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## Stormy Lake Association 2015 Annual Meeting

July 3, 2015 at Conover Town Center

Called to order by President Nancy Wurmle at 9:00 a.m.

91 persons in attendance

Refreshments were organized by Lois Balk, Berleen Carlton, and Sharon Douthit, Joy Muchlinski handed out nametags and Directory updates, Bob Shallcross parked cars

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome—introduction of Board members and guests

Conover Town Board members Karl Jennrich and Tom Timken Jr.

Boat landing discussion by Association and Town Board members (See separate page)

Secretary's minutes were read and approved

Treasurer's report read and approved; working capital \$2904.08, balance on hand \$3755.08.

Member contributions of \$2000 to a spiney water flea study were dispersed.

\$175 remains in that account plus \$650 of contributions to the boat landing.

Committee Chair reports

- Nominating committee, Lois Balk. The following officers were elected by acclamation:  
President Sharon Douthit      Director Lois Balk  
Vice President Bob Shallcross      Director Cindi Zick  
Director Dwight Samuelson
- Water quality and spiney water flea--no report
- Fishing report by Ron Von Swol
  - DNR planted 2650 trout this year, compared with 2610 in 2014
  - The DNR budget is decreasing so future fish planting will also likely decline
- Loon watch report by Judy Elmer. Two first hatch loon eggs were taken by osprey; one second hatch loon chick has survived and can be seen on the lake with two adults.
- Fall Banquet report by Sharon Douthit. Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> @ Riverstone in E.R. Details will be included in the Fall newsletter
- Boat Parade organized by Sharon Douthit. Starting at 3:00 p.m. on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Parade of Sails organized by Al Fields also on July 3<sup>rd</sup>
- History Book by Nancy Wurmle. Members were encouraged to submit material.

Old Business

- Boat Landing—Nancy Wurmle will form a study committee to make recommendations
- Water safety—Several members volunteered to pass out "Clean Boat" golf towels to boaters entering or leaving Stormy Lake at the boat landing on July 4<sup>th</sup>

New Business

- Mr. Spahn invited members to participate in a bird survey
- Peggy Rieckman reported that the white arrows signpost at West Stormy Lake and Baker Lake intersection is leaning on a tree. She was told that residents with names on such a sign are responsible for it, not the Town of Conover
- 2016 Annual meeting Saturday, July 1, 2016

Outgoing President Nancy Wurmle thanked residents from each Stormy Lake road for attending and asked them to stand as a group and accept the applause of the assembly.

Adjournment at 10:16 a.m.

Dennis Laabs, Secretary, Stormy Lake Association

*Summary of a discussion of proposed improvements to the Stormy Lake boat landing by lake Association members and Conover Town Board representatives July 3, 2015*

Conover Town Board members Karl Jennrich and Tom Timken Jr. attended the 2015 Association meeting to hear input about proposed improvements to the boat landing.

Mr. Jennrich stated that the Town wants to help improve the landing but cannot do it alone. So far the Town has spent about \$6000 for design services, which included \$2000 for a site survey. The design it commissioned proposed a budget of nearly \$80,000, much higher figure than was expected. There is a DNR grant program available that would provide 40% to 50% of the cost. The Town can assign personnel to work on such a project, but the unmet cost would approach \$40,000.

Mr. Timken stated that he has heard mixed responses from Lake residents and negative input from non-lake Town taxpayers to spending this amount of money. At the close of the discussion he suggested that we form a committee to make a proposal to the Town.

SLA member comments (abridged)

- o This is too much money. We just need a simple ramp
- o The [current] ramp is too narrow vehicles and trailers
- o Mr. Jennrich stated that the survey confirmed that the Town-owned property is limited and quite narrow so congestion is inevitable at times.
- o We don't want paving and a parking area
- o All we need is a hard surface on the track
- o I only use the ramp twice a year and am opposed to this plan
- o \$80,000 is inconceivable for something used only one cycle a year. Maybe \$5,000 or \$10,000 or even \$15,000
- o What are the legal issues? Will SLA become exposed?

Mr. Jennrich stated that the Town would assume liability and has insurance that covers the landing. He also stated that a state grant would probably require the addition of a ramp and that this ramp would have to be handicapped accessible. He said that concrete ramps have shifted by ice at every Town boat landing and have to be repositioned each year by the Town.

- o Do we have to pave it? Response: No, but paving should permit non-4X4 vehicles to retrieve a boat
- o We must have a pier for the use by older people to get in and out
- o Can we extend concrete pads further into the lake?
- o This has been a continuous issue. I just want to get my boat in and out
- o Lower the grade at the entrance
- o We should propose a maximum dollar figure that we are willing to spend
- o How many SLA members are willing to donate to this project?

SLA Board member Tom Navratil stated that compromise is needed. He proposed that we form a committee to study this issue and make a proposal.

Nancy Wurmle volunteered to chair such a committee and asked for volunteers.

Dennis Laabs, Secretary, Stormy Lake Association