

Minutes of the Diamond Lakers, Inc. Annual Association Meeting, July 24, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the Diamond Lakers Inc. was held at the Chuck and Ellie Raths residence on Saturday, July 24, 2010. Tim Tully, President, called the meeting to order.

Minute Review

The minutes of the July 18, 2009 annual meeting were reviewed as posted on the web site and there was a motion to approve.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Larry Sanderson reported on a balance of \$ 2109. There was a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Diamond Lakers Inc. Web Site

The lake association web site continues to provide a communication vehicle for the membership and Tim thanked Bob Jacobel for developing and maintaining this site. Bob reviewed that there had been 18,000 hits.

Waste Management

Tim reviewed the issues with waste management for residents on the lake. Waste Management companies have new guidelines for the type of container and large 96-gallon containers are now being used since trucks have an automated system for picking up containers. The size of the container and the distance for the pickup location is an issue so many residents opt to leave the containers along the road. There are options for smaller containers but getting these to the pick up location is still an issue and the containers are not bear proof. The smaller containers are 66 or 36-gallon size.

Lake Monitoring

Larry Sanderson reported that there is no change in the lake quality.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Eurasian water milfoil continues to be of concern but there is no evidence of spread in the region. VHS has been reported in the Apostle Islands and the Duluth Harbor.

Northwest Lake Conference

Larry Sanderson reported on the Northwest Lake Conference, which was held at Drummond High School since Telemark Lodge is now closed. The new law about invasive species is helping to monitor boats as they move between lakes.

New Lake Laws

1) Wisconsin now has a law prohibits phosphates in lawn fertilizer. Since phosphates contribute to the growth of lake algae, cleaning products used in the home should also be phosphate free since the phosphate enters the septic system.

- 2) The transportation of aquatic plants and animals law can now be enforced by any law enforcement official.
- 3) The new No Wake Law is now implemented on all lakes in Wisconsin and the law prohibits boaters from operation of their boats faster than slow, no-wake anywhere within 100 ft of shore.

Personal Water Craft need a 200 foot no wake zone from shore, and 100 feet from docks and platforms. For water skiing, boats must be 100 feet from ashore before take off .and it is still illegal to take off from docks or rafts.

If there are concerns about violations, it is best to videotape the violators since the video can then be used as evidence. There was discussion about a recent non-compliant boat motor; that boat is no longer on the lake.

Fishing Report

The DNR dropped the proposal to change the northern pike limit as reviewed in the Newsletter. Tom Goeltz reported that he had made this request to change the bag limit from one 32 inch to two 26 inch Northern Pike. He reported that this is still under consideration.

Wildlife Update

Tim reviewed the concern related to deer ticks that transmit Lyme disease and the risk for humans and household pets. The loons on the north end of the lake have hatched a baby. There has been discussion about finding another location for nest but no decisions have been finalized. The outlook for the loons with the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is of concern and it is unknown how this will affect the loon population or if they will return in future years.

Nominations Committee Report

Jerry Robotka presented the Nominating Committee Report and the following offices, board positions were open, and the incumbents agreed to serve another term. Scott Byrd vacated one board position.

The following officers were re-elected:

President: Tim Tully – Term 2010 – 2012

Secretary: Susan Trankel – Term 2010 – 2012

Board Members re-elected:

Jerry Robotka – Term 2010 – 2012

Bruce Pankonin – Term 2010 – 2012

Audrey Sanderson – Term 2010 – 2012

1-year term vacated by Scott Byrd, filled by:

Bob Jacobel – Term 2010 – 2011

Location of 2011 Annual Meeting

Tim Tully reviewed options for locations of the annual meeting in 2009. The Volickys volunteered their home for the meeting in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Trankel, Secretary