**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**September 7, 2016**

**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 Theresa Graveen, Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, Mark Peter, Mary Kate Riordan, Jim Wagner, Sherri Wagner and Allen Weinkauf. There were 64 other members in attendance plus 7 panelists.

**Panel Discussion on Lake Wausau Draw Down**

Seven panelists were present to answer questions concerning the upcoming lake draw down. There were representatives from Domtar, DNR, Marathon County, and Mead and Hunt available to comment on the reasons for the draw down, the timing, health and safety issues, impacts to the fish population and other wildlife, affects to the vegetation, the do’s and don’ts for what can be done to property during the draw down, etc. There were several questions and comments from the members that were present, as well as, others that were submitted to the board members before the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on October 1, 2015 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 2016 YTD with 2015 YTD. The balance of the general checking account is $31,903.20. The balance of the restricted project fund account is $890.36. The total is $32,793.56. 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. Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, and Mark Peter have accepted nominations for re-election. After receiving no other nominations from the floor, a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for these members was made and seconded. The motion carried.

**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 annual budget will be set before the end of February for 2017. The major event for the committee is the annual fundraiser. The net proceeds from the 2016 fundraiser was approx. $23,000. In 2015 it was $20,000 and in 2014 it was $15,000. Each year it continues to grow. There were 285 people in attendance this year. 380 tickets were sold of the 400 total tickets. Last year there were 200 people that attended. We had about 40 volunteers that helped. A big thank you to all the volunteers, the many sponsors and donors who help to make the event a success. The fundraiser for next year is scheduled for Friday, April 21. This will be held at the Rothschild Pavilion again.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our total membership for 2016 was 174 members. For 2015 the total was 175 members. The committee has begun working on a communications plan. Alison Werner from the Wisconsin River Alliance is assisting the committee with the process. There may be a short survey that will be sent out to members to ask what types of educational programs may be of interest to the membership and what times during the year would be best to hold events, etc. We again placed an ad in the Central Wisconsin Water Walkers Ski magazine and sponsored popcorn at one of the ski show.

**Weed & Algae Committee**

Rick Parkin, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, stated that one of their projects are on hold. We have a $50,000 federal grant to have the Army Corp of Engineers do a hydrodynamic study on Lake Wausau. This is being postponed due to the draw down. This is the final piece that is needed to complete our lake study project. The project needs to be completed in order for us to develop our lake management plan. The lake management plan is necessary to apply for additional grants to be able to do more work on the lake such as dredging, etc. The weed harvesting that was done this year yielded ½ million pounds of biomass being removed. We did some private dock harvesting this year. The timing of this may not have been the best. This will be discussed to see if it will be done again.

**CALENDAR**

* The next annual meeting will be held in September 2017.
* The member social meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8. If anyone has ideas for speakers let us know.

A door prize winner was drawn.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Sherri Wagner, Secretary