

Winter Lakes Alliance
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2016

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

2. Our special speaker for the day was Pat Brown , (invasive species specialist) who could make our Aug meeting instead of Sept. Pat had a fantastic presentation with many slides and pictures of all the various types of plants found in our area lakes and rivers. The vast majority of these is beneficial to our waters and contributes to a healthy ecosystem. The bad ones are the non-native species that were brought here mainly as decorations for our gardens and roadsides but found their way into our lakes and streams. These tend to become dominant and replace our good plants. With no natural enemies they can destroy an ecosystem and wreak havoc on our waters.
 - WHAT CAN WE DO??
 - First, make sure that when you are leaving lakes you do not have any plant hitchhikers on your boat and trailer.
 - Empty your live well before you leave the lake so that plant seeds don't find their way into other lakes
 - Keep an eye on your lake and learn to identify bad plants early and let DNR know so that early steps can be taken to get rid of the problem
 - MONEY!! Have to pay to have your water sprayed to get rid of the invasive plants... better prevention than \$\$
 - Help educate others about invasive species and their effects on lakes, fish and aquatic creatures

3. Picnic tomorrow. Food, prizes, fun, also the drawings for our raffle ticket winners!! Good luck

4. Fish to be stocked in October. cost will be \$1.75 per fish this year..... We will be stocking 2500 extended growth walleyes. With the cooperation of the DNR this year stocking will be done on 6 of our WLA area lakes

5. Next meeting will be on Sept. 10th at 10:00 at the town hall

Respectfully submitted,
Rick

PS. Sorry for the lateness of this email. Major computer problems, should be back on track now!!