

UPPER HAY LAKE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Claire Steen at 9:10 AM. She introduced Kevin Woizeschke, a loon specialist from the Brainerd DNR. Kevin will be doing a presentation on loons later in the meeting.

The agenda was approved and the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was suspended and the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: The year-end financial summary was reviewed by Ken Meyer, as follows:

- Assets on January 01, 2017 were \$31,081.74 and the total assets on December 31, 2017 were \$34,119.83 for a total gain of \$3,038.09. Our total income was \$5,682.53 and our total expenses were \$2,644.44; which equals the gain of \$3,081.09.
- As of yesterday, April 18, 2018 we had 72 paid members for 2018 giving us a dues income of \$1,690.00. The extra donations, year to date, are \$1,110.00 plus an additional \$449.99 from Thrivent Financial and Kris Jensen.
- We received \$400.00 in Aquatic Vegetation Permit fees and \$2.29 interest in Savings.
- The above transactions reflect an income of \$3,652.28. Expenses since 12/31/2017 are \$1,444.98, or an increase of \$2,207.30, which added to our 12/31/17 total of \$34,119.83, equals \$36,327.13.
- \$10,000 was transferred from checking to savings. Our Checking total is \$3,034.91; Savings total is \$33,292.22; Total assets are \$36,327.13.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

President Steen introduced the Board Members that were present at the meeting: Mickey Perwien, Craig Swandal, Claire Steen (President), Ken Meyer (Treasurer), Judy Murphy (Vice-President), Jill Bergstrom and Neal Beaverson.

Claire also introduced new Lodge members, Jeff and Jean Swenson. They work at Essentia Health in Brainerd and are year round on the lake.

AIS landing inspections: Claire attended a meeting in April and Upper Hay will have 300 hours of inspection. We used to have 400 hours, but as Upper Hay is not considered "high risk" and water quality improved, it was reduced to 300 hours. Employees are paid through Pro Staff. We can choose to pay for additional hours (8 AM to 5 PM). We can also have volunteers or UHLA can pay for additional hours.

One member suggested we use UHLA monies to pay for extra hours for AIS. Ken Meyer noted that there were very few boats using the landing. Claire Steen noted that the most concerning hours are right after work coverage. Member noted that July 4th falls mid-week and we may not have full coverage for the week of July 4th. A motion was made to have the full week of July 4th covered. The motion was amended by Neil Beaverson to have 5 hours of coverage that week, seconded by Judy Murphy, the amendment and motion carried.

Ken informed the members that PLM does a lake access survey and test the landing area for AIS.

Loon Nests: Jim Fleming had a nest out and Ken Meyer has a nest with nesting loons. The third nesting platform was put out by Cody Deiderich on the north end of the lake, but it is uncertain if loons are nesting there. Be careful when boating near Meyer's loon nest.

Greg Murphy discussed water quality testing. Three different tests are completed. PCA test for clarity one time per week (8 1/2 feet clarity depth last test this year). Testing is also done for chemicals and AIS. AIS testing is done in July.

Applications are available for the \$600 shoreline restoration grant. Shoreline restoration is not a one-time shot because you are dealing with Mother Nature. Please look into the WAPOA shoreline restoration grant. Their Open House is to be held on June 6th at Moonlight Bay from 5-7 PM.

On June 1st Claire will be accepting a Soil and Conservation award. The event is at the Arboretum from 3-5 PM on June 1st.

Claire attended a Pine River Watershed meeting and shared that you can leave the shoreline alone and let native plants grow, or only do part of the shoreline, or let land grow "whatever it wants to grow". NO green grass down to the lake.

Discussion was held concerning cattail removal. PLM could probably determine if the cattails in the outlet are invasive or not. UHLA paid for cattail removal 6 years ago and it is worse now than ever. Native cattails are the fat ones, thin ones are invasive. A permit would be required to remove. Aquatic Plant Management, Kevin Martini is an expert and could advise UHLA members regarding cat tail removal.

Kevin Woizeschke's loon presentation was fabulous. 12,000 loons are in the state. DNR non-game wildlife program has been given 6 loon eggs collected from Upper Hay. Most Minnesota loons winter in the Gulf of Mexico. They usually stop at Lake Michigan on the trip down to the Gulf. Juvenile loons stay until ice-up and then find their own way to the Gulf. Loons don't breed until they are 5 years old. The survival rate of juveniles is only 50%.

Line 3 Pipeline: A decision should be made by the end of June (tentatively). WAPOA is involved. Economic impact article appeared in the Brainerd Dispatch. Line 3 crosses the Pine River Watershed and could impact us.

One Watershed, One Plan: Claire attended one of the meetings and provided impact graphs to members. The Watershed is an 800 square mile area in central Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin counties.

July 4th boat parade: Last year there were 35 entries. The parade started at the landing. The 2018 boat parade is scheduled for July 4th at 4 PM. Judy Murphy has put much time and effort into the boat parade.

The 2018 Picnic is scheduled for the first Saturday in August (August 4th).

Sally Meyer requested that another volunteer take over the newsletter and website.

Snail control and aquatic vegetation permits are \$25.00. UHLA kicks in an additional \$10.00 and pays for snail control permits. The DNR website on permits is user friendly. Ken will be sending further information in the newsletter and can assist members as needed. Members need to apply for the permit on line and list UHLA as your agent and we will pay the DNR.

Election of Board of Directors: Claire Steen's term on the Board of Directors is up and she is willing to serve one more term; but only one as President. She would like someone else to serve a term. UHLA would encourage new association members (especially younger members) to become involved. The terms for Jan Marshall and Ken Meyer are also up. There was a call for nominations from the floor with none forthcoming. A motion was made and seconded that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot for the three incumbents. Motion carried.

Claire encouraged all of us to take a look at our shorelines and plan. She also asked that members offer items for the newsletter. You may contact Claire or any board member to enter an item for the newsletter.

Renters: We have approximately six (6) owners on the lake that rent out their cabins. There was discussion concerning issues and regulation of renters.

A Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Jill Bergstrom, substituting for Secretary