

Stormy Lake Association Annual Meeting July 7, 2018

The meeting at Conover Center was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Sharon Douthit. Based on the number of chairs that had been set up, about 88 people attended the meeting.

President Sharon welcomed everyone and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

She next introduced Conover Town Board member Karl Jennrich. Karl first reported on the boat landing. "It's done!" He then told about the new equestrian campground on River Road, the new basketball and pickleball court at the Town park, and the planned signage for the Wisconsin River and the widening of Rummels Road with a new bridge.

Next Sharon introduced Rollie Alger who updated the group on the progress of Headwater Trail multi-use trail from Conover to Phelps. 8.3 miles have been completed, with the final two miles on the east end being plotted out now. The estimated cost of this last segment is \$300,000, of which \$160,000 has already been obtained. A kick-off bike ride on July 21 will be the main event this summer.

President Sharon introduced members of the SLA Board, then asked members from each Stormy Lake road to stand together as a group for recognition.

Minutes from the 2017 annual meeting were read and approved after correcting the mtg. date.

Treasurer Berleen Carlton gave the financial report, reporting a starting balance of \$5,533.59 in the SLA account, and an ending balance of \$5,977.14. She reported a reserve account balance of \$283.14.

Rob Spahn briefly commented on the bird atlas program which identifies birds in the region.

President elect Tom Navratil asked the meeting to offer their thanks in the form of applause to Nancy Wurmle for her long and faithful work on the boat landing improvements, and to President Sharon for her leadership. Tom reminded members of the Stormy Lake Facebook page and invited submissions. He asked everyone to submit their email addresses to him.

- Boat Parade is scheduled for today to begin at 3:00 at the boat landing.
- Loon watch: Cyndi Zink informed the meeting that the lake's loons had produced three sets of eggs, presumably losing two sets to predators. The third set apparently hatched because she reported that she had seen two chicks on the back of an adult.
- Fishing and water quality report: Don Olson reported that 1240 trout had been planted. He had not verified the depth of the lake's clarity due to shoreline debris runoff from recent heavy rains. He reported that the DNR had not monitored the lake this season.
- The Fall Colorama Dinner would be held on Saturday evening, September 1 at Riverstone restaurant in Eagle River.
- The new Stormy Lake History Book, compiled by Nancy Wurmle, was offered for sale for \$8.00 at a table in the rear of the room.

President Sharon noted that there is no "Old Business"—the boat landing was finally done!

New Business

- Tom Navratil reported on topics related to becoming a Qualified Lake Association. He reviewed the eligibility requirements, noting that lakefront zoning is not at all under the control of abutters but rather is determined by the county and township. "Keyholing", the process of establishing a single lakefront access to two or more off-lake properties, can be developed by an individual lakefront owner and is permitted by zoning regulations. Tom further noted that the lake is the sole property of the State of Wisconsin, with management deferred to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Access to and use of the lake is available to all people, not just abutters. Tom conducted a question and answer session to which many comments and suggestions were made. This was followed by a motion, and second, to become a qualified Lake Association by making necessary changes to the bylaws of our constitution. The motion carried by a voice vote.
- Constitution changes. The meeting agenda included a handout containing the proposed changes in the SLA Constitution that would be required to attain Qualified status. Nancy Wurmle addressed the topic by proposing a series of enabling motions:
 - Motion 1, to add the word "incorporated" to the name of the association in Article 1, Section 1. Passed unanimously.
 - Motion 2, to remove Article III, Section 1. Passed unanimously
 - Motion 3, to insert a new Article III, Section 1, as follows:
 - This Association shall be comprised of individuals owning property within a one (1) mile radius of Stormy Lake shoreline who reside on the property for a minimum of one (1) month per year. Motion failed.
 - Motion 4, to modify the failed Article III, Section 1 as follows:
 - This Association shall be comprised of individuals owning property within a one (1) mile radius of Stormy Lake shoreline who reside on the property for a minimum of one (1) month per year. Motion passed.
 - Motion 4, to eliminate Section 2, renumber Section 3 to 2, Section 4 to 3, and Section 5 to 4. Motion passed.

Nominations and election of new officers and Board members: Cindi Zink offered the slate of President Tom Navratil, Vice President Jeff Warden, new Board members Sue Samuelson, Jenny Larson, and Hossein Sepehri.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the entire slate. Motion passed unanimously

- Next Board meeting is at 8:30 on August 4th at Conover Center
- 2019 Annual meeting will be held on July 6, 2019

President Sharon passed the gavel to incoming President Tom Navratil.

Adjournment at 10:38

Report submitted by Secretary Dennis Laabs