

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
July, 4th 2009 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 4th, 2009. Refreshments were served at 8:30.

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Samuelson who welcomed everyone. Nancy Wurmlee, and songs America the Beautiful and God Bless America were led and accompanied by Don Hennessy on the accordion led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sue Samuelson introduced the SLA Board officers and directors.

President - Susan Samuelson

Vice-President - Mark Moore

Secretary - Mary Dahms

Treasurer - Berleen Carlton

Directors - Wayne Anderson, Don Olson, Shirley Priefer and Roger Johnson

Member Introduction: members were asked to stand when their road was announced. Those in attendance introduced themselves by including their address and the year they first came to Stormy.

88 members were in attendance.

Sign-up opportunities were available for dues, membership, directories, and the Colorama dinner.

Trivia Contest: Sue Samuelson led the group in a fun-filled and educational trivia contest. Members who were able to correctly answer questions about Conover and Stormy Lake trivia were awarded prizes that were donated from local businesses.

Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting: Reading of the minutes was dispensed with since all information was captured in the newsletter. Copies of the minutes were available for review at the meeting. There were no corrections.

Financial Report: Treasurer Berleen Carlton gave the following financial report. The year began with a balance of \$2,383.93 in checking and a CD balance of \$1,235.89. Including receipts and disbursements the current balance is \$1,574.15. Dues continue to be collected for the 2009-2010 year. SLA will continue to make the same donations as in the past to the various community groups. No questions or discussions.

Bylaw Changes and Succession Planning: Sue recommended to the association that all term limits be removed for board officers and members. To the best of her

knowledge, no position has ever been contested, and this way all positions would be open for longer service if desired. Also, directors are encouraged to consider their position as a potential candidate for vice-president and president to provide better experience and continuity. Although there were no questions or discussion, Nancy Wurmle brought to SLA's attention that a waiting period must ensue before such an amendment change is made.

Boat Landing and Conover Board News: Mark Moore provided updates on the following topics;

Boat Landing – Grants are still not available for improvement of our boat landing because we are a seepage lake. Mark will ask the Town of Conover to make the needed temporary improvements in late summer to help us all when it is time to take our boats out at the end of the season. All are encouraged not to power load boats whenever possible. Mark again praised Conover for the assistance they have given us.

High Speed Internet – Conover will not be erecting a tower. There is a local company that provides service in Eagle River that is in the process of trying to bring fiber technology to Stormy Lake.

Bike Trail – Funding has been allocated to extend the bike trail from Eagle River, connecting along parts of highway K and S past Stormy Lake, to Land 'O Lakes. This is a five-year project.

Fish Report: Ron Van Swol updated us on the current fish conditions. Between 13,000 and 15,000 brown trout have been stocked this year. Fishing continues to be good on Stormy. For our "entertainment", Ron read an article from Wisconsin Outdoors that was full of misinformation about the fish found in our lake.

Lake Quality Report: Due to Roger Rieckman's passing, there was not an official clarity reading done on Stormy this year. The lake still looks very clear, and the reading is probably around 26 feet.

There is obvious concern about Stormy Lake's water level, as we all have much more beach this year! Ron shared an article from the Milwaukee Journal that featured a study done by UW Madison. This study said that the northern quarter of Wisconsin has had 15% less precipitation annually during the period of 1950-2006. Scientists agree we are in a cycle of drought, but do not have knowledge of when the cycle is likely to end.

Invasive Species Report: Ron explained that the UW is still monitoring the lake for the Spiny Water Flea. Although there are still fleas found in water samples, it is not known if there is a positive or negative effect on the lake from the fleas. No written report has been made from the university at this time. Ron encouraged everyone to please stay vigilant in looking for and preventing any other invasives.

SLA History Book: Nancy Wurmlee gave an update on the history book. She strongly encouraged all to participate and submit a page of history about their property. In fact, "road captains" may be assigned and contacting those who have not participated.

Colorama Dinner: This event will be held on September 19th at the Riverstone in Eagle River. Bret and Frisk are being contacted to see if they are available to provide the entertainment. All are encouraged to attend this fun annual event.

Directory: A big thank you goes out to Don Hennessy who updated and printed new directories. One directory per household is included in the annual dues. Extra copies are available for \$3.

Boat Parade: The line up time today is 2:45 at the boat landing for all interested parties. There will be a plaque for the winner!

Forgotten Awards: Sue had an assortment of "forgotten awards" that have been collecting dust over the years. Jim Russell was awarded his 1999 trophy for the sail boat regatta, Don Heggeland accepted his regatta trophy from 1998, Dale Berry picked up a huge honor with 10th place in 1997, and the last unclaimed trophy that was handed out was from 1977!

Warm thanks were extended to Shirley Priefer, Berleen Carlton, Cassie Moore, and Jim Hedberg for their help in setting up and serving refreshments for today's meeting.

Courtesy Code: A general thanks was given for improvements over the past year, especially in regards to fireworks. If fireworks are an issue this year, all are asked to call the Vilas County Sheriff to report the problem. A reminder for safe and courteous use of jet skis and seaplanes was issued.

Condolences: A moment of silence was observed for the following deaths: Harry Lindberg, Bruce Elmer, Donna Meyer, Roger Rieckman, Sheila Randall and Marge Williams.

Election of Officers: There were no discrepancies or write-ins on the ballot. All positions were elected as printed. The new officers are:

President: Mark Moore
Vice-President: Don Olson
Secretary: Margery Gantz
Treasurer: Berleen Carlton
Past President: Sue Samuelson
Directors: Wayne Anderson, Nancy Wurmlee, Roger Johnson, Shirley Priefer

Old Business: Bob Shallcross found a child's life jacket on his beachfront and asked if it belonged to anyone.

New Business:

Stormy Lake resident Jim Sieber suggested looking into the possibility of developing a Land Trust to protect from future development, particularly on the land owned across the road from lake front property. Those who are interested would be able to donate their land into a tax-free trust. A future meeting will be held for any interested parties, possibly forming a steering committee. Jim Sieber offered to be involved in future meetings, as he has experience with land trusts as well as access to an attorney who is well versed in this area of expertise.

Don Heggeland's grandson is available to work odd jobs to earn money for college.

Sue Samuelson thanked the many friends from Stormy who provided prayers and support during Dwight's illness.

More questions were asked about the long-term plan for the boat landing. Mark Moore assured us that the town of Conover has been very helpful in repairing the landing as needed. He also encouraged anyone with interest to attend town meetings to get more information. A group of residents volunteered to form a committee to research this topic. They are Nettie Benson, Rusty Anderson, Joel Carlson, and Gordy Miller.

Don Olson announced that Stormy Lake T-shirt and hats were for sale.

Change of President: The gavel was passed from Sue Samuelson to Mark Moore. In following tradition, Ron VanSwoll presented the president's plaque to Sue. Mark Moore thanked Sue and is looking forward to serving as president.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Dahms
Recording Secretary