as Present: Oconto Sportsmens Club, Archibald Lake, Machickanee, Kelly Lake, Boulder Lake, Wheeler Lake, Crooked Lake, PCLA, Maiden Lake, Winslow Lake, Boot Lake, White Potato Lake, Chute Lake, Mary Lake, Leigh-Underwood, Chain Lake

25 people signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order by President, Steve Heimerman.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: Kathy Wiggins, Secretary

Steve Dupuis moved to approve the minutes as read; Tom Lamberg seconded. The motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dwight Ziegler, Treasurer

We have 27 paid members to date, which is a new record! Lake John and Rost Lake are new members this year.

Our balance is \$2,860.28

Matt Marty moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Floyd Schmidt seconded. The motion passed.

LUCKY 13 CASH RAFFLE: Dwight Ziegler

Our net profit was \$6,814.00. About 50% of the available tickets were sold.

The winners are: \$1000-Bob Kocken, \$300-Jamie Sylvester, \$200-Jason Sinclair, \$100-Scott Enright, Penny Zander, Tammy Sylvester, Tom Langbauer, Ann Hogan, \$50.00-Tracey Siebers, Hannah Davey, Kayden Ruhr, Bill Craggs and Jim Hansen.

The proceeds are not going into OCLAWA'S general fund. They are to be used to help member organizations with funds which will contribute toward projects/initiatives aimed at improving

the health of Oconto County waterways. The program can also support OCLAWA initiatives as approved by the membership.

The following proposal for distribution of the proceeds was presented. Matt Marty made a motion to approve; Tom Lamberg seconded. The motion passed.

The proceeds are to be used as followed:

- ½ will go toward OCLAWA's distribution of funds toward a members' approved projects and initiatives.
- ¼ to be put in a rainy-day fund.
- ¼ for a rebate to organizations based on the money made from raffle sales.

Thanks to all who participated in our first raffle, and please thank and support local businesses who sold tickets at their establishments: Sunset Resort-Townsend, Wendt's Sandbar Resort-Townsend, Everbreeze Resort-Mountain, Prospect Lodge-Lakewood and Anderson's Supper Club-Lakewood.

Thank you, Dwight, for administering this raffle.

#### GRANTS:

The deadline for the first stage of state and county surface water grant applications is September 2. Organizations who want to apply for a grant must inform the state and or county of their intent to apply for a grant.

If an organization is going to apply for either state or county grant, also inform OCLAWA so we will be able to help out with letters of support and a donation from our raffle funds.

One change was announced: It used to be a rule that in order to apply for a grant, there must be a public access to the body of water that the grant would be used for. That is no longer a stipulation. That organization will get fewer points for not having public access, however. The complete application deadline is November 1.

Flow-AIS will help with grants. Contact the coordinator, Derek Thorn:

[flowais@lumberjackrcd.org](mailto:flowais@lumberjackrcd.org),

#### COMMUNICATION:

We updated the membership on our efforts to set up a website. We are going to try to get the Oconto County Conservation office to run it once we have set it up with Lakekit.

Facebook: Samantha Boucher, of the Oconto County Tourism Website has agreed to administer our account.

## OFFICERS/ELECTIONS:

We proposed that we defer new elections until our next annual meeting instead of at this meeting. Steve stressed how we need active board members and listed some of the activities the current board members are involved in: the citizens advisory committee meets 5 times a year, attend the Land and Water Conservation Committee (LWCC) monthly meeting, organize/conduct a fall lake tour for the LWCC committee, give a formal presentation to the full county board, attend about 6 OCLAWA board meetings a year.

## SNAPSHOT DAY: Amy Klebe

Only two citizens and 2 DNR people attended this year's event. A family of four had registered but did not attend. Two invasive species that were found were purple loosestrife and aquatic forget-me-not.

OCLAWA plans to sponsor/host Snapshot Days next year.

## GUEST SPEAKER: DEREK THORN, Flow-AIS Coordinator

Derek presented slides and information on two invasive plants: European frog-bit and aquatic forget-me-not.

- European frog-bit: It is a small plant that forms in shallow moving, shallow water areas. It:
  - has white flowers with a yellow center and heart-shaped leaves, about a pop can size.
  - forms free-floating, dense mats.
  - Looks similar to a native watershield plant, but the watershield plant is rooted and has an oval leaf.
- Aquatic forget-me-not. It:
  - Grows on the shoreline and has soil root systems.
  - To get rid of it, dig it out and dispose of it in a plastic bag and throw it away in the trash.

Eurasian water milfoil:

- Derek is conducting an EWM study of Round Lake.
- He believes hand pulling small areas of EWM is a viable treatment method.

GUEST SPEAKER: ALIX BJORKLUND, TIP (Timberland Invasives Partnership) coordinator.

- Invasive species of concern:
  - buckthorn
  - garlic mustard

- wild parsnip: looks like dill and has yellow flowers (native cow parsnip has white flowers)
- Japanese knotweed: 10-12' tall; white flowers in the fall; bamboo-like stems; has rhizomes.
- Great Lakes Early Detection Network:
  - Property owners can call for property evaluations to verify if they have invasives.
  - They also hold landowner workshops.

OTHER:

Tom Lamberg brought up a concern about the WDNR making changes to its herbicide treatments regulations in NR 107 and NR 109. OCLAWA will check out the facts and will get back to the membership.

Chute Pond and Kelly Lake reported that their EWM curtain barrier treatments appear to have worked well.

Someone asked if any group present charged boat launch fees.

- Mary Lake reported they charge \$5.00 and it is on an honor system.
- If you charge over \$8.00, a permit is needed.
- The fees collected must only be used for improving launch areas.

Matt Marty made a motion to close the meeting; Steve Dupuis seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 11:15.

Respectively submitted,

Kathy Wiggins, Secretary