**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**October 18, 2018**

**Trail’s End, 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Russ Graveen, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Board members also present were Danno Hoff, Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, Mark Peter, Jim Wagner, Sherri Wagner and Dan Weilep. There were 45 members in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on October 4, 2017 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer’s Financial Report**

Holly Kohl, Treasurer, presented the annual financial report. The report detailed cash inflows and outflows and compared 2018 YTD with 2017 YTD. The balance of the general checking account is $59,097.41. The balance of the restricted project fund account is $1,318.85. The total is $60,416.26. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Election of Directors**

3 board member seats are open for election this year. Russ Graveen, Mary Kate Riordan and Sherri Wagner’s term will end this year. Russ and Mary Kate have decided to not run for re-election. Denise Krueger and Peter Reineck have submitted nomination consent forms. Additional nominations were called for from the floor. After receiving no other nominations from the floor there was a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for these members and it was seconded. The motion carried. Rick thanked Russ Graveen for his seven years of service to the board.

**Committee Chairperson’s Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Holly Kohl, Treasurer of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented a summary of the activities of the finance committee. The major event for the committee is the annual fundraiser. The annual fundraiser held in May at Dales Weston Lanes was attend by about 278 people. We budgeted to make $18200 and the actual net proceeds were $20,200. This money is used for our future weed harvesting costs. We had 50 volunteers for the event and 9 people working on our fundraising committee. We sell 400 tickets for the event. grow. We thank everyone that helped and to the many sponsors and the donors that made the event a success. The fundraiser for next year is scheduled for Friday, May 17 at the Rothschild Pavilion.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our total membership for 2018 was 143 members. For 2017 the total was 180 members. 35% of the membership are non-riparian owners. We again placed an ad in the Central Wisconsin Water Walkers Ski magazine and sponsored popcorn at two of the ski shows. Trail’s End let us sell food for the paddle pub crawl in July which was very well attended. Sweatshirts and t-shirts are available tonight. These are all ways to increase awareness of our association. Suggestions were made to do outreach to new buyers. LWA brochures are available for people to hand out to their friends and neighbors.

**Weed & Algae Committee**

Rick Parkin, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, reported that the lake management plan is finally completed after seven years. The study began in the fall of 2011 and was thought to be completed by the end of 2014 but has been held up due to delays. The DNR told us that our plan is one of the most comprehensive plans that they have seen because of what is all included. Since we have the plan, it makes us eligible for a lake protection grant up to $200,000 from the state to be used for bigger projects in the future. Rick summarized the various studies that were done for the plan. The four main goals of the plan are to support healthy fishery and wildlife, to improve and maintain water quality, to support recreational water opportunities, and to work together with the community for the benefit of Lake Wausau. We will have to form an advisory committee which will continue to look at the plan and prioritize ways to meet the goals over the years. The committee will consist of LWA members, members of the municipalities that border the lake, and business owners. The Wisconsin River Alliance is a resource that will help us creating this team. For those who are interested, the lake management plan can be accessed from our website. The cost of putting the plan together cost $170,000. $165,000 of this came from funding, such as, contributions from the county and municipalities, donations from community members, and from state DNR and federal grants. The state withheld 25% of the grants until completion. We have to submit documentation and expense reports to get the final 25% awarded to us which should be about $26000. Our out of pocket cost was $5000 plus our “in kind” services that came from people donating their time working on the project and doing things like attending public hearings and various planning meetings.

Rick discussed some of the options that were looked at by the Army Corp of Engineers in the hydro-dynamic study such as adding culverts to different areas or putting in a rock dike to keep the flow from the Eau Claire river from slowing. We were disappointed that some of these ideas did not have the benefits for the lake that we were hoping for. We may need to look at dredging some areas in the future. This may require some additional studies with the Army Corp that we will need to apply for funding to pay for them.

Weed harvesting was not done this year because we did not receive our harvesting permit from the DNR until late August. We now have a permit that is good until 2021. The lake management plan tells us the areas that we should target for harvesting.

**Open Issues for Discussion**

* There will need to be a drawdown of the Wisconsin River for WPS dam improvements. This should not affect Lake Wausau. It will be announced in spring when this will happen.
* Many improvements have been done to the Wausau kayak course. During the drawdown there will be repair work done to the river bottom.
* Please feel free to post things or pictures on our Facebook page. It is a good way to get information out and just share great times on the lake.
* There was discussion about safety concerns and the affects to the shoreline of wake board surfing. The LWA supports all types of recreation but hopes that surfers can be educated on safer and more conscientious practices.
* Permits for rip-rap were discussed.

**CALENDAR**

* The next annual meeting will be held in Fall 2019.
* The member social meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 6 at Gulliver’s Landing.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Sherri Wagner, Secretary