

POA Board Meeting August 6, 2012

President Tom Boman called the meeting to order at Maki's Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Present were Jon Harkness, Thom Storm, Ted Eastlund, Carl Heltne, Carole Rusch, Bob Hershey, Leslie Hall, Carol Person, Ron Carlson and Fred Haueter. The officers, including Tom as President, Jon as Vice President, Ron as Secretary and Fred as Treasurer were confirmed. Minutes of the July meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved.

Membership, Annual Meeting and Fireworks

Carol supplied a status report of membership numbers, and a general discussion of enhancing membership figures followed. Carol circulated material from Turtle River Watershed Association to illustrate ideas for information and forms which might be circulated here to increase membership. Carol will have a membership table at the August 25 education program at Barnes Town Hall. She emphasized that being a personal ambassador for the Association is important, and since the public will be invited to the August 25 seminar, opportunities will likely be present for Board member to interface with non-members.

The Board took a favorable view of the structure of the Annual Meeting, and it was suggested that a DNR specialist on milfoil be secured as a speaker and educator at a future program.

Thom raised the issue of safety and air pollution in connection with the Barnes fireworks show on 4th of July. He suggested that interested individual persons should be encouraged to email the Barnes town board, asking them to review safety and related issues.

Website, Budget, Fishing Forum, Buoys and Loons

Carole is updating the POA website. Fred suggested bringing forth a budget plan at the September or October board meetings.

The August 25 fishing forum was discussed. Carol will set up a membership table. Leslie is making posters. Fred will contact Jerry Kaiser to make sure the Conservation Club is reminded and alerted. Jon Harkness will serve as the Arrangements Chair. Leslie is doing posters. Carole is placing ads in the Northwest Shopper. The prospect of a radio ad was discussed. The POA program is set for Saturday, August 25, with coffee, continental breakfast and exhibits (Fred presently continues to coordinate exhibitors) from 9 to 9:30 a.m., program starting at 9:30. Tom Boman will give a welcome, followed by walleyes, muskies, and an analysis of the fishing future in the Eau Claire Lakes area. Board members are asked to attend; arrival at 8 a.m. to assist with chair setup will be helpful. Speakers for the program are Lee Wiesner, Fred Hennessy and Scott Toshner.

An issue is coming up in the channel leading from Lower Lake to Mooney Bay. A no-wake buoy (or buoys) are proposed for placement. POA favored this notion some years ago for reasons of water safety, loon protection, and lakeshore preservation. The 2012 board passed a resolution supporting placement of a buoy or buoys in the Mooney Bay channel. The matter will come before the Gordon Town Board on August 13. Anthony Feiden, who recently attended our Annual Meeting, has contacted a number of residents and Lower Lake POA members, seeking their attendance. In addition to the supportive resolution noted earlier in this paragraph, the board authorized financial support. Up to the amount of \$500 per buoy, the board will help to finance the project. Ted will make an effort to raise donated funds to cover and discharge the costs to POA of this project, as it unfolds.

Fred made a motion to donate \$200 to Loon watch, which motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. , with final reminders of the September board meeting and the August 25 education program.

Ron Carlson, POA Secretary