

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Vilas County

CONOVER, WISCONSIN

August 12, 1977

Dear Member:

On May 29, 1977, the organizational meeting of the STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION was held at the Conover Town Hall at 2:00 P.M. There were 40 persons at this meeting.

Everyone present was in favor of forming an organization. The proposed Constitution was examined and corrections, deletions, and additions were approved by all present. Incidentally -- in typing the approved Constitution -- Section 2 and Section 3 of ARTICLE I were inadvertently omitted. Please replace Page 1 of your copy of the Constitution with the enclosed corrected Page 1.

At the May 29 meeting, it was decided that the name of the group should be the STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION, and that the annual meetings should be held on the Sunday closest to Memorial Day. Those present felt that the greater number of members would be present at that time. Therefore, the meeting for 1978 was set for Sunday, May 28, 1978 at 2:00 P.M., to be held at the Conover Town Hall. It was also decided that a second meeting should be held each year, and that one to be held on the Sunday closest to the 4th of July...so, this year that meeting was held on July 3rd, for the election of officers. The Sunday closest to the 4th of July for 1978, is July 2, 1978.

Also, at the May 28 meeting, a Nominating Committee of Dorothy Kurstaedt, Margaret Hebener, and Bernice Schaus was asked to prepare a list of nominees for the July 3, 1977 election meeting.

At the July 3, 1977 meeting, the following officers were elected for 2 year terms, with the exception of Arthur Leu and DeWayne Williams, who agreed to serve initial 3 year terms, so that in the future only 2 board members will be elected at one time.

Elected officers are:

Raymond E. Schaus
Rt 1, Box 354
Conover, WI 54519

President 479 8742

Richard J. Denis
101 Rosemont Drive
Green Bay, WI 54301

Vice-President

DeWayne Williams
2290 Winnetka Road
Northfield, IL

Board Member

Clifford Anderson Board Member
6770 N. Sauganesh Ave
Chicago, IL 60646

David P. Miller Board Member
1023 Belmont Drive
Waukesha, WI

Arthur R. Leu Board Member
2 Carlisle on Duxbury
Rolling Meadows, IL

Margaret Habener Treasurer
Rt 1
Conover, WI 54519

Barnice Schaus Secretary
Rt 1, Box 354
Conover, WI 54519

The meeting of July 3rd, 1977 was adjourned with an initial membership of 34 families.

Between our May 29 meeting, and our July 3rd meeting, our Association membership increased to 64 members -- with 41 ballots cast for the officers selected by the Nominating Committee, and the balance not voting.

It was pointed out that a "special" census had been taken of the Conover Township, and that showed that the population had increased from 543 in 1970, to 887 in 1977. Since the town had been receiving shared taxes from the State, on a State estimated population of 622 persons, this would mean an extra \$8,645.00 in shared taxes from the State to our town -- unless the rate was changed. Well worth the effort of the "special" census!

Also mentioned was that the Conover Town Board had contracted for a "revaluation" of all taxable property in the entire township of Conover. Since the last revaluation was in 1962, it was felt that there were many values throughout the town that had not kept pace with conditions. This revaluation will be done by an experienced outside company over a period of two years, and will result in an equal valuation--all based on the same formula--for all taxable property in the town.

With the equalized value of the Town of Conover estimated at \$28,900,000.00 for 1976, showing an increase of 13.38% over 1975 -- and, the assessed valuation of \$10,432,926.00 only showing an increase of .62% over 1975 -- something was being missed! Since the assessed value of Stormy Lake property is approximately \$1,515,194.00 or 14.52% of the town total, I think we should be interested in how the tax burden is spread.

A few items of water safety were discussed. All the following laws are in the Wisconsin State Statutes and in pamphlet "Wisconsin Boating Regulations" issued by the State of Wisconsin, Dept. of Natural Resources, Madison, WI:

- (1) No person under age 10 can operate a motor boat.
- (2) Persons 10 to 12 years of age may operate a motorboat if accompanied by a parent or guardian or a person at least 18 years of age designated by the parent or guardian.
- (3) Ages 12 to 16 may operate a motorboat only if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian or by a person 18 years or older designated by the parent or guardian or if they have successfully completed a Dept. of Natural Resources prescribed Boating Safety Course and possess a safety certificate issued by the Department.
- (4) Parent or guardians are punishable by law for knowingly allowing unauthorized persons to operate a motorboat.

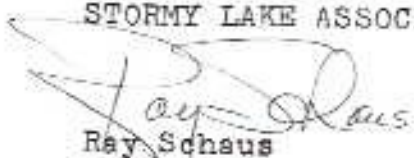
Also, for those complaining about trail bikes on the road -- again, the Wisconsin Law, quoted in brief says: "Nothing may be operated on any federal, state, county, town or city streets, or roads within the state, county, or local parks or shoulders, or ditches, unless it is licensed by the State." Also, persons driving such a licensed vehicle must have a drivers license.

There is a Board of Director's meeting set for the Labor Day weekend, but there is no regular membership meeting until the annual meeting next year, on May 28, 1978.

We encourage suggestions from all members, anytime. Our Association will only grow and become strong through your participation.

Most sincerely,

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION


Ray Schaus
President

RS/bts

P.S. At the time of this writing, we now have a membership of 76. Not bad--out of a 103 property owners on Stormy!

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Vilas County

CONOVER, WI 54519

July 11, 1977

Mr. Paul Garside
632 Gamble Drive
Lisle, Illinois

Dear Paul:

At our Stormy Lake Association meeting of July 3, you raised the question of persons walking along the lake shore.

I checked with Mr. Mel Lange of the Department of Natural Resources at Rhinelander, and was told -- "Quote": "the state owns the bed of the lake to the high water mark. If the lake has receded, leaving a shore -- the property owner may keep persons from walking on this shore. If you want to walk around the lake, you must do it in the water or else you are trespassing."

(Paul -- I'll let you walk in front of our house for a small fee...)

Most sincerely,

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Ray Schaus
Ray Schaus

RS/ots

CC: Richard Denis, Vice-President
DeWayne Williams, Board Member
Clifford Anderson, Board Member
David Miller, Board Member
Arthur Leu, Board Member ✓

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Conover, Wisconsin

June 13, 1977

Dear Neighbor:

Enclosed is a copy of the CONSTITUTION of the STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION adopted at the organizational meeting on May 29, 1977.

There will be another meeting of the Association, on Sunday, July 3rd, at 2:00 P.M., at the Conover Town Hall for the election of officers.

If you already are a member of our Association, a ballot is enclosed for you to use, should you not be able to attend the July 3rd meeting. Be sure to have your name on the outside of the envelope that you are returning your ballot in, so we can check against our membership list.

The ballots must be in our hands before the July 3rd meeting!

If you are not already a member of our Association -- you may attend the meeting on July 3 -- then, join our Association by paying your \$5.00 dues, and cast your ballot.

Most sincerely,

STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION



Bernice Schaus,
Acting Secretary

Enclosures

CONSTITUTION OF THE STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION

Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This Association shall be known as the STORMY LAKE ASSOCIATION.

Section 2. This Association shall be a non-profit organization.

Section 3. This Association may be permitted to incorporate by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the active membership with the right to take all assets of the Association and the name of the Association into the corporation.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. This Association is formed for the purpose of uniting the owners of property fronting on Stormy Lake, Vilas County, Conover, Wisconsin, who are interested in enhancing the recreational, environmental, social and economic well-being of the Stormy Lake area. Stated goals of the Association are:

1. Conservation of fish, wildlife, and flora resources of the area.
2. Promotion of the recreational uses of the area for the continued pleasure and use of all.
3. Elimination of water and air pollution.
4. Promotion of marine safety.
5. Protection of property.
6. Promotion of such zoning as will protect the lake from environmentally harmful land and water uses.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. This Association shall be limited to individuals owning property fronting on Stormy Lake. An individual, joint tenants or tenants in common, shall have only one (1) vote, regardless of the number of parcels of property owned. Voting, on any matters relating to the uses or regulation of the waters and shorelands of Stormy Lake, shall be limited to the owners of property fronting on Stormy Lake.

Section 2. Associate members may be accepted if they are of the immediate family of regular member property owners. They shall pay dues equal to regular members, but will not be entitled to vote. They may attend meetings of the members, receive communications, and offer suggestions for consideration.

Section 3. Membership in the Association shall be terminated by voluntary withdrawal, or death. Termination shall be complete with no rights in the Association being retained by the terminating member.

Section 4. Memberships in the Association shall be non-transferable.

Section 5. Any member in arrears shall be notified by the Secretary. If the arrears are not paid within one (1) month after notice, the Board may cancel the membership of the delinquent member. On payment of the arrears, the Board may reinstate the dropped member. Any member in arrears shall be ineligible to hold office or to vote.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, and appoint necessary operating committees, except the Nominating Committee and the Auditing Committee, which are elected committees.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall assist the President and preside at all meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall automatically assume the office of the President if the office is vacated during the year.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Association and the Board of Director meetings, keep a correct roll of the members of the Association, render a statement of the affairs of the Association at each annual meeting, and conduct all correspondence of the Association.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Association, keep an accurate record of all monies received and paid out, deposit funds in the name of the Association in a depository approved by the Board of Directors, and present a detailed account showing the financial condition of the Association at the annual meeting. Such report to be filed with the Secretary.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Directors of five (5) members in good standing -- four (4) elected and the immediate past President. Directors to serve without compensation.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall conduct the business of the Association and designate the meeting place for all meetings of the Association. They shall meet at least one week prior to all business meetings, and prepare an agenda. The Board of Directors shall not approve any expenditure over \$200.00 without the prior approval of the membership.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall organize and hold its first regular meeting within twenty (20) days after the annual election.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings on or as close as practicable to the last Saturday in May, June, July and August. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by at least two (2) members of the Board. The Secretary shall notify all members of the Board, in writing, two (2) weeks in advance of any Board meeting.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. The election of officers must take place at an annual meeting.

Section 2. Officers and committee members shall be elected by the majority of votes cast by members present and absentee ballots. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the respective offices, shall be declared elected.

Section 3. All elections shall be by ballot.

Section 4. Members shall be permitted to vote in person, by absentee ballot, or by proxy. Proxies must be filed with the Secretary prior to the meeting.

Section 5. The new officers shall take office at the first meeting following the annual meeting; they shall hold office during their respective terms and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 6. In the event an officer is unable to complete his term of office, the Board of Directors shall have the power to elect a member to that office to complete a year.

Section 7. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, shall be elected to a two (2) year term.

Section 8. The elected members of the Board of Directors shall serve a two (2) year term arranged so that only two (2) shall be elected at each annual meeting. The immediate past President shall be a member of the Board of Directors for two (2) years.

Section 9. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve three (3) consecutive two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. The Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members, shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a period of two (2) years. Their duty shall be to present a slate of candidates for all elected offices for the annual meeting. They shall contact all proposed candidates, and must obtain their consent. At least one (1) candidate for each office shall be recommended. Nominations may also be made from the floor. This list must be presented to the Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the annual meeting so that all members may be notified and proxies mailed.

Section 2. The Auditing Committee, consisting of three (3) members, shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a period of two (2) years. Their duties shall be to audit the financial records of the Association prior to the next annual meeting, and report to the membership at such meeting. They shall make an audit at other times, when directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the Sunday closest to Memorial Day.

Section 2. Special meetings shall be called by the President at the request of the Board of Directors, or at the request of ten (10) members in good standing.

Section 3. Notices of special meetings shall be mailed, by the Secretary, to every member at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.

Section 4. No business will be transacted at a special meeting except that for which the notice was given.

Section 5. A quorum shall consist of 10% of the membership, or ten (10) members in good standing, whichever is lesser.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. At each regular meeting the following order of business shall be observed:

1. Registration;
2. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business
7. Election of officers. (At annual meeting only)
8. Adjournment.

ARTICLE X

Section 1. The annual dues shall be FIVE (\$5.00) DOLLARS -- payable at or before each annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI

The members of the Board of Directors, Elected Officers, and members of appointed Committees, acting in good faith in the interests of the members of this Association, shall be held harmless in the performance of their functions, and shall not be liable to penalty or censure, in any form, for their actions. They shall be reimbursed for any expenses that might be imposed upon them in self-defense.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. The Association may not be dissolved as long as ten (10) members desire its continuance.

Section 2. In the event of dissolution, all properties and funds over and above the amount necessary to meet and pay all outstanding liabilities of the Association, shall be turned over to a non-sectarian charity, designated by the members.

ARTICLE XIII

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3rds) affirmative vote of the membership present at any meeting, provided notice of such amendment and meeting shall have been given to the membership.