

DIAMOND LAKE ASSOCIATION'S 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

18 July 2020

- 1 The meeting was opened by Frosty Palmer at 16:00 in a Zoom session attended remotely by approximately half the membership.

- 2 Nathan Klein, Fisheries Technician LTE, from the WI DNR gave a presentation on his analysis of the 2018 comprehensive fish survey for Diamond Lake. This fish analysis included Walleye, Northern Pike, Bass, Blue Gills, and Rainbow Smelt. Nathan offered information such as size of fish surveyed, and in the case of Walleye, the (high) cost of stocking and raising a fish to harvest size. Because Diamond Lake is considered a Treaty Trend Lake, Nathan noted that the DNR surveys Diamond Lake every three years (vs 6-12 years to other lakes). The slides from Nathan's presentation are available on the DL website. To read the full report go here: https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/reports/Reports_BayfieldDiamond2018Comp.pdf

The DL Association Board introduced themselves:

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| 3 Frosty Palmer – President | Dianne Klump – Director at large |
| Ed Wallen – VP | Tracy Veillette – Director at large |
| Bob Jacobel – Treasurer | Jessie Meschievitz – Director at large |
| Michelle Veillette – Secretary | Raye Lahti – Director at Large |
| Sara Stivland – Director at Large | |

- 4 New members attending their first DL meeting next introduced themselves. They included Laurie Rabe (Nancy & Virgil's daughter), Pat Arndt, Maureen Chapin & Jim Biesecker. John & Cathy Rosebush, Paul Brown, and Dennis Kruse are also new members this year not on the zoom session.

- 5 Continuing members then introduced themselves.

- 6 Bob Jacobel gave the Treasurer's Report and also an update on invasive species. The current balance in the treasury is \$6563 with an anticipated year-end balance of ~ \$6k. Expenditures this year are expected to be close to \$1700 with revenue of \$3400. This will put us back on the trend of slow growth in the balance begun a decade ago and interrupted the past two years with expenses related to the aquatic invasive species (AIS) monitoring system.

- 7 Jacobel reported that the AIS monitoring system is functioning well. He reviews about forty videos a week of typically two-dozen or so launches and take-outs (some records are multiple videos). However, he reported that there is bad news from Lake Namakagon where hybrid Eurasian water milfoil (HWM) is now spreading rapidly despite expensive treatment efforts. Members can read about this in more detail in a 2018 report on the LN website and subsequent updates in 2019. Jacobel has spoken with DNR biologists and aquatics experts who are currently working with Lake Namakagon Association members to try and control the spread. Because of the ease of spread to surrounding lakes through contamination on boats and trailers, it has been strongly recommended that DL do a baseline plant survey as soon as possible. Jacobel will bring a recommendation to the Board for us to hire a consultant to undertake this survey. If we are fortunate and HWM is not present in Diamond Lake, we can continue and strengthen our monitoring efforts. If it is, we will need to act very quickly with treatment strategies. This may require changes to our bylaws regarding our membership categories so that we conform with WI state statutes in order to be able to apply to the DNR for grant support. We expect more information to be available later this summer and will keep the membership apprised of developments. See the Diamond Lakers website for more information about HWM and identification, <http://www.diamond-lakers.org/invasives.html>

- 8 For the DL Lake Water Quality Report, Ed Wallen reported that Diamond Lake is classified as a mesotrophic lake with a healthy, diverse fish population. Measurements for the report include water clarity, chlorophyll, phosphorous, color, temperature, and dissolved oxygen. Historic values for these data are displayed in a plot on the DL website. We need to insure that our activities do not cause water quality to deteriorate, being especially cognizant of runoff and increased shoreline erosion from boat wakes.

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- 9 For the Fish & Wild Life Report, members gave reports of wildlife they've seen lately including moose (yes three reports!), fox, a bear, and an update on the mated loon pair at the north end of the lake. Jessie Meschievitz is the Loon Ranger (monitor) for Diamond Lake. Send any photos you have for the website to Bob Jacobel.
- 10 The 2021 DLA Annual Meeting will be held on the 3rd Saturday in July. We need a host for this meeting. Volunteers would be most welcome.
- 11 Properties for sale include: Raths, Golz, Nortunen. The Hoppe property has an accepted offer.
- 12 The association expressed condolences to the Raths and Kind families for their losses this year.
- New Board members were elected:
President: Michelle Veillette
Secretary: Sarah Stivland
Scott Johnson and David James were elected to new Directors at Large positions
- 13 Tracy Veillette & Dianne Klump's terms as Directors at Large expired
Frosty Palmer was elected to fill Sarah's remaining 1 year term as Director at Large
Jessie Meschevitz was elected to a new term as Director at Large.
Ed Wallen is continuing his term as VP
Bob Jacobel is continuing his term as Treasurer
Raye Lahti is continuing his term as Director at Large
- 14 Frosty gave information about the winter propane pre-buy programs available to DL members through the end of July. For Midland, the pre-buy rate is \$1.10/gallon. Como also has a buy-ahead price of \$1.10/gallon with payments not due until delivery.
- 15 There may be space on the ladder signs coming in the near future. Frosty will check into this.
- 16 The Annual DL Boat Parade was a success! There were 16 boats. Juels and Sally Carlson offered their house for the 2021 Annual DL Boat Parade after-party.
- 17 On behalf of the Board, Bob Jacobel presented a gift certificate at the Good Thyme restaurant to Frosty and Mary for Frosty's 6 years of service as president of the DL Association.
- 18 The meeting was adjourned at 18:00.

Submitted by Michelle Veillette
Secretary, Diamond Lake Association