

Annual Picnic Board Meeting  
July 15, 2023

Present: Chuck Pettipiece, Jerry Finnerty, Jim Luttrell, Linda Berglund, Patrice Bogart, Leo Offerman, Pam Nordahl, Tom Stremski, Linda Ferdelman  
There were approximately 46 adults and 5 kids present

Meeting began at 5:00. Kids games and social hour had started at 4:00. Chuck introduced Dan Brennan from Ruth Lake as our speaker. He is with their Lake Improvement District. He spoke about their experience with invasive species at Ruth Lake. It is a 600 acre lake in Emily. He also works with Leo Offerman doing inspections. They became a Lake Improvement District member in 2011. They applied for certification with a lot of work. They set up their own goals which were dictated by funding. They operate their own inspection program with a delegation agreement with the DNR. Dan stated that wake boats make for problems. They stir up the lake and lakeshore and are hard to decontaminate. He states that most boats coming into the lake are pretty clean. Zebra mussels in the larva stage cannot be seen. The boat feels grainy. Water that is 160 degrees will kill larva. Ruth Lake has both milfoil and Zebra Mussels. In recent times, 3 Zebra Mussels were found near a rental property and a screen was put up around the affected area. In 2019, 1 Zebra Mussel was found, so they cannot be delisted. The DNR does this survey, Ruth Lake residents spent \$27,000.00 last year to remedy their issues. Each member paid \$125.00 which was added to their property taxes. Property values are tied into invasive species issues. Milfoil on Ruth Lake is in remediation and cannot be eradicated. Boats should be dry docked for 3-4 days before entering another lake. This issue is important to all our lakes, and their inspectors will decontaminate a boat for free for other lakes if possible as a courtesy. We have no known invasive species in our lakes currently. Island Lake is approximately 300 acres and Mud Lake 83. Better signage was recommended for our lakes. Prevention is much better than remediation.

Minutes from the last board meeting were approved.

Chris Miller is a new lake resident.

Treasury report: Currently, we have 96 paid members. This is a record number. There are 112 cabins total on the 2 lakes. Membership of \$20.00 annually can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo and Paypal. Our starting bank balance was

\$7541.00. \$3040 was brought in this year. Three residents paid more than the required dues. Expenditures were \$1509.00, including our thrice annual web fees of \$730.00, 4 tires for the pontoon trailer, which cost \$331.00, and printing and postage and prizes. We should end up the year at about \$8,000.00. We spent \$300.00 for the raffle prizes of gift cards from Ace Hardware. Ace also donated 2 additional \$25.00 gift cards.

The fishing contest had record attendance. There were 44 adults and 15 kids. The boat parade also had a record number of participants.. There were 19-22 boats, depending on how they were counted. Next year, the contest will start at 5:00 and go to Saturday noon. Prizes for the fishing contest were gift cards from Reddings in Emily. Treats were given out at the prize presentation. A question came up about what to do with caught dog fish. We will check the ruling.

Walleye have been casually recorded by lake residents from our website and the numbers are impressive. These numbers are reported to the DNR to show that the stocking of walleyes is worthwhile. About 40 were reported with an average of 16 inches. We are still doing a 3 year rotation of stocking of walleye fingerlings. If we do our own stocking, we lose DNR support.

Mud Brook cleanup The Mud Brook was successfully cleaned up with the help of 12 volunteers on Memorial weekend. It is now navigable.

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Pontoon trailer Now has 4 new trailers. Registration is handled by Mark Caspers and he does general maintenance to cut down on invasive species being introduced into our lakes. All members have free use of the trailer. Non members pay \$20.00 per use. If the pontoon trailer size doesn't work for you, please let us know.

Little Library Is broken. We are considering expanding it to make it a kids library.

New sign for invasive species We are looking into putting up a much larger sign at the boat landing to warn of invasive species. We want to emphasize the importance of this issue.

Non profit organization We are a 501C3 organization. We have received notice of a donation from the America On Line Corporation Members were asked if they were familiar with this corporation, with no response, We are not comfortable with responding to this notification.

Emily Food Shelf \$151.00 was donated last year and matched by the Association.

Website Theresa Offerman was thanked for her wonderful job of maintaining our website. We have saved about \$700.00 by emailing our newsletter rather than mailing.

Deer hunting We will put up a new sign stating that there is no deer hunting near roads and that violators will be prosecuted.

End of summer celebration This will be held on August 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 by the sandbar. It will be a floating ice cream social. Ice cream treats will be handed out free of charge.

Calendar We had a 13 month calendar and received good response. We will do another 13 or 18 month calendar for 2024-25. Pictures need to be in portrait or landscape mode.

Board positions There are no open positions this year, but next year have all 4 officer positions and 3 director positions open.

Picnic Raffle Tyler Luttrell received special fire changing powder donated by Garrison Bodin for his birthday, Tyler also won the kid candy guessing game . Linda Ferdelmann won the adult candy guessing game.

Raffle winners: gift cards from Ace Hardware

\$25.00 Nancy Henthorne

\$25.00 Mark Caspers

\$50.00 Jon Bogart

\$50.00 Jeff Kline

\$75.00 JoAnn Miller

\$100.00 Bonnie Schoeneman

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Berglund, Secretary