

ITASCA COALITION OF LAKE ASSOCIATIONS

March 21, 2018

Itasca County Courthouse

Patty Gould St. Aubin	ICOLA President/Greater Pokegama Lake Assn.
Bill Grantges	ICOLA Vice President/Siseebakwet Lake Assn/SWCD/AIS Coordinator
Catherine McLynn	ICOLA Secretary
Jim Olijnek	Wabana Chain of Lakes Assn.
Ron Guggisberg	Swan Lake Assn.
Tom Nelson	Deer Lake Assn.

CALL TO ORDER and INTRODUCTIONS: President Patty Gould St. Aubin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in Itasca County Boardroom. A quorum was present with 5 out of 11 paid member lake associations being represented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: C. McLynn/Tom Nelson with addition of request to pay MLR dues/website. MCU

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of October 18, 2017 were approved. Bill Grantges/Jim Olijnek MCU

TREASURER'S REPORT: Helen Adamson was away so Patty reported balance of \$2104.77 in checking as of Feb. 21, 2017. Since then \$250 was paid as authorized for Business Summit so current balance is \$1854.77. Report accepted. MCU

Approve \$200 for membership in MN Lakes and Rivers and for hosting our website. Tom Nelson, Bill G. MCU

PRESIDENT'S Progress Report on Goals

1. *New logo developed and posted on website.*
2. **EXCELLENT NEWSLETTERS! SEND EMAIL TO TOM NELSON TO POST ON ICOLA WEBSITE!**
3. *Patty has attended some lake association meetings and would like to be invited to more.*
4. **NEXT WRAPS meeting mid-April in Palisade. Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategies**
5. *Asked for ideas re: new lake associations. Bill sees increased interest as lake owners respond to AIS prevention actions.*
6. *New county "landowner's guide" publication ready April 10. ICOLA contributed \$500 and will get copies to distribute.*
7. **SWCD plant and tree sale pre-order deadline is soon. Order online ASAP!**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fair Booth: Approve \$200 to partner with Itasca Waters and AIS again this year. C. McLynn/Bill MCU.
2. Shoreland Stewardship Awards: Approve two awards NTE \$400 Tom/Bill MCU
3. Review past goals. Tom Nelson suggests we look them up on the website, so we can revise and approve at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Patty would like to sponsor a two-hour presentation that was done for realtors by county/SWCD/DNR re: shoreline regulations/jurisdiction. Tabled for now.
2. Patty encouraged testing your drinking water for nitrates, coliform and lead. Get kits at RMB Lab at ICC. \$35. Worth it!
3. Vern Whitten mailed samples of poster sized photos of lakes to be purchased. Canvas or plastic covered. \$150

AIS UPDATE

Bill presented at Aquatic Invaders Summit that both he and Tom attended.

Business Summit sponsored by Itasca Waters and ICOLA attended by 83 representing 50 businesses. Interesting presentation on DNA testing of zebra mussels can provide info on where they came from. Mille Lacs? Brainerd!

Fishing Tournament Task Force meeting was held recently. Well attended. Lots of good info shared.

AIS FY 019 budget- will have to keep inspection hours within budget. Lake association's donation of funds to beef up their inspections are critical. Also need volunteers to work with AIS inspectors.

CAP grants are available. APPLY NOW!! For prevention projects on YOUR LAKE!

AIS Detector training in Brainerd May 18 and Duluth June 1. Scholarships available.

AROUND THE HORN

Deer Lake: Tom Nelson reported that new president John Davis has set up conservation meetings to address shoreline issues. DLA is concerned about the recent discovery of zebra mussels in North Star lake since both Deer and North Star are Muskie fishing lakes and Muskie fisherman do move from lake to lake often during the season. Tom also noted concerns about Ice Castle type fishing houses parked on ice for several days at a time. Where is the human waste going? Into lake!?!?

Greater Pokegama Lake Assn: Patty Gould reported that they are working on a CAP grant application. Also, Leo Burley is no longer able to do the Fireworks on the 4th of July, so they are looking for others who can do it. She mentioned houseboats moored to trees to avoid dock restrictions.

Wabana: Jim Olijinek reported June social gathering on the calendar. Wabana Township approved funds for AIS prevention.

Swan Lake: Ron Guggisberg asked about whether pulling up curly leaf pondweed would be effective. One landowner has a lot in front of his house and may be willing to do. They did receive a CAP grant for \$8,000 for chemical treatment. He asked for another ID book to share as their Lake Assn is gaining momentum in response to the AIS prevention efforts.

Siseebakwet: Bill Grantges reported dedication of the new weir will be in June.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. Next meeting is third Wed. April 18, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Catherine McLynn, Secretary