

WLPA Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023

Call to Order

Sue Rathsack called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Treasurer Report

1. Bank account balance = [REDACTED] + CD balance = [REDACTED] for a total of [REDACTED].

Sunshine Report

1. Sally sent a personalized 'Get Well' to Neil Rasmussen. Neil is since feeling better, and was in attendance at the meeting.
2. Bob Johnson has been hospitalized for pneumonia. The club sends our well wishes and prayers to Bob and his wife, Bev.

Iola Car Show

1. Major set up for the car show has been completed, including tables and fences.

Harvester / Dump Truck Updates

1. Harvesting has begun as of June 1st, with the priority to clear the main boating lanes. Riparian lane harvesting has also started, however, some areas are too shallow to operate the harvester as we are not allowed to disturb the lake bottom.
2. The dump truck brakes have been repaired, and many thanks go to Bob Kieffer for his help in fixing the dump truck at no cost to the WLPA. A motion was made to give Bob and his wife, Jean, an honorary WLPA membership. The motion was approved.

Buoy Update

1. A request to approve the movement of some of the buoys, including to the new boating lane and replacement of one that is in water that is too shallow has been submitted to the DNR. Once this is approved, work can begin on new signage for the boat launch.

New Business (Fundraising)

1. The volunteer opportunity to work a Packer game concession stand has been canceled due to lack of interest. In order to make it a viable effort, it needed a large number of volunteers, but only about 10 people signed up.
2. Sue Rathsack is going to talk with the owner at Rio Lobo in Weyauwega to see if they would allow the WLPA to do another "pizza pie" fundraising raffle in July like the one that was done for the Spring Bash. The venue draws a large crowd in the summer when they have live music. It would cost the WLPA approximately \$250 to put together the "pizza" (which is made from cash and lottery tickets). A motion was requested and approved to move forward with this, assuming we get agreement from Rio Lobo.

WLPA Summer Picnic

1. The date for this year's picnic will be Saturday, August 12th, starting at noon. Neil and MaryAnn Rasmussen have graciously agreed to host as they have done in years past.
2. 3 – 4 volunteers are needed to help set up approximately 2 hours prior, and help with take down after.

3. The main dishes will include leftover sloppy joes and pulled pork from the Spring Bash along with another meat (likely chicken) that Bob Rehm will get from his contact that cooks the food at the Iola Car Show.

4. Keith LeComte offered to donate beer, and Neil and MaryAnn will provide water and soda.

5. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, an auction item, and their own placesetting. (plates / silverware)

Other Business

1. Concerns were raised about the current condition of the lake, including the amount of vegetation, increase in invasive weed species, and the accessibility to different areas of the lake as a result. With the current approval to only harvest boating lanes, members expressed that the lake is "closing in" and many areas that were once accessible are no longer.

2. Many suggestions were made for ideas that could be pursued to potentially improve the lake, including:

- Sue Rathsack will be contacting the Ojibwe Indian tribe to see if they would look at the type of wild rice in the lake to verify if it is the "good type" of rice that is sought after to be harvested. If it is not, we would be able to present a case to the DNR that it may not be a protected species.

- Procure a new lake survey of the invasive weeds (last one was 3 year ago) in order to apply for a grant to treat the problem areas.

- Meeting with Waupaca County (Parks & Rec?) to see if they are able to assist in our efforts by talking with the DNR and to seek other ideas they may have. White Lake offers tremendous recreational opportunities for our community and we are hopeful the County would be interested in helping with preservation efforts.

- Emphasizing on signage around the lake as well as our social media and website channels, how much the WLPA invests in preserving the lake, which could help in getting more donations.

We are also hoping the White Lake Aeration Club will be willing to assist in some of these efforts (as well as others), as both clubs share common concerns about the aging of the lake.

Next Meeting

1. There will be no July meeting, the next gathering of club members will be at the picnic on August 12th.

Meeting Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.