

Winter Lakes Alliance  
Meeting Minutes July 12, 2014

1. The rescheduled (4th of July conflict) was called to order by Deb at 10:00.

2. Our guest speaker Kristi Maki began the meeting with her topic on Invasive species in our area waters. She provided many live samples of native and non-native types of water plants. She discussed the many benefits of our water plants in our lakes, and the terrible problems that invasive species cause. Her office is in Hayward at the courthouse, and you can drop off a plant you suspect as a problem one and she will identify it and get back to you to let you know if it is a concern. Please put the plant in a plastic bag and drop it off. Besides choking off your lake or having a major impact on fisheries, boating and lake recreation, invasive species are also terribly expensive to eradicate. (EX: \$20,000 to treat millfoil problem in Connors lake) important to check boats and trailers, livewells to make sure you're not transporting a problem to another lake. Our WLA lakes don't seem to have much problems at the moment..... but we need to be diligent and on the watch for problems. Thanks so much for her presentation

3. Treasury report shows that we need to sell our tickets for our raffle to help generate the monies needed to stock our planned lakes. as of now we are short on what we need for this year..... (still waiting to hear about possibly \$2000 from SCOPE) We are working on it and we'll get there..... thanks for your support

4. The kids fishing contest was held on June 14th with 67 kids participating. Over 170 fish were caught. The largest fish were 3 northern pike of 19 inches. many beautiful panfish were also caught with 47 different children catching at least 1 fish. All children received a 25th anniversary (WLA) t-shirt and hand towel along with their regular prizes. Ages 2-6 received a fishing rod, 7-9 a folding chair, 10 to 12 a fishing net and 13 -15 a tip--up or tackle box. great prizes and lots of thank-you's.

5. I attended the Sawyer county lakes forum in Hayward and was elected to the board... There are new zoning proposals up for area lakes and I'll send out copies when they are reviewed and discussed for approval. Sawyer county is also really concerned about invasive species and Many, many, many \$\$\$\$ have already been spent in the county combating invasive species in county lakes.... big problems in Chippewa flowage, Hayward flowage, Connors lake and others. more details as they come in. the county is starting a boat landing campaign with volunteers handing out info on keeping Invasive species off your boat and

trailer. .... Water testing kits are also available , They are \$3 per bottle for testing lake or tap water... (nitrates and bacteria) your \$3 will get you a kit and info on where to send for testing (the test is done in Madison and costs\$45 to \$49)

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6.Our speaker for the August 2nd meeting will be Emily Stone (Loons) lots of interesting and important info on Loons and other water birds.

Her presentation is open to members , non members, and your friends and neighbors....

bring a couple along for a great meeting 10:00 at the town hall.

7.PICNIC IS COMING..... August 10th..... conflict so far..... Doc smith park is being used so we are looking to have our picnic at the Ojibwa

park starting at noon. Brats, burgers, Chicken will be provided along with drinks, potato salad, beans..... please bring a dessert or dish to pass..... lots of door prizes, tickets for sale, t-shirts for sale, lots of fun!!! \$10.00 per couple \$5.00 per person. please RSVP to Deb or myself or call 715-505-1260

Respectfully submitted, Rick      NEXT MEETING IS AUG 2nd at the town hall see you there

We have extra t-shirts for sale.... \$5 for kids sizes.....\$7 for adult..... let me know if you'd like a couple.... We'll even ship them to you for free!!! can't beat that or save us some money and pick them up from a club member