

**Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners' Association
(GWLPOA)**

Bi-Annual Meeting

May 5, 2012

Whitewater Town Hall

W8590 Willis Ray Rd., Whitewater, WI

Officers Present: President; Gloria Navarre, Vice President; Elaine Florczak, Treasurer; Carol Marvin; Secretary Pat Koppelman,

Directors Present: Kathy Chamberlain, Nancy Dynkowski, Lillian Roy, Val Vessely

Directors Absent: Catherine Braun, Judy Dern, Joyce Swartwood

Proceedings:

- Gloria Navarre called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
- Minutes from the May 7, 2011 were dispersed, approved and seconded
- The Treasurer's Report was read. Carol indicated that \$1,000 was donated to the town for new buoys for the Lake, \$500 was donated to the Minneiska Ski Team and a plan was in place to send \$500 to JNT for fireworks. A copy is attached for review.
- The President's Report: Gloria indicated that membership for 2012 is 250 so far with 22 new members this year. We are also expecting some of last year's members who haven't sent in their dues to renew their membership
- The Spring Dinner Dance is May 19th this year. We have 37 people signed up so far. The cut-off is May 10 and we are hoping to have at least 70 people which we had last year.

- Our Youth Day/Teen Event for teens from 14-19 has been changed to June 23rd to avoid conflict with the City of Whitewater July 4th activities. Kristin and Rob Joy have again volunteered their home for the event. We are looking for future volunteers, those with flat yards to volunteer their service. More details will be forthcoming the week before Memorial Day.
- The Summer Picnic will again be held at the Lions Club Lakefront on Saturday, July 7th. This is a “free” hot dog and drink picnic with the intention of having people stop by with friends or family to meet and greet other lake neighbors and to encourage friendship and camaraderie on the lake. There is no advance sign up and is free, but we do accept donations. An e-mail will be sent prior to the event.
- Our Fall Golf Outing at WWCC and our Dinner Dance at Randy's will be held on September 15. More information will be sent toward the middle of August. Mark your calendars!
- Guest Speakers: Ron Fero, Town of Whitewater Chairperson, Wayne Redenius, Town of Richmond, Chairperson, Brian Morris, President – Lake Management District.
- New 2012 lake directories have been printed and will be mailed out next week.
- Ron Fero will be leaving the Whitewater Board, due to his move out of the district, by the end of May. He was given a fond farewell and a show of appreciation for his hard work. Lowell Hagen will step in as the Chairperson of the Whitewater Board upon the departure of Ron. The Board is now taking resumes and interviewing to fill the open slot.
- Per Ron Fero, the following roads will be repaved; the unfinished portion of Kettle Moraine to P, Hi Lo Road to the entrance of the campground and Townline Road from Hwy 89 to Brown Road. Ron applied for and has received State DNR grants of \$20,000 for Kettle Moraine and \$20,000 for Hi Lo. An additional \$15,000 for Townline

comes from a 'Trip Road' State grant that Ron applied for a few years back.

- The sheriff will again be patrolling the lake, the town felt he had done a very good job last year
- Both the clerk and treasurer of the Town of Whitewater will be retiring and it was voted that the positions will be combined and appointed rather than elected. The position will require someone to be in the office 30 hours per week
- With regard to the liquor license, there are 1,472 people who reside in the Town of Whitewater and per Wisconsin State law; licenses can only be one liquor license for every 500 people. There are presently three applications for liquor licenses. Whitewater Country Club, Fuzzy Pig, and JNT. JNT has no building as yet. WWCC must surrender its club license before it can be issued a town license
- Wayne Redenius indicated no road projects will take place this year. The Town of Richmond will repair the rip-rap on west Townline road near TCC as the water is dangerously close to Whitewater Lake with no protection. He also suggested that if anyone is preparing to do a burn, please call the fire department. If the Fire Department responds to a telephone call of a fire, the person will be charged \$800
- The Richmond Township still has an election process for Clerk and Treasurer for one more year and they have a five person board. They are hoping for a change next year due to Wisconsin's insurance which automatically covers everyone working for the county, which is very expensive if it is only a part-time position
- Both Ron and Wayne said their Boards are working to require the Townships to have more consistency in zoning. One person will get the zoning ok and another just across the street will not. No logical reasoning exists.
- Ron Fero added that the Rescue Services Contract with the City of Whitewater has been revised. Under the terms of the new contract the town will pay an additional \$6,000 per year but will no longer have to

collect from individuals billed for services. The town has lost an average of \$8,000 per year for rescue services due to uncollectible bills from transients

- Brian Morris, the Lake Management District President, presented information about the Lake Management. The weeds were chemically treated in April. Unfortunately, due to the warm and snow free winter, there was no winter kill and we will have weeds this summer. The plan is for JNT to begin harvesting the weeds in early June. Chuck Chamberlain has been working to get the 10' weed harvester in the water as soon as possible.
- The “green stuff” on the top of the water is algae bloom, not scum. The water is exceptionally clear this year. Tom Ganfield is constantly testing the lake and works with the DNR. The bog removal will start in September. Although the 10 year license with the DNR runs only through 2013, the Lake Management will apply for an extension as the first 4-5 years were lost looking for ways to remove the bog material.
- Larry Brady has been asked to take charge of the Safety initiative. Tom Potrykus has been restocking the lake with walleyes, and is in charge of carp removal. 10,000 lbs of carp were removed last fall and hopefully additional carp will be removed this spring
- A question was asked regarding oiling of geese eggs. Brian stated that they intend to eliminate more geese during the roundup in June. Another question was raised about the zebra mussels. Brian says yes, there is a zebra mussel infestation. Every lake in Southeast Wisconsin has zebra mussels, including Lake Michigan. The mussels are a small shell, they are sharp, and all swimmers in the lake should wear water shoes. There is no winter kill of zebra mussels. There is no way to eliminate them. There is however a cycle. Some good years, some bad. He suggests that all motors be tilted up when in the water so the mussels do not attach to the intake of the motor.

Motion to adjourn, moved, seconded and approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM