**LAKE WAUSAU ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**October 16, 2019**

**Trail’s End, 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order**

Rick Parkin, President of the Board, called the meeting to order. Board members also present were Danno Hoff, Holly Kohl, Denise Krueger, Mark Peter, Peter Reineck, Jim Wagner, Sherri Wagner and Dan Weilep. There were 53 members in attendance.

**Presentation**

Domtar Representatives, Dave Faucett, General Manager and Steve Lewens, Environmental Health and Safety Manager, gave a presentation about dam control and monitoring information.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous annual meeting on October 18, 2018 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 2019 YTD with 2018 YTD. The total balance of the accounts is $91,221.95. Holly explained that we moved our accounts from People’s State Bank to CoVantage Credit Union and opened money market and CD accounts along with checking and savings accounts. A TD Ameritrade account was also opened. A motion to accept the treasurer’s financial 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’s term will end this year. Mark has decided to not run for re-election. Nick Hebda was nominated and accepted the nomination. 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 Mark for his 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 two major focuses for the committee is the annual budget and the annual fundraiser. The annual fundraiser held in May at the Rothschild Pavilion was attend by about 300 people. All 400 tickets sold. This year we added music and made the event more social. We budgeted to make $14,500 and the actual net proceeds were $23,600. This money is used for our future weed harvesting costs. We had 45 volunteers for the event and 9 people working on our fundraising committee. 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 15 at the Rothschild Pavilion. Anyone that is interested in helping on the committee, to volunteer for the fundraiser, or to donate to the event please contact Holly.

**Membership Committee**

Sherri Wagner, Secretary and Chair of the Membership Committee, reported that our total membership for 2019 was 179 members. For 2018 the total was 143 members. A letter had been sent to 146 riparian owners that were not LWA members this year. 20 new memberships were gained. We again placed an ad in the Central Wisconsin Water Walkers magazine and sponsored popcorn at one of the ski shows. Trail’s End let us sell food for the paddle pub crawl in July which was very well attended. We had 60 people in attendance at our February Member’s Social at Gulliver’s Landing. We ask that all members with a new address please update this information with us.

**Lake Stewardship Committee**

The Lake Stewardship committee was formerly called the Weed and Algae Committee but was re-named to better depict the committee’s purpose. Rick Parkin, Co-Chair of the Lake Stewardship Committee, reported about this year’s activities. Mary Kate Riordan, started the Adopt-A-Shoreline program which has been a big success. The public owned areas on the lake were “adopted” by nine different groups and cleaned up throughout the year. We are looking for others to get involved to help organize and coordinate this program.

The weed harvesting that was done this year harvested 20 tons of biomass. The curly leaf pondweed is the invasive species that is targeted by the harvesting. Since the weeds make great fertilizer, we have had interest by some people to get for their use.

This year we need to form an advisory committee. The purpose of the committee is to help execute the lake management plan This committee will consist of LWA board members, representatives from the local municipalities and from the community.

If anyone is interested in joining the lake stewardship committee please contact Rick Parkin or any of the board members.

**Open Issues for Discussion**

* There was discussion about concerns of the effects of wake boats on the lake. The lake association can help to educate wake boaters to stay away from the shoreline and to move to different spots instead of going in the same areas repeatedly.
* Duck hunting seasons and times were discussed.

**CALENDAR**

* The next annual meeting will be held in Fall 2021.
* The member social meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5 at Gulliver’s Landing.

**Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Sherri Wagner, Secretary