

Lake Katherine Association Annual Meeting
July 1, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Board introductions and attendee introductions.

Meeting agenda reviewed and approved by the board and membership at large.

Motion to approve last year's minutes with no modifications – approved by Gary Buhmann and 2nd by Lynn Buhmann.

Preliminary Financial report given by Paul Strong:

Checking account balance: \$20,910.68

CD balance: \$5,285.11

TOTAL: \$26,195.79

Expenses since last meeting:

\$50.00 – OCLRA annual dues

\$248.00 – Website fees

\$68.00 – PO Box renewal

Paul will file a formal financial report and it will be sent to the association members via email.

Motion to make provisional financial report – approved by Betsy Busey, 2nd by Beth Richardson Mayer.

Lake Report: – Paul Strong asked for comments from the group.

-Beth Richardson Mayer commented that she is noticing a lot of grey snails by her home near the bridge and blue colored snails near the island.

-Liz Beattie commented that she is seeing a large increase of snails. Philip Cunliffe-Owens asked if that is good or bad. The board will research this and add information on the website.

-A member has been fishing in the northwest side of the channel near Tigertail Point in 20' of water and there are usually tall weeds there but he didn't see any weeds. Do snails eat the weeds?

-Lynn Buhmann commented that she isn't seeing many fish near their dock other than minnows.

-Don Penfield commented that everyone should know what Eurasian Milfoil looks like. Minocqua hired a group to harvest it and there are also chemicals that can be added to the water to help to get rid of it. The board is aware and stated that there is signage posted at the boat launch to educate people. The board will add updated information on the website on this topic and nearby lakes that have it.

-When the dam is opened, is there a screen or anything in front so Milfoil or fish can't get over?

-Tom Hupy asked about DNR fish counts and creel surveys. This will be on the website.

-Steve Peterson noticed bright lights on a boat near Tigertail Point the night of 6/1. Was this netting or spearing? Paul commented that spearing is usually after the ice goes out.

-Steve Menzel commented that he was fishing and got walleye, largemouth, bluegill, and crappie and that he normally doesn't see that variety of fish.

-A member commented that they are noticing more algae on the rocks and shoreline. Paul commented that the lake is in the early stages of the aging process so it's clear without a lot of pollution.

-Philip Cunliffe-Owens brought pictures of the garbage his family has collected.

-Loons – Loonproject.org posted an article on Lake Katherine. They found a dead loon on a nest that looks like an eagle got it while on the nest. A new pair of loons then nested on the island. There have not been any sightings of chicks as of the association meeting. Someone noticed the nest on 6/29 without a loon on it. Philip Cunliffe-Owens mentioned that there have been 4 loons around his dock. Those are probably ones who don't have a territory.

New Business:

LKA Website:

-Melissa Placzkowski gave a presentation on the new LKA Website: lakekatherine-wi.org

-Steve Menzel asked about posting the directory on the website but it was decided not to since it's open to the public.

-We need to be careful with people commenting on the website since it's public. The board said comments would be monitored.

-The newsletter will be posted on the website.

-Facebook – Once that is up and running should we allow comments on that instead of the website since it might be easier to monitor on Facebook? Beth Richardson Mayer mentioned that it is a lot of work to monitor Facebook.

-Lisa Tadych mentioned that it would be good to post information such as snow loads/conditions so seasonal homeowners could get updates. There is also a contact page on the website if people have questions.

-Melissa said that social media is next on the list.

Highway 51 Bridge Work:

-Lori Seaberg gave an update from DOT that the repairs are almost completed and the road will remain open with 2 lanes for the rest of the repairs.

Lake History:

-Eric Hartwig discussed this topic and asked the members if they have any history on their cabin to share. He passed out cards so people can call or email him with information which will be collected and shared on the website.

Old Business:

NW Land Trust Parcels:

-Paul Strong discussed the timber harvest schedule since there have been some changes/delays. It should now start this fall.

-They are doing some marking now for 2024 harvesting. Paul will talk to the land trust to get updates and we will post it on the website.

-Someone commented that there are pink ribbons on some trees on South Shore Drive. They will be re-paving South Shore Drive so it might be due to that or them possibly expanding the road.

-The parcel near the bridge is a buffer for traffic noise. We can make a suggestion to the land trust not to harvest a lot in that area.

Forest Health:

-Oak Wilt – No updates. Members can contact us if they have questions.

OCLRA:

-There will be a meeting on 7/14. Some of the discussion topics will include: lead poisoning with loons, wake boats, invasive species, zoning. If any members attend the meeting, they can let us know and share information.

Election of 2 new Board Members:

Kristin Hagge's and Sue Wagner's terms are up.

Kristin nominated Steve Menzel.

Sue nominated Paul Holbrook.

Both agreed to join the board. (Paul Holbrook was not present).

Motion to approve: Unanimous approval.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the LKA Association – Paul Strong showed some association trivia questions for the group.

Next association meeting will be held on 7/6/2024

Motion to adjourn: Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 am