

**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
September 26, 2013  
Nueske's at Gulliver's Landing, 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Russ Graveen, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Board members also present were Nate Birchler, Theresa Graveen, Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, Jim Wagner, and Sherri Wagner. Other members present were Steve Akey, Don and Julie Brekke, Roger Deffner, Kingsley Forbes, Patti Linehan, Mark and Sue Peter, Ann Steele, Jim and Diane VanEyck, and Kathy Weinkauff.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on September 27, 2012 were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. Motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Theresa Graveen, Treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. The report detailed cash inflows and outflows. The balance of the general checking account is \$16,246.91. The balance of the lake project fund account is \$48,079.24. The total is \$64,326.15. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Chairperson's Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Nate Birchler, Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented a summary of the April 22, 2013 fundraiser. It was a big success. Thanks to everyone that attended and donated to the event. The Nueske family was very generous to donate their facility and labor and to offer a discount on the meal and beverages. The 200 tickets for the event were sold out. The total gross profit was over \$8700. Nate asked if the spring was a good time of year or if we should try to hold this at another time of year. The group felt that it was a good time to hold the event. If there are ideas for next year, please let the board know. Also we will be looking for donations again.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our total membership for 2012 was 114 members. For 2013 the total is 110 members. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors to promote membership. There is a list of the members on the Lake Wausau Association website. Many of our members do not live on Lake Wausau but are lake users. Renewal forms will be mailed and sent via email each year.

**Weed & Algae Committee**

Holly Kohl, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, stated that the lake study project is pretty much on target. Completion of the study is set at December 2014. The only portion that is behind schedule is the lake map. The DNR is working on revisions. Christine Koehler is working on adding all the revisions to the map. We will not be selling ads on the map since we do not want to delay getting the finished product out to the public. Some of the maps will be printed on a higher quality polyart paper and these types of maps will be sold. Gander Mountain has agreed to sell the polyart copies. They will also be sold on our web site. The aquatic plant survey is done. We need to use that data to develop a plant management plan. There will be a series of meetings over the winter to work on the management plan so that action can be taken in spring. The shoreland habitat survey was started this summer. Data has been collected and they are working on the reporting. Aaron Thomson from UWSP will talk about the socioeconomic survey that was done. A lake management plan will be developed over the spring and summer for remediation. The Army Corp of Engineers had planned to do a dye tracer study, but felt that they can use the data that was already collected. So this will not need to be done. They need to do the hydrodynamic modeling. We do not have a date set for this yet. All grant money has been collected as well as the donations from the municipalities.

## **Old Business**

### ➤ **Social & Economic Values Survey**

Aaron Thompson, UWSP was present to update the membership concerning the survey that was sent out to the community this summer. There was a greater response rate than what was expected, which was great. The overall response was 44% of the over 800 random surveys that were sent. The goal was 30%. Residents of Wausau, Schofield, Rothschild, and Rib Mountain were sent surveys plus residents that lived in neighborhoods near the lake were targeted. The public was asked if they knew about the Lake Wausau Association and their mission. They were asked about how they viewed and valued the lake. They were asked how they used the lake and what is the quality of recreation is on the lake. The data collection ended in the beginning of September. Data entry will be happening through November. A report should be ready in January 2014. Preliminary results showed a general lack of familiarity with the Lake Wausau Association, but they strongly agreed with the mission on the organization. The community perspective of the lake seemed to be very diverse. Generally there was less recreational activity than anticipated. Good data was collected on the mapping questions, but many people indicated that they just didn't know the lake well enough.

## **New Business**

### ➤ **Election of Officers**

There are three seats that are open for election. Two board members have accepted nominations for re-election. Rick Parkin and Holly Kohl have accepted the nominations. Nate Birchler has requested to step down from the board. We did not receive any nominations from the floor. A motion to close nominations was made and seconded. This was carried. A motion was made and seconded to cast a unanimous ballot for the two incumbents and to continue to poll the membership to fill the open position. This motion was approved. If anyone knows of someone that may be interested in serving on the board, please contact a board member.

### ➤ **Roger Deffner**

Roger Deffner wanted to show the members that this area is great for growing grapes. He brought samples. He is willing to answer questions if anyone is interested in starting to grow grapes. Eight hours of full sun from April to September is needed. He also has quite a bit of prickly pear cactus that he is willing to give away if anyone is interested.

## **CALENDAR**

- The next annual meeting will be next September. Meeting notices were both mailed and emailed. Please spread the word to your neighbors or friends to get more participation. Suggestions were made to hype the agenda to get more interest and possibly offer a raffle of some sort. 6:30 pm is a good time to start the meeting.
- Another member social meeting will be held this winter. If anyone has ideas for speakers, please notify the board. It is a good time for updates and a chance to meet fellow members. We will try to hold this before February 15.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm  
Sherri Wagner, Secretary