



OCONTO COUNTY LAKES AND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION

PO Box 233, Townsend, WI 54175-0233

FALL MEETING MINUTES: August 26, 2023

RIVERVIEW PAVILION

ATTENDANCE: 25 people signed the attendance sign-up sheet including guests and presenters.

14 ORGANIZATIONS REGISTERED AS PRESENT:

Boot Lake Improvement Assoc., Boulder Lake Assoc., Chute Lake P&R Dist. 1, Crooked Lake P&R Dist. 1, Kelly Lake Adv. Assoc., Leigh/Underwood Con. Club, Maiden Lake Assoc., Munger/Bear Lake District, Paya Lake Assoc., Pickerel Chain Lake Assoc., Townsend Flowage District, Underwood Cons. Club, White Potato Lake Advancement Assoc., Winslow Prop. Owners Assoc.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gail Golden, Mike Rasmussen, Dennis Schaefer, Dwight Zeigler

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President, Mike Rasmussen.

GUESTS: Abby Vogt, Derek Thorn

LUCKY 13 RAFFLE DRAWING: Tickets were selected and the winners announced. Pending notification of the winners, they will be posted to our website. Facebook and an e-mail to members who are on the contact list.

2022 Annual MEETING MINUTES: April 30, 2022: The minutes were summarized by President, Mike Rasmussen. Tom Lambert moved to accept the minutes as presented. Floyd Schmidt seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: OCLAWA's current balance is \$3,961. 31 paid members. The current raffle generated sales of \$12,820, compared to last year's sales of \$13,080. Motion to accept was made by Brian Webb and seconded by Gail Golden. The motion was carried.

ABBY VOGT (TIP Coordinator)– presenter: Abby's presentation focused on Terrestrial Invasives found in Oconto County. There are two classes of Terrestrial Invasive Species (TIP) – Those that are **Restricted**, often more widespread in Wisconsin and those that are **Prohibited**. The top 4 invasives in Oconto County of concern are **Japanese Knotweed, Garlic Mustard, Exotic Bush Honeysuckle and Spotted Knapweed**.

Inspections of private property is free and can be arranged. There may be costs for eradication of invasives found. Send suspect samples to Abby for identification. A training session similar to SNAPSHOT may be conducted in the future.

MEMBER INFORMATION EXCHANGE:

Boot Lake Improvement Assoc. – Their Board membership is at full strength. First time in a while. Wake boats are becoming an issue. “Things are pretty good now”.

Boulder Lake - A grant was not secured. However, 3 acres of milfoil were treated with Pro-cell a COR.. 90-100% effective. DNR did reduce the Pro-cell dosage at the last minute. A survey was conducted regarding wake boats. 75% want something done. Restrictions have been put forth. A public hearing is being held Saturday, Sept. 2nd at 10:00am at the Doty Town Hall.

Chute Pond – EWM was treated with curtains and Pro-cell a COR. Initial results seem favorable. Results surveys are pending. Clean Boats/Clean Waters program to use students did not materialize. Little support from residents. CBCW will not be pursued for the foreseeable future.

Crooked Lake – the CBCW grant did not give any money. Over 200 volunteer hours could not be associated with the project. Crooked lake’s Annual meeting also had wake boat concerns. Pro-cell a COR applications were very successful on small amounts present. Buoys being used successfully for no wake zones.

Kelly Lake- In 2020/21 - 24D applied with curtains. Very successful. DASH harvesting gathered over 1100 lbs.!

Underwood Lake – Just starting. New to AIS. Hey have begun testing at landings. Wake boat concerns. Feel that education steps will help. EWM has been treated since 2021. Very successful.

Maiden Lake – APMP started. 2009-2012 chemical treatments used on 20 acre weed mass in lake’s center. Nothing since. Kayaks used to scope fragments.

Munger/Bear Lakes – High weeds cycle every 1-2 years. Water skiers cut and spread. 2 islands on lake have experienced significant eroding. Impacting loon nesting. DNR want to know who owns the islands before helping. All pending at this time. Reportedly no EWM on Munger. No wake survey was confusing. Over 100 showed for meeting. They are NOT going to a no wake lake. There is interest in pursuing wake boat legislation of some sort.

Paya Lake – Reportedly no EWM at this time. Education starting. New to this. Information exchange has been VERY helpful with OCLAWA members. Boat survey conducted (Readiness Revied Plan). 2 wake boats on their lake. Want to pursue the Doty legislation.

Pickereel/Pine Lakes – Very active water testing. Tests are conducted 3 times during the summer. There was a major fish kill 10 years ago had aerators installed to prevent. No Zebra mussels. No EWM. Lots of purple loosestrife. Starting a website. Active with loon watch.

White Potato Lake – Lake District started. Grants secured to treat EWM. Very successful in lagoon area. Beetles working on Loosestrife. 1st Annual meeting is Saturday, Sept. 2nd., 9:00am at the Brazeau Town Hall.

Townsend Flowage – Fish study conducted. Lots of large walleye. Final results pending. EWM is way up! Slow no wake posted signs have been working well. Education helps.

Winslow Lake – 2014 EWM found. Rapid Response Grant secured. DASH utilized in 2023. EWM seems to be spreading. Dam culvert repairs coming. Costs may be as high as 250K.

Chain Lake – No EWM. New member. Looking for help establishing their organization.

(guest)

WAKE BOATS / OPEN DISCUSSION: Most wake boats issues were already discussed. Oconto County will have to address as a group. Strength in numbers. Manufacturers have a strong lobby. It was noted that legislation is good, but enforcement will always be an issue. Photos or video footage are helpful when pursuing violators.

Members at the meeting felt that the open discussion session was an excellent information exchange at our meeting.

Motion and second was submitted for adjournment. Motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Schaefer
OCLAWA Board Member