

Eagle River Chain of Lakes Association
Annual General Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Dave Tidmarsh

Those in attendance were:

Gary Conger, Bill Krostue, Jack & Bev Meyers, Steve Laking, Wendy Harris, Robert & Amy Lullo, Wendy Harris, Kathy K, Terry Ingram, Tom Wojtasiak, Willie & Karen Kaulitz, Ton & Tonia Atchison, Kevin & Karolyn Connolly, Mark & Julie Brenner, Don Anderson, Kimm & Kathy Robinson, Michelle Bergstrom, Dean and Barbara Bordeaux, Dennis Burg, Bruce Carey, Jack Dawson, Gerry Emmerich, Mike & Wendy Hammer, Ron & Marsha Henkel, Pete Homan, Phillip Jensen, Vern & Diane Kramer, Bill Lochte, Michael Laue, William Marohl, Dave Mueller, Chrysa Murphy, Don Peterson, Rae Marie Peterson, Don Peterson, Hance Phillips, Rena Phillips, Dave & Kristen Schauer, Rollin Siegfried, Michael Smith, Larry Springer, George & Julie Wagner, Dennis Allen, Chuck & Nancy Berg, Jay & Ewa Colker, Judith Conger, David & Deborah Cyrtmus, Therese Dolloff, Greg Ellsworth, Tom & Jan Foley, William Ganzer, Kim Goluska, Marc & Sue Groth, Scott & Karla Hanley, Tom Hipp, George Katich, Bret Keeshin, Mark Laulaninen, Ronald Lindberg, Karen Maahs, William Marohl, Gregory & Judy McQueary, Daniel Newitt, Jack & Mary Newman, Margaret Norcross, Harvey & Helen Overturf, Bill & Sylvia Petersen, Jerry Plocinski, Dave Schuh, Craig Smith, Jon & Jean Smolko, Mike Sullivan, Barbara Teahen, Kay & James Wagner/Donker, Terry & Marianne White, Denny Erardi, Dave & Janice Tidmarsh

Total of 91

Dave Tidmarsh opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. He then welcomed all and introduced the ERCLA board members in attendance, Lake Captains, along with Director at large Bill Lochte

A quorum was validated

The ERCLA Native Plant Protection Pledge and Volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated.

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2017 ERCLA annual general meeting by Bill Ganzer, second by Gary Conger; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Deputy-Will Kreger gave a wonderful talk about boat safety. He spoke about the boat patrol schedule and how the lower staffing of his department puts strain on how often they can survey the lakes. Deputy Neff is the other officer that patrols the chain. Scheduled patrol days were/are 4 in June, 21 in July and 17 in Aug.

The most common violations are improper registrations, improper PFD for kids due to the child's weight, riders in boat in areas they should not be while under power, PWC violations, they need to be 100' from other boats and 200' from shorelines (this does not apply in channels), no wake and failing the marine patrol safety checklist (expired fire extinguisher).

He also mentioned a couple new laws for 2018: boats must stay 100' from any patrol boat with lights on and no spotter is required when pulling a skier as long as there is a rearview mirror

Officer Kreger also mentioned that ATV's are taking off in our area. He also fielded many questions from the audience such as:

- When are the buoys pulled and can they stay in longer? Town of Washington determines this typically after Cranberry days
- Is there a noise ordinance? He was not sure if there was one
- What county patrols Cranberry? Oneida patrols and handles complaints for their portion of the lake

Items to address going forward:

- Put boat regulations on constant contact- Dave to get with George Katich
- Need to educate more people on definition of "No Wake"
- How do we help rental places discuss in more details "No Wake" with their customers
- Add Officer Kreger's "slow no wake" video to the ERCLA website

Our second quest speaker was Kim Goluska and he spoke about his Sunset Point Boathouse addition. He purchased the property in 1987. Through much time and effort he had it listed on the national registry. Being on the list gave him permission to expand the boathouse.

Chuck Berg presented the financial reports with slides and printed copies of the treasurer's report. He broke down where the dollars are allocated. As of June 30, 2018, checking account balance \$77,405, CD's unrestricted \$180,632 for a total of \$258,037 unrestricted assets in the treasury. In addition there are restricted CD's totaling \$84,817. Total assets are \$342,854. Total expenses for the first 6 months of 2018 were \$25,811. Copy of said report is on file and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth.

- Peoples Bank of Eagle River was chosen to handle ERCLA's funds.
- A report will be kept if and when the monies are used for the three lakes that have restricted funds
- Annual dues are slightly up from last year
- There were 128 extra donations above the annual dues, up from 56 last year

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Dave Tidmarsh, second by Barbara Teahen; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

Membership report was given by Denny Erardi. There are 656 members (454 renewals, 69 returning, 133 new) representing approximately 37% of riparian's YTD.

- The membership year starts Jan.1 and ends Dec.31; no matter when a member pays their dues
- Growing business involvement, 4 last yr. 18 so far this yr.
- We need help from all neighbors to grow membership

Motion to accept treasurer's report by Peg Norcross, second by Kim Goluska; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

Dave Mueller provided an overview of the EWM Management Plan.

- Doubt we will see treatment with liquid or granular W/24D per the DNR
- Hand harvesting will be the rule going forward
- Early summer report from Onterra due the week of 7-18-18
- Hand harvesting on Scattering rice work well last year, but need to schedule future harvesting
- Volunteers will be performing the Bio-Mass survey in August
- Onterra will do their survey the first week in Sept.
- Phase 4 of the lake management program is the last piece

Bill Krostue presented the new ERCLA signs:

- Fire number posts cannot be used to mount the new ERCLA signs
- Posts will be supplied with each member's sign

- Procedures for proper installation and location will be provided
- Lake Captains will be in charge of installing all signs on their respective lake

Dave Tidmarsh made a few statements on the completed ERCLA consolidation:

- Things have gone pretty well
- He would like everyone to consider succession planning for ERCLA positions

Communication Strategy:

- Kim Swisher continues to do a great job
- Facebook is going well
- ERCLA is constantly monitoring Facebook

Open Forum:

- Many people commented on how great Deputy Kreger speech was
- Coast Guard Auxiliary use to help. Are they still around? ERCLA to investigate
- Reserve Deputy Program may be helpful to monitor the lakes? ERCLA to look into
- The chain is seeing larger boats
 - o Erosion could be a larger problem. It was asked of ERCLA to develop a plan to reduce potential erosion
 - o Lakeside Living magazine could be a potential source for ideas
- The DNR rule change concerning no spotter is a concern of many riparian's. Can we have any impact with DNR to reverse this ruling? Dan Meyer is the DNR person to contact.

Next annual meeting date July 13, 2019

Next BOD meeting will be October 10th at the Vilas County Economic Development Center

Motion to adjourn by Dave Tidmarsh, second by Mike Sullivan; followed by vote. All voting aye. No opposing votes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

Minutes by Mark Brenner