

**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
September 27, 2012  
Nueske's at Gulliver's Landing, 6:30 pm**

**Call to Order**

Russ Graveen, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Officers also present were Nate Birchler, Dave Dalum, Theresa Graveen, Holly Kohl, Rick Parkin, Jim Wagner, and Sherri Wagner. Other members present were Steve Akey, Seth Calonder, Gary Christianson, Ken and Polly Day, Shawn Esser, Kingsley Forbes, Justin and Emily Gaffney, Patti Linehan, Gaylene Rhoden, Wayne Schneider, Ann Steele, Jim and Diane VanEyck, Ken and Cindy Wilk, and Bob and Peggy Wolff.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on September 27, 2011 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 Association's starting balance was \$5,246. Inflows totaled \$26,105. Outflows totaled \$639. The ending balance is \$30,712. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Reports**

**Committee Sign-Ups**

Lists of current committee members were distributed. Members were asked to up date the lists by added or deleting their information.

**Finance Committee**

Nate Birchler, Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Finance Committee, distributed a copy of the projected budget. It included not only the balance for 2012 that was stated in the Treasurer's report, but also projected funds coming in before the end of the year. This would bring the projected balance for 2013 to \$49,208. Inflows for 2013 would include the committed funds from the municipalities of \$24,000, future grant awards of \$28,939, membership dues, and income from a future fundraiser. The largest outflow would be the LWA study project expenses. This is expected to total \$101,152. The estimated ending balance would be \$8,153.

In order to begin to raise funds that will be needed during the remediation phase of the project, Gulliver's has offered to host a buffet dinner and raffle night for \$50 per person on Monday, April 22, 2013. We are looking to sell 200 tickets. There will be a silent auction also. We are looking for members to buy and sell tickets, as well as, donate items for the auction. This has the potential to raise several thousand dollars. Gulliver's is closed to the public that night. They are donating their labor and facility for the event. It was suggested to notify the media to advertise the event. A motion was made to accept this year's budget as printed and seconded. The motion carried.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our membership grew from 96 members last year to 112 members plus 2 honorary members this year. Renewal forms will be mailed and sent via email each year.

**Weed & Algae Committee**

Rick Parkin, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, presented a summary and update of the lake study project. The Army Corp of Engineers will be conducting hydrodynamic modeling and a dye tracer study next year. This year an aquatic macrophyte study and aquatic plant survey was done by the UWSP. Data will be analyzed and a management plan will be developed. A bathymetry and in-lake habitat mapping has been done. This will be used for the development of a Lake Wausau map that should be available in the Fall of 2013. We would like to print 10,000 copies. We will think about selling advertising spots on the map as a fundraiser. A shore land habitat survey will begin in the summer of 2013. UWSP is going to be surveying the public to see how people value and use the lake. This is a big portion of the project. They will randomly survey local residents at boat landings or at local events and want to do some oral history exams. They want to interview people who have

had longevity on the lake. If members would like to help with this project or know of people who should be interviewed, please let us know. A suggestion was made to talk to Darien Schaefer of the Visitor's Bureau for some information that may help with this.

The results of these studies will be shared with the public at quarterly meetings and will assist in developing a Lake Management plan.

Holly Kohl, Co-Chair of the Weed and Algae Committee, reviewed the Study Project budget. Project inflows include public donations, donations from the municipalities, and grant awards from the DNR. This totals \$97,353. Other funds included are \$3000 of in-kind service donations and Army Core funds of \$65,000. This will bring the gross project fund inflows to \$165,353. Outflows paid to the UWSP will be \$101,152. Another expense will be the \$65,000 back to the Army Corp. This brings the total project expenses to \$166,152. Only \$799 will be needed from our general fund.

This year the committee raised Purple Loosestrife beetles and they were placed on the plants this summer. This was a project that was taken on by the Lake Association approximately 10 years ago and was successful.

We have been partnering with other lake associations and the Wisconsin River Alliance to see how they are dealing with issues that are similar to ours.

## **Old Business**

### ➤ **Grant Process**

We are waiting to hear about our second grant approval, which should happen sometime in October. The 3<sup>rd</sup> grant will be applied for in either February or August 2013.

## **New Business**

### ➤ **Signs at Boat Landings**

The Park Department will allow us to post signs behind the glass at boat landings to let the public know that there is a Lake Wausau Association and will include information about the web site.

### ➤ **Banner**

A banner was donated through Marquardt Stamp and Sign that will be displayed at LWA functions.

### ➤ **Business Cards**

Holly Kohl donated business cards for the LWA.

### ➤ **Phil Schoenfeldt**

Phil Schoenfeldt who has been keeping records for the LWA for over 10 years and was instrumental in getting the association back to business again 1½ years ago, has recently passed away. We would like to ask the membership if we could send flowers and a card to express our condolences from the association. Jim VanEyck made a motion to allow the board to send a memorial to the Schoenfeldt family in an amount to be determined at the discretion of the board. It was seconded and approved. We will also tell the family that we will do something in his honor in the future.

### ➤ **Election of Directors**

We have 3 seats currently up for election. Russ Graveen, Sherri Wagner, and Ken Wilk have accepted nominations for these positions. A motion to close nominations was made and seconded after no further nominations were made from the floor. This was carried. A motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for the positions. This was seconded. The motion was approved.

## **CALENDAR**

- By-laws state that an annual meeting should occur in September. The membership requested another meeting some time in May or June for a project update.
- The Weed & Algae committee has quarterly meetings with the researchers that interested members are welcome to attend.

## **Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Sherri Wagner, Secretary