

Friends of Fence Lake, Inc.
1st Annual Meeting of the Membership
June 10, 2023
10:00 am

Location: Lac du Flambeau Elementary School Auditorium

Officers and Members at Large in attendance: Beth May, president; Mike Bolger, vice president; Susan Hallett, secretary; Mike Huspek, Pete Prickett, Bill Reis, Donna Wilkes

Absent: Patty Michalik, treasurer

Association Members in attendance (signed in): Kim Beiser, board member emeritus; Ken and Jutta Frauenhoffer, Scott Harrod, Fred Harrod, Larry Hallett, Ted and Sally Buchter, Ken Krause, Christine Bremer Muggli, Craig Sanford, Kay Reis, Dean Johnson, Joe Carufel, Charlie and Bev Goff, David May, Mike and Angela Huspek, Bob and Jane Rice, Gary Martin, Mark Dabroski, Don Tingwald, Mike Snyder, Joelle Wennlumb (?), Jim Wilkes, Chuck and Susan Pollack, Doug and Linda Gates.

Meeting called to order at 10:18 by President, Beth May.

A. Welcome - Beth May

B. Treasurer's report – Mike Bolger presented the financial report for Patty Michalik

- a. Bank balance
 - i. \$10,000 CD matures 8/24
 - ii. \$63,091.23 checking balance
- b. Year to date activity
 - i. \$7600 dues yielding 152 members, on track from prior year at 160
 - ii. Donations \$6,548 which is up from last year
 - iii. CBCW grant money \$3,250
 - iv. Expenses – \$1,848 for legal, accounting, regulatory fees, insurance, and CBCW supplies
 - v. Membership committee \$925 for supplies
 - vi. Net profit \$14,625.00 as of May 31, 2023
- c. Estimated rest of the year
 - i. \$15,000 expense for three paid boat monitors
 - ii. \$10,000 profit SWAG
 - iii. \$1,550 profit Calendar sales

C. Election of board members and organizational report – Pete Prickett

- a. The board has nominated Susan Hallett and Mike Bolger for re-election to the board and further nominates Christine Bremer-Muggli and Craig Sanford as new directors. The board recommends an affirmative vote by the members for these nominees.
 - i. Being no further nominations from the floor, Mike Bolger and Susan Hallett were re-elected to three-year terms on the board by voice vote.
 - ii. Being no further nominations from the floor, Christine Bremer and Craig Sanford were elected as new directors on the board by voice vote.

- b. The Board will meet briefly after the annual meeting to elect officers for 2023-2024.

D. Future of the Friends of Fence Lake – Bill Reis

- a. Three Questions – Where have we been? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?
 - i. Where have we been? (projects initiated by the Fence Lake Association) CBCW, Loon Committee, calendar project, SWAG, lead tackle tubes, kiosk at landing, online presence, newsletters, social outings, educational materials, etc.
 - ii. Where do we want to go from here? Continue and expand our initiatives to preserve and protect our lake and its wildlife. Increase our membership so we can do our work and enhance our lake experience. Provide information to members, non-members, and lake visitors about wake boats and the shoreline damage they cause; pollutants such as lawn fertilizers, along with general boating and lake living courtesies.
 - iii. How do we get there? Create a *Fence Lake/Shoreline Life* brochure to disseminate the information. Reach out to VRBO operators so their renters are educated. Make recommendations to the Tribe in regard to wake boats, fireworks, and the damage they cause to our shorelines and wildlife. Buy and wear Fence Lake SWAG to support our mission and show our lake pride.

E. CBCW Committee update – Ken Fraunhoffer

- a. Ken attended a meeting for multiple lake associations to discuss what they do for CBCW. The key to consistency is to have paid boat monitors at landing on peak days.
- b. We will have three paid people this year, two college students and a retired older gentleman. They will be there for 15 weeks, four days a week for a total of 750 paid hours. Their wages come from donations, calendar sales, and other fundraisers. We still need volunteers on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. Inspectors have to be trained by DNR. Training opportunities are in May and June; however, training is done for this year.
- c. If you are on Ken's list and haven't been getting his emails, check your spam.
- d. Thankfully, we do not have a problem on our lake with invasives, although we do have banded mystery snail and rainbow smelt. Remediation is very costly. Inspections are our best defense to keep invasive species out of our lake and chain.

F. Fundraising update

- a. SWAG – Sandy Bolger
 - i. Decided to try something different this year. We will keep an inventory and plan to sell at the boat landing on several weekends throughout the summer. Dates will be posted on Facebook. We will take special orders but will not send in an order until we have enough items requested to make it worthwhile. Customers can call Sandy to schedule an appointment to see the merchandise if not able to come to the landing. All profits go to the Friends of Fence Lake.
- b. Calendar - Maria Snarski and Lis Bissell

- i. Fence Lake *Chain* Calendar vs. Fence Lake only. May increase sales. Looking for corporate sponsors to donate 1K each. Talk to Christine or Beth.

G. Social Committee update - Beth

- a. Need social committee chair!
- b. Boat Parade will be on Sunday, July 2nd
 - i. Simple theme
 - ii. Southern route
 - iii. Maria will do photographs
- c. Annual Potluck Social
 - i. 3rd Saturday in August - need host. Will have speaker and possibly a silent auction.

H. Education / Loon Committee Presentation - Christine

- a. Working on educating our neighbors on Fence Lake about what harms our loons. The explosions from 4th of July fireworks will frighten fledglings causing them to jump out of their nests. The chemicals from conventional fireworks in the air are dangerous to the birds as well.
- b. Kay – This last year we have been contacted by neighboring lakes about our Lead & Line deposit tubes. Word getting around.

I. Other Business

- a. Reservation road closure issue – Topic moved to a short update after the meeting with Christine.
- b. Next year's Friends of Fence Lake Annual Meeting will take place on the second Saturday of June.
- c. Thank you from Beth, outgoing president. Mike B presented Beth with gifts to show our appreciation for all the work she has accomplished!

J. Adjournment

- a. Beth motioned to adjourn. Mike B seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am by President, Beth May.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hallett, secretary
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