



Big Wood Lake Association, Inc.

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FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Minutes

Luther Point Bible Camp

8:00 AM Free Breakfast in Dining Hall

9:00 AM Membership Meeting in Chapel

August 24, 2013

BOD members present – Gene Soderbeck, Chris Witzany, Stan Peer, Jack Church, Lisa Carver, Margie Champlin

BOD members absent – Dave Strub, Susan Pawluk

Number of attendees – 44

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....ALL

Gene Soderbeck led all in Pledge of Allegiance

2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.....GENE SODERBECK

Gene Soderbeck asked all to introduce themselves, where they are located on lake, how long, and tell their favorite fish story.

3. MINUTES OF SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING.....JACK CHURCH

Jack Church provided handouts, and reviewed highlights of Spring Member meeting that was displayed on overhead screen. Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT.....STAN PEER

Stan Peer provided handouts and reviewed highlights of financials year to date. Treasurer report was unanimously approved.

5. ASSOCIATION 2013 ACTIVITIES.....GENE SODERBECK

- a. **Lake Stewardship** – 75% DNR grant (approximately \$12,000) for updating Aquatic Plant Management Plan formal plan update (starting this fall after lake sampling report complete), lake sampling (underway).
- b. **Safety on the Water** – door-to-door handout of boating rules, buoys and landing upgrade done after spring meeting
- c. **Improving Communication** – Website update by Nicki Peterson, Wood Chips increased content and material by Cris Peterson, Emails of upcoming events, Communication Plan, Flare & Clothing sales, Picnic

Question from member – how many potential members can we have, and how many do we have?

Gene Soderbeck and Stan Peer responded that we have potential for 163 members, and 58 have paid dues to date this year. We have typically had 120-125 members (last year 123)

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION.....GENE SODERBECK

- a. **Susan Pawluk**; serving 3 years as an Association Board Member
- b. **Cris Peterson**; Wood Chips Editor, sending out event emails, and for sending out the advertisement letters

- c. **Glen and Grant Dawson**; locating anchors and replacing the South end buoy on Father's Day June 16, 2013
- d. **Chris Witzany and Jack Church**; taking care of North Shore boat landing obstruction
- e. **Jack Church**; repairing 3 picnic tables in the Park
- f. **Doug & Sue Segelstrom, Dale & Linda Halverson, Sally Strub, Stan & Betty Peer**; Picnic Committee. **Doug** also prepared the brats and dogs
- g. **Kitty Swanson**; donating a beautiful hand painted painting for Picnic Raffle
- h. **Alice Reid**; donating a paring knife for Picnic Raffle.
- i. **Greg Peer**; help in set-up and take-down at the Picnic
- j. **Nicky Carroll**; volunteering to manage BWLA Clothing and Merchandise
- k. **Sally Strub**; selling largest amount of flares
- l. **Joan Soderbeck**; finding new supplier and purchasing flares for lower cost than past

7. AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.....GENE SODERBECK

Gene Soderbeck reported the three main things associated with the Aquatic Management Plan update are:

- a. Update the aquatic plant inventory in the lake, by type, quantity, and location
This has been done, and there is no Eurasian Milfoil (GOOD news). However, there are other aquatic plants we may want to do something about.
- b. There will be two meetings in the spring 2014 to discuss and make decisions about the other aquatic plants.
- c. Monitor by local citizenry (owners, boaters, etc.), and report anything suspicious to have it checked out.
Question from member – what do we do if we find Eurasian Milfoil and what will it cost to eliminate it?
Gene Soderbeck responded that since we have an Aquatic Management plan, we can apply to the DNR for a matching grant to treat it immediately. Cost could be \$20 – 60K depending on the amount we find (based on what we know from what other lakes with Eurasian Milfoil have been paying annually).

8. SEPTIC SYSTEMS: SHOULD I FLUSH IT?Video

Gene Soderbeck narrated the video, and summed up the results of testing described - if you have a septic system, and you eat it and use normal (not high strength) toilet tissue, you are safe to flush it. Any thing else may cause blockage problems. If you have a holding tank, almost anything else that flushes thru the system can be pumped out.

9. WINNERS.....CHRIS WITZANY

- a. **Flotilla**: Most Original: 1st – Gidding, 2nd place tie to – Swanson Family & Amy Fossum
Most Patriotic: 1st – Amy Fossum, 2nd by drawing – Olson, and 3rd by drawing - the Mills Family
Traveling Eagle: Amy Fossum with most number of collective votes
- b. **Photo Contest photos and vote**: “Life on the Lake” (Susan Anderson) and “Nature Scenes” (Jo Louise McNally)
- c. **Raffle drawing Ten gift certificates and a 4 bottle wine tote package grand prize**

10. ELECTION.....MARGIE CHAMPLIN

Margie Champlin presented the nominations, opened the floor for other nominations, and hearing none, asked of voice vote for those nominated. All were elected unanimously.

President: Gene Soderbeck

Vice President: Chris Witzany

Treasurer: Stan Peer

Secretary: Jack Church

Director-at-large: Lisa Carver (term expires 2014)

Director-at-large: Dave Strub (term expires 2015)

Director-at-large: Eric Bergman (term expires 2016)

Note: Margie Champlin agreed to serve as Immediate Past President if proposed officers are elected.
Lisa Carver to serve Susan Pawluk’s remaining year.

11. MEMBERSHIP FEEDBACK; water safety, other.....ALL - LISA CARVER

- a. Video made by Susan Anderson, of Loons convening off north shore in August 2013 shown – will be added to website for all to view.
- b. Late night (after midnight) fisherman (probably carp bow & arrow fishing) with strong bright lights which shine into cabins have woke people up and made them nervous about what is going on.
- c. Can appreciate that more yard lights on the lake can add to security, BUT takes away from the night time serenity.
- d. Ice fisherman (presumably) leave a lot of garbage on lake during winter ice fishing – ends up floating (or sinking) in water in spring.
- e. Is it possible to have a one-way route posted around Jacobson’s Island (counter clockwise)?
- f. There is preference for hard copy of Wood Chips (as well as email). Some people are not as computer oriented as others.
- g. Large-floating mass of aquatic plants identified by concerned member, were “coontail”, which flower in late summer.
- h. Appreciation for Wood Chips article on “Things to do around area”.
- i. Dave Huff from Little Wood Lake has reported that a “Little Wood Lake Association” has been started with 38 members, and an Aquatic Management Plan is underway.

12. ADJOURNMENT.....GENE SODERBECK

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM

Respectively submitted by Jack Church, Secretary

Note: Meeting includes Clothing sale, Photo Contest voting, Raffle, Membership Feedback and Election voting