

WLA MINUTES FOR JUNE, 2014

The regular monthly meeting for June was called to order by Vice-President Deb Erschele at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014. In attendance were two officers (V-P Deb and Treasurer Judi Schaefer) and 11 members. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved; the treasurer's report was read and approved as well.

Old Business

A. Our special anniversary t-shirts were at the meeting for purchase (sizes S-XL: \$7; 2X: \$8.75). Anyone wanting to buy one can contact Deb and/or Pat Erschele at 608 343-5525. They will also be on sale at the Kids Fishing Contest on June 14.

B. Spring Fling was very successful. We sold several memberships, \$193 worth of Fish Tackle Raffle tickets and \$308 worth of Cash Raffle tickets, beating last year's total by about \$75.

C. Raffle Tickets were available at the meeting and can be obtained from Judi Schaefer at 715 266-7320 or 815 441-5725. New this year, tickets will also be made available at 15 different restaurants/establishments in the Winter area (names available by request).

D. Member/New Member Letter. We are still looking for volunteers to participate in a membership campaign introducing not only ourselves but explaining the aims and purposes of WLA.

New Business

A. Election of Officers. Deb Erschele was nominated for president and was elected by acclamation. Judi Schaefer was nominated for treasurer and was elected by acclamation. These two officers will serve a two year term. Jerry Schaefer was nominated to complete Deb's term as vice-president and was elected by acclamation. He will serve for 1 year.

B. The Kids Fishing Contest will be held on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m. until noon. Set up is at 7:30 a.m. Olson and Lake Winter Roads will be closed to traffic during the contest and will be supervised by two volunteer firemen. A porta-potty will be available. Steve Helmers will be taking photos for future display. There will be a booth set up for buying t-shirts, raffle tickets and fish prints. All entrants will receive a special 25th anniversary t-shirt and a towel as well as age group prizes at the end of the contest. Frank Pratt, former DNR fisheries biologist, will be present making lures and Tom Heisler, DNR Conservation Officer, will be available to assist anyone who needs help. Sheriff Kelsey will also try to be present. Unfortunately, representatives from SCOPE and WFNWW (Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin), who very generously help our cause, will be unable to attend this year.

C. Fish Stocking. Per agreement with Max Wolter and the DNR, WLA will be stocking Hunter, Blasdell & Fish Trap Lakes with 500 walleyes each and Lake Winter with 1500 (total 3000). Tim Gollon has already been contacted in that regard. The DNR is stocking Barber, Black Dan and Island Lakes this year. Barber was double stocked (10 fish/acre) in 2012 and will be double stocked every other year unless conditions change.

D. Other. Bill Voight and Rick Hasselquist will be attending the Sawyer County Lakes Forum meeting on June 18 in Hayward.

Steve and Carole Helmers will be attending the Annual SCLF meeting on June 28.

Rick has volunteered to set up a booth at July Jubilee to advertise WLA and sell raffle tickets. Anyone wishing to join him can contact him at 715 266-2617 or 715 505-1260.

Bill Voight is still waiting for a return call from Mark Thayer from LCO regarding spear fishing.

Our next meeting will be July 12, 2014 at which Kristii Maki, aquatic invasive species coordinator, will be our guest speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Schaefer

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