

Minutes

ECHO LAKE ANNUAL MEETING

July 25, 2015

1. WELCOME -TOM WAGNER

Tom opened the meeting at 10:05. It was recognized that this was Tom's last meeting, and appreciation was expressed for his service

2. CREATION GRANT WRITING COMMITTEE- TOM WAGNER

There was some concern expressed about the future organization of this effort. There was an inquiry as to whether Cindy Swanson was still planning to be fully active in this role.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT- BILL MANN

Bill submitted the attached financial report and pointed out the relatively healthy nature of the reserves. In response to questions, Bill provided the following highlights and answers:

- We will receive \$5,400 for the aquatic nuisance grant
- The Watershed grant will be \$5,000
- Dues usually come in the summer, which has not ended
- Payroll is about \$11-12K
- We are clearly in a better financial position than in prior years due to the receipt of these grants
- There have been no map sales. There was discussion about updating the map
- We use Community National Bank
- There are about 110 residents, and about 75-80 pay dues to the Assn.
- The newsletter should be sent out to the entire lake population, not just members, since they receive the benefits as well.

4. ACCESS GREETER PROGRAM- MARYANNE O'BRIEN

- Maryanne reported that despite the cool, rainy summer, the greeters have been busy. There had been 375 inspections and all aquatic material was removed when necessary.
- The greeters began the weekend before Memorial Day and continue through Labor Day
- There are 3 greeters covering 60 hours per week, In addition, there are volunteers that cover 11 hours on Mondays and Tuesdays
- With regard to inspections, there were two intercepts of milfoil, and both boats had been in waterbodies that were known

- This is the last year that Patti and Maryanne will run the program
5. COLOR CHALLENGE RUN- PATTI LENNON
 - This event was successful on many levels
 - \$2,300 was raised
 - Local businesses were engaged, and provided financial as well as material donations
 - There were 29 Assn. volunteers
 - It will be held again in 2016
 6. GREEN UP DAY- TOM WAGNER
 - Charleston provided the materials, after they recognized the value of their participation
 - A substantial amount of material was collected. 91 bottles were found on Mike Vinton's property, and it is hoped that this will be unnecessary in 2016
 7. LAKE MONITORING- TOM WAGNER
 - Tom reported that the program is very active, that there are many volunteers, but that it would be helpful if there were many more
 - This is a key activity for counting towards local efforts to cite in grant proposals
 - Susan Czerpak spoke about the "Lakewise" Program. This is a state sponsored program that combines protection of the shoreland with recreation activities
 - One means to achieve the goal is to achieve at least a 15% rate of participation, which is perceived as a "tipping point" towards changing the culture to favor protection activities
 8. WATER QUALITY REPORT- PETER ENGELS
 - Peter reported that the program is active, with weekly measurements
 - The purpose is to measure water clarity, as well as levels of phosphorous and chlorophyll
 - There will be 8-12 samples sent and so far the results look favorable
 - Peter also reported that there is one pair of nesting loons, and one lone loon
 9. INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS- PATTI
 - All proposed new Board members were approved
 - These include: Terry O'Brien, Nancy Engels
 10. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
 - All new Board members were elected

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was a short discussion about the Seymour lawsuit. The judge sided with the State in this case

12. ANNUAL PICNIC REMINDER- AUGUST 22 4pm

KOENIGSBAUER'S, BEAMS' & WILSON'S

The meeting was closed out by Tom. There was gratitude expressed by the Assn. members for his exemplary service, beyond the normal tenure. He was asked to remain part of the lake Ass. Leadership as an "Ambassador" to external entities as needed. He accepted.