

2016

Stormy Lake Association 2016 Annual Meeting Report

On July 2, 2016 the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Conover Center. Approximately 100 persons were in attendance.

Coffee and juice were served by Cindi Zick, donuts obtained by Lois Balk, and Treasurer Berleen Carlton received member dues and updated membership records.

Pledge of Allegiance and singing "God Bless America" accompanied by Don Hennessey.

President Sharon Douthit welcomed everyone, introduced the current SLA Board members as well as special guest Conover Town Board member Karl Jennrich.

Mr. Jennrich reported that the Conover-Phelps Bike Trail had been completed from Highway 45 east to Muskrat Creek Road in Conover. Funding is being sought for the next phase of the trail, with eventual extension to the Town of Phelps. An equestrian campground and trail had been built south of Conover, and local cross-country ski trails have been extended.

He further reported that the Town Board had received a permit and applied for a state grant to improve and update the Stormy Lake boat landing. The total cost is about \$80,000, with \$73,000 coming from grants. The Town has contributed \$7,000 and obtained \$22,000 in federal funds. The applied-for state grant is for \$36,000. SLA will contribute about \$5,000. Construction would presumably start in 2017, following a solicitation of bids. He suggested that the Association request the Town contribute \$5,000 to \$10,000 more to the project.

Secretary's minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer Berleen Carlton reported that the Association has working capital of \$3,857.73; CD balance is \$1,276.74; donations of \$5915 have been received for the boat landing project.

- It was moved and approved to donate \$50.00 to the GHT bike trail organization
- It was moved and approved for the Association to contribute to charities as in the past

President Sharon asked attendees to stand in groups by Stormy Lake boundary road.

Committee Chair reports

- Nominating: There were two open Board positions; Tom Navratil agreed to continue for another term and Judy Elmer offered to stand for election. A motion was made to accept their nominations and they were elected by acclamation.
- Directory updates by Joy Muchlinski were made available to members.
- Fishing report by Ron Von Swol: 1392 trout were planted this year, down again from considerably higher number of plants in past years. The daily catch limit for trout is down to two. The numbers bass and the variety of sizes bass is very good and they seem to be healthy and reproducing; white suckers were spawning which is good news.
- Water quality/spiney water flea report by Don Olson: He had available for review a 26-page report by the lake monitors; there appears to be no noticeable changes in status. He reported that the measured water clarity was 19 feet.
- Loon watch by Kate Lind: one adult pair with a single chick, all of which appear to be doing well. She played a series of recording of loon calls and identified each type.

- Fall Banquet to be held at Riverstone Restaurant in Eagle River on September 3, 2016
- Boat Parade will be held at 3:00 this afternoon
- Parade of Sails is not formally organized but sailors were expected on the lake today
- History Book arranger Nancy Wurmle is continuing to solicit input from lake residents. She said that she could produce a booklet containing copies of original submissions.

Old Business

No specific old business was discussed

New Business

- A motion was made and passed to send a "thank you" note to Karl Jennrich
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to modify Article 3, Section 2 of the SLA Constitution. This modification was proposed to make our Association eligible for incorporation under Chapter 181 of state statutes. As an incorporated entity SLA would become eligible to be certified as a Wisconsin Qualified Lake Association. Such a designation presumably would facilitate access to external funding grants. The Constitution change is as follows:
 >Eliminate "~~or is immediately adjacent to the following boundary roads:~~
~~K between S and West Stormy Lake Road~~
~~West Stormy Lake Road between K and Baker Lake Road~~
~~Bake Lake Road between West Stormy Lake Road and S~~
~~S between Baker Lake Road and K~~"
 >Insert instead "or is within one mile of the Stormy Lake shoreline"
- This was followed by considerable discussion about whether or not the Association should pursue incorporation. Motions were made but later withdrawn without a vote. Finally the President asked the attendees for a show of hands about the topic of incorporating the Association. This resulted in a "sense of the house" resolution requesting the SLA Board to investigate the pros and cons of pursuing incorporation.
- Next SLA Board meeting 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 2016 at Conover Center
- 2017 Annual Meeting July 1, 2017

Adjournment at 10:30 a.m.

Reported by Secretary Dennis Laabs