

Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association
Board of Directors Meeting
January 28, 2012

Vice-president Mike Winius called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Present were Mike Winius, Dick Hiebing, Lillian Williamson, Matt Marty, Judie Gowaski and Karen Prueter. Also attending were Ken Dolata, County Conservationist, and Amanda Strick, the new county AIS Coordinator. The agenda was postponed in favor of our two guests.

Ms. Strick outlined her job description as she saw it, defined how her office could be of help to the association and all county lakes, and mentioned several things the lake associations could do to aid her. One of the ways is to give her contact information for member lakes so she can begin a dialogue with said lakes to find ways to benefit both the lake associations and her office. The board of directors agreed to share the contact information with the understanding that it be protected in-house and protected and kept confidential.

Ms. Strick distributed an AIS survey and it was decided the survey would be mailed out together with the 2012 dues notice, asking members to please complete the survey and return to the county. She also stated AIS informational signs are available from her office for posting at the boat landings. Ms. Strick informed the board she has applied for a grant to cover the cost of two or three summer interns to man boat landings during the week and hand out Clean Boats – Clean Waters information, asking boat owners to clean weeds from their boats when going to multiple lakes to fish. The interns will also provide literature containing the same information to bait shops.

Ken Dolata reported grants are available for **AIS Education & Early Detection, Aquatic Plant Management, Lake Restoration & Protection Projects, Public Waterway Access Improvement, and Shoreline Restoration**. Cost-share grants will pay 75% up to \$2,500/year, and 70% of the 33% DNR charge for Lake Management Plans.

Ken agreed to speak at the annual meeting 28 April 2012. The board thanked Ken and Amanda for giving up a Saturday to meet with the board and promised mutual help to each other.

The minutes of the 29 October 2011 Board of Directors meeting were read and approved. Dick Hiebing, Treasurer, stated a bank balance of \$1,017.95. Report accepted and approved.

Website Proposal

Mike Winius reported OCLAWA could have a link to the Oconto County Economic Development Corporation website. This proposal seems appropriate for consideration as OCLAWA Mission Statement blends well with OCEDC purpose and goals. Bruce Mommaerts, Director of OCEDC, suggested the following:

- The OCEDC website designer would assist and implement a webpage for OCLAWA with

- membership input as to design.
- A \$250.00 one-time fee would be charged for design and implementation.
 - A \$50.00 fee would be charged per annum to host the webpage.

The plan would require minimum commitment by an OCLAWA member of 15-25 hours for initial design, and later for posting new or updated information.

Mike distributed a Website Design Search & Summary Proposal and it will become part of these minutes. Motion by Judie Gowaski, seconded by Matt Marty, that OCLAWA accept the OCEDC proposal. Motion carried unanimously. Mike Winius and Judie Gowaski are to meet the website designer and begin design work.

County Fair Booth

An OCLAWA booth at the 2012 county fair was discussed at recent meeting. Options are to join the OCEDC booth and help with staffing or determine if the county plans to host a booth and join them. Ken Dolata and Amanda Strick will be contacted for information on the county's plans. The fair is held in Gillette each year in August.

Berry Lake Membership

Application has been made for membership in OCLAWA by a second Berry Lake organization. The Berry Lake Property Owners Association has been a long-standing member in OCLAWA and board members stated their reluctance to get involved with inter-lake politics. A second member from the same lake also poses problems with our bylaws, which state "one lake – one vote". It was decided to bring up the matter at the April annual meeting and let the membership decide.

New Board Member

Rick Turtenwald has been removed from the Board of Directors for non-attendance at any meetings. Nominations will be considered at the next meeting and a new member elected.

Placemats

The placemat project final cost was \$535. Dick Hiebing stated there is enough inventory for two more summers, and more placemats will be distributed at the annual meeting on 28 April 2012.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. **Future meetings: membership at large April 28 (annual meeting) and July 28; Board of Director meeting October 27, 2012.**

Respectfully submitted


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