

Winter Lakes Alliance, Inc.

Meeting Minutes

July, 8th, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by Deb at 10:00

2. Our special guest speakers were introduced from LOONWATCH from Northland College (Lorna and Roger) They had a fantastic presentation on loons, the Loonwatch program and information relating to the protection and status of loons in our Wisconsin Lakes... Check out their website at loonwatch@northland.edu. Their program centered on 3 main areas: education, monitoring and research. According to Lorna, the loon population seems to be holding steady with many variables contributing to their success or failures on our lakes.. The 4th of July seems to be one of the most dangerous times for loons as boat traffic can create waves that wash chicks and eggs off their nests.... Another interesting fact is the terrible impact of lead (sinkers, tackle, etc.) on their health and cause of death... They are a very strong backer of "Get the lead out" of our tackle boxes and fishing equipment also, Lorna pointed out that it takes a quarter of mile of water for a loon to take flight(can't from land) Check out their website for more interesting info and an opportunity to become part of LOONWATCH.... thanks to both for their time, talents and presentation!!

3. Secretary and treasurer's report

4. Kids fishing tournament had 78 participants with 144 fish being caught.... largest was 17 inches.... smallest was a snail (no prize given, cute)

5. Had a float in the parade.... Betty at the top!! Passed out candy and beads thanks to all who helped; Jerry and Judi in the ATV hauling the float. Went well!!

6. Sold tickets at the July Jubilee... also added some new members

7. Raffle tickets!!! get yours!! They are going fast ...some will be available at the picnic or let me know (Rick) and I'll save them for you.... Remember, every ticket you purchase helps to pay for our "extended growth" walleye stocking. (2500 to be stocked this year) At \$1.70 each, well you can see it costs\$\$ Fishing has been fantastic in our stocked lakes

8. The PICNIC DATE has been changed from Sunday August 27th to Saturday August 26th... same time, same place.... same great cooks (Joe & Jerry)

NO CHARGE this year for members.... please bring a dish to pass... Cowboy beans and drinks will be provided. Many drawing prizes, food, friends, family and fun.... See you there!! Questions??? Let me know, Rick (Chicken, brats, hot dogs, burgers will be provided) Jerry's secret spices are included!!

9. Next meeting is August 5th.... Special speaker will be Christian Cold, DNR wildlife Tech, (10:00 at the town Hall)

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Hasselquist, Secretary