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Frosty's Feedback

Where did the summer go? It seems that fishing opener was just a few weeks ago! There is definitely something to the old adage that time seems to go by faster as we get older. When I compare this summer to the one of 2014 I realize just how wonderful a summer it has been. First and foremost has been the balmy temperatures so far with warm but not hot days and cool evenings for sleeping. Next was the relative lack of mosquitoes compared to June of last year. And last, but certainly not least, was the rain that we were blessed with most of the spring and summer. When I am tempted to complain about too much moisture I just think of what California is going through and my perspective instantly changes. Hopefully each and every one of you have had many opportunities to enjoy the lake and the beauty of our surroundings here in the north woods of Wisconsin.

One of the highlights of the lake this summer certainly had to be the **1st Annual 4th of July Weekend Diamond Lakers Boat Parade**. To have 12 different boats participate in this first ever event on this lake was none other than amazing to me and I thank all of you who participated, both as a parade entrant or well as a spectator to cheer us on. As the annual minutes indicate, we awarded trophies to

the Most Patriotic Boat and the Most Unique Boat. The winner of the Most Patriotic category was Josh and Allie Stivland and the winner of the Most Unique category was Mike Goeltz. Congratulations to both winners this year! From the comments I have received, it sounds as if there will definitely be even more entries for next year's Boat Parade and my guess is that the decorations will have ratcheted up a notch or two also. We hope to have a party at the end of the parade for all participants - just have to determine a location for the event. Anyway, what an opportunity to come together with your neighbors to have a great time on our beautiful lake.

We, as your elected Officers and Board Members, are working hard to make your participation as a Diamond Laker more than just a once a year annual meeting. Our goal is to give everyone numerous opportunities to get to know everyone (not just your immediate neighbors) from around the lake in various social activities. You will be receiving more information regarding these opportunities come next spring. However, in the meantime, in an effort to add more value to being a member we have implemented a propane buying Co-op that allows dues-paying members to leverage their propane buying power. I recently sent out an e-mail with the details, however if you didn't see that, you may contact me at any time at 715-798-5936 and I will be happy to provide you with more detailed information. If you happen to know someone on the lake who is not a member, you might mention this as one of the benefits to becoming a member.

I have been around the lake and met a number of you and will be continuing to make this a priority with those I have not yet visited. Thank you all for your encouraging words and great ideas as you are certainly the backbone of our Diamond Lakers Association. If you are not an active member, please consider being one in the future. We hope to really make it worth your while. Have a great rest of the year and stay safe.

Frosty

Diamond Lakers, Inc.
Annual Association Meeting
July 18, 2015

The Annual Meeting of the Diamond Lakers Inc. was held at Sarah and Todd Stivland's residence, on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Cary "Frosty" Palmer called the meeting to order. Frosty introduced himself as the new President of the association.

New Members:

Jim Peterson introduced himself as a new member and they have recently completed building their new cabin on the south end of the lake.

Officers and Board Members:

Officers and Board Members in attendance were introduced.

Minute Review

The minutes of the July 19, 2014 annual meeting were reviewed as posted on the website and there was a motion to approve.

Treasurer Report

Larry Sanderson reported there was a beginning balance as of 7/19/14 of \$4,409.85 with deposits of \$1030.00, and disbursements of \$1,206.50 for an ending balance of \$4,233.35 as of 7 /18/15.

Water Testing of Diamond Lake

Larry & Audrey Sanderson reviewed the 2014 water testing that they have conducted on the lake. There were seven samples completed and the water clarity was 10.25 feet compared to average lakes in the area at 8.5 feet. Other readings were also at better levels than the average for other lakes in the area.

Wildlife & Fishing Report

There have been no sightings of baby loons on the lake this year but there are several loons on the lake. It was a harsh winter this year so the deer population seems to be down. It is reported to be a good year for fishing for walleye and largemouth bass.

Old Business

Frosty reviewed that in follow-up to the discussion of the recreational boating hours at the 2014 annual meeting, the Board of Directors determined that they did not recommend changing the current hours but a mail-in ballot was sent out allowing all paid members to vote on leaving the hours the same (10 AM – 6 PM) or changing the hours to 10 AM – 7 PM. There were 36 voting members and 27 voted to leave the hours the same and 9 voted to change the hours so the hours will remain the same.

Nominations Committee Report

Frosty reviewed the slate of officers and Board members for election/re-election:

Vice President: Bob Jacobel
Treasurer: Larry Sanderson
Board of Directors: Ed Wallen , Sarah Stivland

The slate of officers and directors were elected.

There was a question raised about how members know of vacancies. As per the Bylaws, officers and board members are elected for 2 year terms. In the future, vacancies will be included in the newsletters so that volunteers can contact the chair of the Nominating Committee if they are interested in filling a position.

New Business - Propane

Frosty reviewed material that was presented at the 2015 Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference that was held in Hayward.

Frosty reviewed the concept of forming a “co-op” so that Diamond Lakers could join with the Lake Owen/Lake Namakagon Associations group to leverage purchasing power for propane. The Lake Owen/Lake Namakagon group have a new contract for propane with Superior Gas for \$1.47/gallon. Interested members should email Frosty with their Name, Address, Size of Tank and if they lease or own their tank. There was also a question about costs to exchange a tank and whether or not there is the option to purchase a tank for a reasonable price.

Boat Parade and Future Activities

Frosty reviewed that there was an excellent turnout for the 4th of July Boat Parade with a dozen boats participating as well as many viewing the parade from their docks. Frosty asked for volunteers to help organize the parade for next year as well as to plan a gathering for afterwards. Volunteers included: Sally Carlson, Linda Johnson and Ruth Lauritzen. Members were given the opportunity to vote on most Patriotic Boat and the most Original Boat in the parade based on the numbered photographs that Frosty provided and a trophy was awarded to each of these categories.

Frosty also reviewed plans to visit with other lake associations to obtain ideas for future social activities for Diamond Lake.

Location of 2016 Annual Meeting

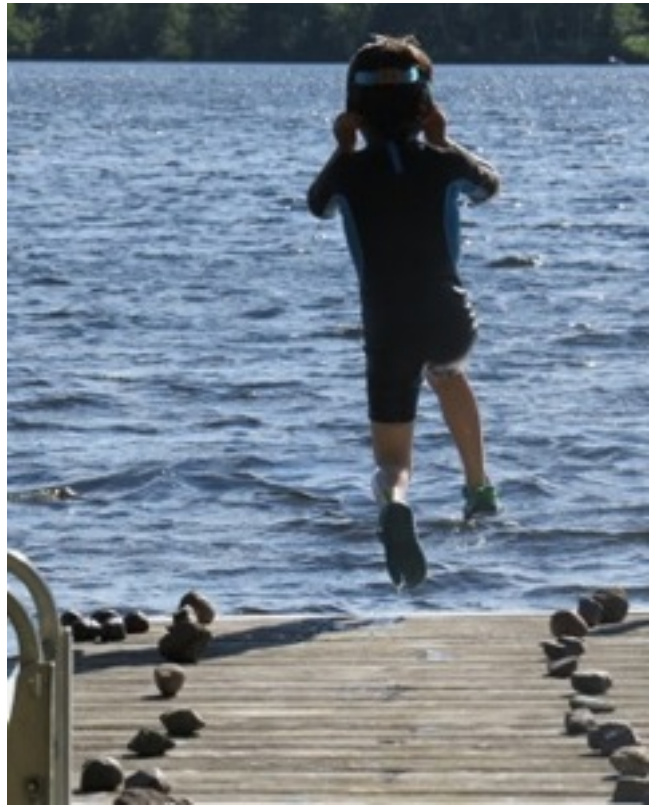
Sarah Stivland volunteered to have the meeting at their house again next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Trankel, Secretary

Let Me Count The Ways We Enjoy Diamond Lake











Parade of Boats July 4, 2015







Social Hour Following The Annual Meeting





