

Stormy Lake Association Annual Meeting July 3, 1999 Conover Community Center

The annual meeting of the Stormy Lake Association was held at the Conover Community Center at 9:00 a.m. on July 3, 1999. Refreshments were served at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Hennessy at 9:10 a.m., who welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conover Postmaster, Jeff Lewison, was introduced and gave a brief report on the status of the new post office, scheduled to open in early September. The support given by Stormy Lake Association members made a difference and is appreciated. Both the budget and deliveries grew considerably during the past four years. Jeff gave special thanks to Don Hennessy for help in negotiations between the township and postal authorities, and to the Stormy Lake residents who attended meetings in support of the new post office.

President Hennessy introduced the officers and board of directors:

Irene Straessle, Vice President
Sharon Douthit, Secretary (not able to attend)
Elaine Anderson, Treasurer
Wayne Anderson, Director
Francis Holly, Director
Don Muchlinski, Director
Don Heggeland, Director
Nancy Wurmle, Past President

Association members were asked to introduce themselves and include their location and when they first came to Stormy Lake. Seventy four members were in attendance.

Charles Melby and Jeanne Halloin moved and seconded that we waive the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting since members received copies of the minutes in the mail. Motion carried.

Elaine Anderson presented the financial report which showed a beginning balance of \$1904.65 on June 30, 1998. Receipts totaled \$1878.00 and disbursements totaled \$2604.23, leaving a current balance of \$1178.42, plus the \$1155.61 in a CD. The treasurer's books were audited by Harriet Sopchik and Roger Reickman and found to be in order.

OLD BUSINESS

Don Hennessy gave Hank Suttle's fish report for this past year. According to the DNR, 4000 brook trout, 20,000 brown trout and 8000 rainbow trout were released in Stormy Lake. These were yearlings since the DNR has found that they have a better survival rate than the fingerlings previously released. It was pointed out that fishing in Stormy Lake has improved over the past few years, also bringing increased use of the public landing. Steve Dennis will send a letter to the DNR thanking them for their efforts in managing the fish population in Stormy Lake.

Larry Wicks gave the Sailing Regatta report. Today's race is canceled. If it is not raining tomorrow, the race will be held then. All skippers need to meet with Larry immediately after the meeting.

The Boat Parade will not be held at noon today, due to lunchtime and the lack of time to decorate boats with the present weather. If it is not raining at 11:00 a.m. today, the boat parade will start at 1:30 p.m. If it is raining, the parade will be scheduled for 1:30 p.m. tomorrow, July 4th. The Hennessys will give out numbers, and the parade will go south and westward around the lake.

The Peddleboat races are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. today with boats assembling in the Northeast Bay. If it is raining, the races will be postponed until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow. Nancy Wurmle announced that trophies will be given in four divisions this year - junior female and male divisions for those under 18 years of age, and senior female and male divisions for those 18 and over.

Kayak races are being added this year, with participants assembling in the Northeast Bay at 3:30 p.m. today or tomorrow, depending on the weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Association expenditures of \$200. or more need to be approved by the membership (Article V, Section 2). Wayne Anderson moved and it was seconded that \$500. be donated to the Conover Fire Department and Conover EMTs. The motion carried.

Association members are reminded that the Child Care Center is still collecting aluminum soda cans. Contact Irene or Wayne Straessle for information.

A Social is planned for August 7th at the State Line restaurant in Land O'Lakes. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. The Association Board members have agreed to partially fund the dinner, so the cost to each member attending will be \$13.00. Reservations must be in by August 1st. Make checks out to "Stormy Lake Association" and send checks and reservations to Nancy Wurmle.

The annual Colorama dinner has been scheduled for September 25, 1999. President Hennessy explained that the Chanticleer Inn management will be happy to have our group in their main dining room overlooking the river if we can guarantee 30 or more reservations. A show of hands suggested that number is attainable, so plans will move forward. To make reservations or request information, call Don Hennessy (479-7853).

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Wurmle, announced the slate of officers for next year as follows:

President - Jerry Urban
Vice President - Don Olsen
Secretary - Jeanne Halloin
Treasurer - Joanne Cook
Director - Wayne Anderson
Director - Don Heggeland
Director - Francis Holly
Director - Don Muchlinski
Past President - Don Hennessy

Nick Simonds moved, and Wayne Anderson seconded, that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed unanimously and the new Stormy Lake Association Board was congratulated.

A reminder was given for the Volunteer Firemen's Blueberry Pancake Breakfast to be held this month on Sunday, July 11th.

President Don Hennessy has received a number of calls concerning the Stormy Lake Public Landing. The drop off at the end of the concrete strips is making its use difficult. A committee has been set up to deal with changes and repairs to the boat landing. Don Muchlinski will chair the committee and appoint members.

Another issue that has generated numerous telephone calls is the clear cutting of trees. President Hennessy reported that the zoning regulations in effect (these are not new rules) are based on various distances from the shoreline:

- Within 75' from the shoreline - no clear cutting / need a permit to cut trees
- Within 300' from the shoreline - no clear cutting / need a permit to cut trees
- Within 1000' from the shoreline - some clear cutting allowed with a permit

Permits are always required for cutting trees - no exceptions.

The zoning office is hiring new people to follow through on permits and lack of them.

Don Hennessy has a copy of the tree line zoning ordinance, or members may purchase their own copies for \$10. at the Vilas County Zoning Office in the Eagle River Courthouse.

A breakdown on the donations in last years budget was requested, and is as follows:

Conover Child Care Center	\$ 125.
Jim Hedberg	\$ 30.
Loon Watch	\$ 25.
Conover "Take a Kid Fishing" Program	\$ 75.
Conover Snowbuddies	\$ 35.
Chain Skimmers	\$ 25.
To be raised to \$50. for the 1999-2000 year	
Headwaters	\$ 50.
Vilas County (dues)	\$ 25.
Including a one-time addition	
for registering e-mail address	\$ 50.

President Hennessy thanked the board members for all their work and support this past year. And he thanked Jim Headberg for setting up the room for today's annual meeting.

Don passed the gavel to Jerry Urban, incoming SLA president.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Jeanne Halloin, Acting secretary for
Sharon Douthit