

Diamond Lakers Annual Association Meeting
July 24, 2021; 3pm
Grandview Town Hall
Minutes

In attendance:

Bob and Cathy Ketter (Kestle), Ed and Monica Wallen, Brad Johnson, Carl and Patti Vilmann, Susan Trankel, Dianne Klump, Laurie Rabe, Beth and Scott Johnson, Bob and Pam Jacobel, Ruth and Herb Lauritzen, Tom and Lynne McNutt, Paul Brown and Susan Walker, Matthew and Sara Frick, Bruce Wiedemann, Dennis Kruse, Tracy and Michelle Veillette, Sally Moser, Frosty and Mary Palmer, Todd and Sarah Stivland, Molly Collins, Juels Carlson, Cathy and John Rosebush, Jim Biesecker and Maureen Chapin, Jim and Sally Pathos, Mark and Julie Collins, Jessie Meschievitz, Raye Lahti

Before the association meeting, Dennis Kruse, a Diamond Laker and longtime advocate and supporter of the American Birkebeiner, and Telemark Lodge shared some fun and interesting stories about Tony Wise and the history of how Telemark began. (If you want to know more, just google him!) Dennis also helped us understand the vision for Telemark going forward. As you may know, the lodge has been demolished, and the site is undergoing a massive transformation. What lies ahead for this special place is very exciting for the Cable area. A map view of what is being planned is attached at the end of this report.

The meeting began with introductions and greeting of new members.

Treasurer Report

Bob Jacobel presented the Treasurer's Report showing incoming and expended totals over the last several years and the gradual increase of our year-end balance over the last two decades.

<u>Year</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Out</u>	<u>Net</u>
2018	\$1,675	\$2,600	-\$925
2019	\$2,460	\$2,274	\$187
2020	\$3,605	\$2,425	\$1,180
2021	\$6,220*	\$4,945*	\$1,274*

*estimated

This year, both income and expenditures increased substantially due to the DNR grant we received, which will be used to study aquatic invasives in Diamond Lake. Funds are used almost exclusively for activities that protect, improve and preserve our lake and environment. A member requested more detail in the report. Feel free to contact Bob Jacobel if you have any questions.

We also discussed options for making the annual payment of membership dues easier. Venmo, Zelle, and BillPay options will be explored and shared with members. Diamond Lakers holds an account at Chippewa Valley Bank in Cable.

Total membership has also been increasing. We have close to 60 members now, which represents approximately 85% of lake residents.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Report

Bob Jacobel reported that in June, the Wisconsin DNR, along with Bayfield County, conducted a targeted AIS survey. The good news is that at this time, Diamond Lake does not have any invasive Eurasian milfoil. There was a fairly isolated infestation of Yellow Iris, which is classified as an invasive plant, but it has been removed by volunteers. A more comprehensive survey will be conducted in August. A report will be provided to members as soon as it is complete.

The AIS monitoring camera shows that activity at the boat launch is relatively low, compared to neighboring lakes, with an average of 15-20 launches per week in the middle of summer 2020. The camera system does seem to be a good deterrent and reminder for everyone to clean any debris and plants off of our boats after we come out of the lake and check carefully before we put into the lake.

Water Quality Report

Ed Wallen serves as chair of the new Water Quality Committee and gave the first report from this group. The association now has a strategic plan for water quality management which is available on our website. All members are encouraged to share ideas, offer to help or ask questions toward the goals of preserving the water quality and environment of Diamond Lake. The committee has created a stakeholder survey to identify further goals and priorities of association members.

Ed and his predecessors have been monitoring the water quality in this lake for over 30 years using something called a Secchi disc. He shared a bit about how this works and invited others who are interested to contact him if you want to help or learn more. Diamond Lake is classified as a mesotrophic lake, which is right in the middle of the range. The data is kept with the Wisconsin DNR, and there is a link to this on our website. <https://www.diamond-lakers.org/> We will request funds from Wisconsin DNR again this year.

Loon Report

Jessie Meschievitz has been a Sigurd Olson monitor for Northland College for the past two years, to keep a close watch on the loons on our lake. She reported that there are two loons on our lake this year, but neither of them chose to nest on the floating nesting platform. There are any number of reasons for this, so nothing to be too concerned about. We may want to do some additional work on the platform to ensure that it is conducive to nesting. It is really important that people keep at least 200 feet away from loons during nesting time in the spring.

Propane contract

Frosty Palmer reported on the current status of the propane contract options in the area. It has been a somewhat strange year as the prices are not set yet with Midland. You can sign a contract now with Hayward Cenex to lock in a good price for the coming year. Contact Frosty if you'd like to know more.

Animal Sitings

Association members reported having seen baby otters, a baby eagle, a bear with 3 cubs, and some raccoon poop on a porch!

Open Board Positions

There are four open positions on the board this year. Due to some last minute developments, we were not able to vote at the meeting. Watch for an email to come soon so you can vote to fill those positions.

Classified Ads on the website!

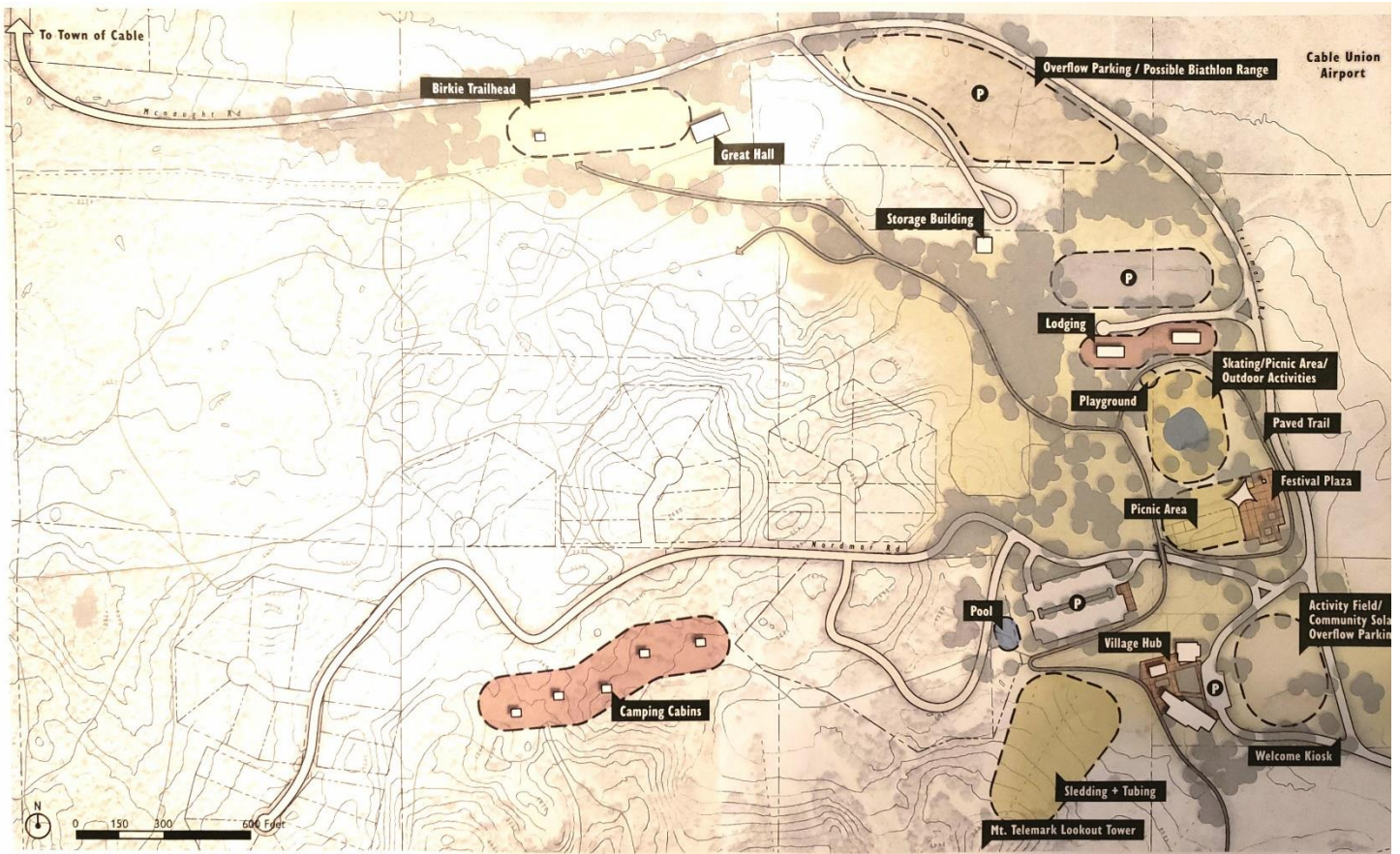
Beth Johnson, our webmaster, reported that there is now a classified section on the Diamond Lakers website. If you have something that you want to buy or sell, let Beth know. Beth is also looking for photos and stories or any items of interest to add to the website. Feel free to share anything you have with her by August 30 for the fall newsletter.

Boat Parade voting results

Watch for an email coming soon!

Huge shout out and thank you to both **Beth Johnson** and **Dave James** for their hard work and dedication to our lake and organization. Beth has transformed the website into a modern, beautiful place to check out all news and info. Dave James has put in many long hours transforming our organization this year into a bonified non-profit, so that all dues and donations are now tax deductible, and we are now eligible to receive grant funds from the DNR.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Stivland



Overall Concept Plan

200881 | American Birkebeiner – Mt. Telemark Village Master Plan

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