

**Diamond Lakers, Inc.**  
**Annual Association Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2016**

The Annual Meeting of the Diamond Lakers Inc. was held at Sarah and Todd Stivland's residence, on Saturday, July 16, 2016. President, Cary "Frosty" Palmer called the meeting to order.

**New Members:**

New members in attendance introduced themselves and they included:  
Brad & Barbara Simonson, Bruce Wideman and Raye Lahti.

**Officers and Board Members:**

Officers and Board Members in attendance were introduced.

**Minutes Review**

The minutes of the July 18, 2015 annual meeting were reviewed as posted on the web site and there was a motion to approve.

**Treasurer Report**

In Larry Sanderson absence, Frosty reported there was a beginning balance as of \$4,233.35 with deposits of \$829.90, and disbursements of \$743.08 with an ending balance of \$4,320.17 as of 7/16/16. Frosty also reminded everyone to pay their dues for 2016.

**Water Testing of Diamond Lake**

Frosty reported that he and Ed Wallen have trained with Larry & Audrey Sanderson so that they can take over these duties from the Sandersons. The lake remains very clear and the report is in the Spring 2016 newsletter.

**Wildlife & Fishing Report**

The fishing has been good and there is not a report from the DNR.

**Old Business**

There was a reminder about shoreland lighting and how lights can frequently shine into close neighbor's cabins.

**Nominations Committee Report**

Jerry Robotka presented the slate of officers:

**President:** Cary "Frosty" Palmer, Incumbent  
**Secretary:** Michelle Veillette (New)

**Board of Directors:** Jessie Mechievitz, Incumbent  
Audrey Sanderson, Incumbent  
Tracy Veillette (New)

The presented slate of officers and directors were elected.

**Storm Issues:**

Frosty reviewed that the recent rainfall had increased the lake level by at least 12 inches and that there were a number of docks under water and some pontoons had floated away from the owners

docks. This raised the issue that there is a need for updated emergency contact information of cabin owners. In the future, Frosty will try to send out an email so that absent owners are aware of the issues. A reminder email on the need for "No Wake" during this time of extremely high water has been sent but this is not enforceable. There was concern raised that the Recreational Boating Guidelines are not being followed by a few individuals. The danger at the boat landing was also discussed, given the high speed of some cars on Pioneer Road and traffic cones may be helpful.

### **Diamond Lake Propane**

Frosty reviewed that Diamond Lake has joined with the Lake Owen/Lake Namakagon Associations group to leverage purchasing power for propane. The Lake Owen/Lake Namakagon group have a new contract for propane with Midland Gas for \$0.86/gallon. Interested paid members should email Frosty with their Name, Address, Size of Tank and if they lease or own their tank. Frosty reported that he was able to purchase his tank from Como.

### **Ladder Sign on Pioneer Road**

Frosty has recently removed names of past owners so there is space for additional names. Paul Butt on Juneks Point is making new signs for \$35.

### **Shoreline Zoning Changes**

Frosty reviewed that Wisconsin State Budget Act 55 for 2015-17 included a number of significant changes to Wisconsin statute 59.692 governing shoreland zoning in the state. Under the new law, counties may not enact ordinances stronger than the state's shoreland zoning standards. In addition, any existing ordinance provisions that are stronger than the NR115 standards are unenforceable.

Bayfield County has setback requirements for development within the shoreland zone and minimum lakefront lot dimensions that are more strict than the state statutes. Now, in principal, lake residents can build structures closer to the shoreline and can subdivide land parcels for sale that previously were prohibited. This one-size-fits-all change has the potential to cause significant deterioration of the shoreland environment, and in some cases eventually will double the number of residences allowed to be built on a lake.

See the Diamond Lakers web site for more information and the links there to the videos by Lynn Markham.

### **Boat Parade and Future Activities**

Frosty reviewed that there was an excellent turnout for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade and thanked all that participated. He also thanked the Carlson's for hosting the gathering after the boat parade. Voting by the members at the meeting was available for two categories including the most Patriotic the most Creative. Results will be announced during the reception following the meeting.

There was a discussion on future social activities and the idea of a brat/corn feed and whether Labor Day Weekend would be of interest. Many didn't feel that was a good weekend and there was a suggestion to do something with next years boat parade. Submit ideas via email to Frosty. Volunteers to help organize are also needed.

### **Location of 2017 Annual Meeting**

Location for the 2017 meeting has not been determined and volunteers for hosting are needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Trankel, Secretary