



## OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

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### **FALL MEETING: AUGUST 27, 2022 RIVERVIEW PAVILION**

ATTENDANCE: 27 people signed the attendance sign-up sheet.

#### ORGANIZATIONS REGISTERED AS PRESENT:

White Potato Lake Advancement Association, Machickanee Advancement Association, Wheeler Lake Association, Oconto Sportsmen's Club, Townsend Flowage P&R District, Boot Lake Improvement Association, Crooked Lake Are Lakes P&R District #1, Lake Ucil Homes Association, Maiden Lake club Association, Archibald Lake Association, Winslow Shore Property Owners Association, Kelly Lake Advancement Association, Underwood Lake Property Owners Associaton, Inland Lakes P&R District #1, Yankee/Frog Lake (non-member).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Heimerman, Dwight Ziegler, Kathy Wiggins, Mike Rasmussen, Nancy Patrick

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

Steve explained that our president, Amy Klebe, resigned from the board and he is stepping in as the acting president for the rest of the year.

We are in need of other board members. The following people volunteered to be on the board: Lance Wiedenhoeft, Wheeler Lake and Dennis Schaefer, White Potato Lake.

**LUCKY 13 RAFFLE DRAWING:** Tickets were selected and the winners announced. Pending notification of the winners, they will be listed in our website, Facebook and an email to members who are on the contact list.

2022 Annual Meeting Minutes: April 30, 2022

The minutes were summarized by Secretary, Kathy Wiggins. Jim Rock moved to accept the minutes as presented; Floyd Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dwight

There are 31 members. New members are: Finnegan Lake Walleye Club, Kelly Lake Sportsmen's Club, Lee and Underwood Conservation Club

The income balance is \$5,231.00; expenses are \$472.00. The balance is \$4,759.00

Kathy Wiggins moved to approve the treasurer's report; Lance Wiedenhoeft seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**2022 LUCKY 13 RAFFLE:** Dwight

The raffle sales in 2021 were \$9,320; the sales in 2022 were 13,080. The grant fund balance is around \$10,353 after current commitments (several ticket sales were turned in after this total was calculated, so the actual grant fund balance will be adjusted accordingly).

Several adjustments to the raffle management and payoff were suggested:

- 1) Rebates: Since the rebate percentage for any sales under \$25 is so low no rebate will be granted.
- 2) In order to offset the management time and money of the raffle, OCLAWA would receive 10% of the net proceeds. The 25% rebate will continue as before, and the rest will go into the grant fund. A representative from Maiden Lake made the motion; Gail Golden, Chute Pond, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**2023 LUCKY 13 RAFFLE:**

The funding for the FLOW AIS Coordinator's salary is \$8,000 short. Steve Heimerman proposes a pledge of \$1,000 from our grant fund toward the shortfall and challenges Forest and Langlade counties and other stakeholders to do the same. Our contribution would come from the 2023 raffle. Tom Bauer of Lake Ucil made the motion; Jim Rock, White Potato Lake seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**FALL TOUR UPDATE:** Steve

The tour was to show the Oconto Land and Water Conservation Committee representatives some of our member organizations' activities/initiatives and concerns. The tour included Chute Pond and Inland Lakes.

It is important to point out to the county representatives the contributions of northern Oconto County to the tax levy. Six of the top ten townships are located in northern Oconto County which makes up one third of the tax levy of the entire county.

**SNAPSHOT DAY:** There was no Snapshot Day held this summer.

**GRANT TIMELINES:**

Check the WDNR website for complete information on water surface grants: [DNR Surface Water Grant Applicant Guide \(wisconsin.gov\)](https://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/water/grants)

Make sure your organization is eligible. Even if you think you're qualified, double check. If your organization changes bylaws, they should be sent to the DNR to make sure you are still qualified.

SEPTEMBER 15: Deadline to send to Brenda Nordin, DNR, to register your intent to apply (pre-application) for a surface water grant.

\*Same date to send your intent to Ken Dolata for an Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share Grant. APPLY FOR BOTH GRANTS. It helps toward your points for a DNR grant to have them know you are going to other sources for grant money as well.

If you miss this date, you can not apply for a DNR grant, but you still may apply for the Healthy Waters Cost Share Grant, AND an OCLAWA grant.

November 15: DNR Surface Water Grant completed application deadline.

Other grants: Lumberjack RC &D awards grants for various projects. Refer to their website: <https://lumberjackrcd.org>

### **NR 107 & 109:**

The proposed changes were withdrawn from the Natural Resources Board meeting due to lack of supporting votes on the Board.

### **MEMBER PRESENTATIONS:**

Archibald Lake Association: The main activity is combatting EWM. This year they experimented with two herbicides: 2-4d in a barrier curtain and Porcellacor in a 3-acre area without barrier curtains. ONTERRA will take a whole lake point intercept survey. They are working on updating their Aquatic Plant Management plan.

Boot Lake Improvement Association: They have zebra mussels. There is a good Clean Boats, Clean Waters program in place and they monitor oxygen levels and water height.

Chute Lake P & R District #1: they built and use barrier curtains to treat EWM over four acres. The treatment worked fairly well. The DNR will survey the area in September. Procellacor was used for spot treatments. Instead of applying this in early spring, they applied it in June. A lake survey by ONTERRA was just taken.

CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES P&R DISTRICT #1: The Clean Boats, Clean Waters volunteers are putting in a lot of hours. This is the third year they are monitoring zebra mussels by distributing zebra mussel plates. Procellacor has worked well for them for EWM management. Previous years' treatments worked so well they did not have to treat areas for EWM this year. They received a DNR \$10,000 FIREWISE GRANT for leaf and needle pick-up, chipping, helping neighbors clean up their yards and assessing properties. They also received a DNR grant for writing their Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

INLAND LAKES P&R DISTRICT #1: There is a new rolling dock on Horn Lake. It's handicapped accessible.

In 2020 Reservoir Pond and Little Horn Lake did a whole lake treatment for EWM using Sonar, which is a slow acting herbicide, whereas Procellacor is a faster-acting herbicide. sonar costs less than Procellacor. Procellacor costs about two to four times more than 2-4d. The treatment results were good.

KELLY LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION: the EWM curtain barrier application of 30 acres was very successful. They also do some DASH collection of EWM. They got a \$40,000 grant from the sanitary district. The total project amounted to \$72,000.

LAKE UCIL HOMES ASSOCIATION: Ucil is an 80-acre lake. They received a 501 (c)3 status.

LEIGH and UNDERWOOD LAKE CONSERVATION CLUB: Lee does not have EWM. Their project was installing "fish sticks". Underwood is a 45-acre lake and treated 1.9 acres in June, 2021 with 2-4d. There is now no EWM but they are monitoring the lake. The project was self-funded, but they did receive an Oconto County Healthy Waters Cost Share grant and an OCLAWA grant for \$250.00.

MACHICKANEE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION: They did a draw-down of 7 feet last year, from July to September. A post-test will be taken now. They got a DNR grant. Advice for a draw-down: "go long; go deep".

MAIDEN LAKE CLUB ASSOCIATION: Onterra did a spring survey. DASH and hand-pulling of EWM is used. The association purchased a "hookah" system which uses floats, hoses and divers to collect EWM. They will be applying for an Oconto County Healthy Waters Grant.

OCONTO SPORTSMEN'S CLUB: Public access on the last mile of shoreline in Oconto was improved with 1,200 feet of riprap along the shoreline, floating handicapped dock, picnic tables and grills. They received \$35,000 from the federal government Fox River grant, \$23,000 from a state surface water grant, \$7,000 from an Oconto County Healthy Waters Grant and \$500 from an OCLAWA grant. The Club donated \$10,000.

PAYA LAKE ASSOCIATION: There is no EWM in the lake. They installed fish sticks and the fish are coming back. Other activities are: loon watch, lake monitoring, education: such as sending out info. on phosphorus, and an erosion study by surveying if/how boats affect shore erosion.

JOHN LAKE ASSOCIATION: They are looking into funding for buying a chipper to share.

TOWNSEND FLOWAGE P&R DISTRICT: There have been problems with people not observing slow-no-wake rules which is causing erosion problems. They got grants to try to change this behavior. They sent letters to the owners, wrote articles in newsletters, put up signs at the boat landing and along the shoreline in slow-no-wake areas. They also worked with the sheriff department to have the area monitored more closely. The signage seems to be successful. There were fewer violations in areas where signs were posted than in an area where there were no signs. Signs were purchased at Fast-Signs.

WHEELER LAKE ASSOCIATION: Procellacor treatments for EWM have been going on for several years. 5 acres were treated this year. They are doing a point-intercept survey and are keeping up with their Aquatic Plant Management Plan. They have received a \$6,000 grant and a \$500 OCLAWA grant. Fish biologist, Chip Long, is working with them regarding their fish population, which is good right now. About 10 fish cribs are installed per year. There are about 60 in the lake.

WHITE POTATO LAKE ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION: A White Potato Management Corporation was formed for EWM control. They received a grant to treat about 1.6 acres in a lagoon. They found using a DASH boat was too hard in that area. There are 6 boat ramps, which are a challenge to monitor. They also do water testing monitoring.

WINSLOW SHORE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION: The amount of EWM is down but there is still some at the dam. They did not treat it this year. The big project is replacing the dam. It is a private dam, so the grant application was denied. They do not have an improved public access, which is one reason why the grant was denied.

YANKEE LAKE: They are forming a lake association and have 13 members. A 501(c)3 is being applied for. The biggest issue is the nutrient build-up of weeds. There is an overabundance of pink pondlilies. Muck removal is another issue. They are eventually hoping to form an association of all of the little lakes in the area.

**OTHER BUSINESS/OPEN:**

Steve expressed a thank you to Dwight for the work he has done to administer the Lucky 13 Raffle, and as treasurer of the association.

Form 990: This is a Federal registration form which should be filed every year. They do not send out a renewal notice like the state does. Go to the IRS website for more information.

Dwight moved to adjourn the meeting; Mike Rasmussen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Wiggins  
Secretary