

Winter Lakes Alliance  
Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2024

Hi All, Welcome to SUMMER! and the start of another exciting year of WLA. Enclosed are updates and meeting minutes from our May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Deb at 10:00 followed by the secretary and the Treasurer's report.

Old Business: Still no finalization on our fish for stocking for this year. Deb has been in contact with Max (DNR fish manager for Sawyer County) and no decision at this time. We are almost certain we can get our fish from our provider and Deb will pursue this. More information coming about this topic.

Kids' fishing event is scheduled for Father's Day weekend in June. It is on Saturday from 10:00 until noon. Our prizes this year are bags with many selected items for all ages. The bags will have the names of 10 area business sponsors who have paid \$25 to have their names and logos printed on the back of the bags. Businesses have also donated items to put in the bags and WLA will add items such as small tackle boxes, expandable fishing rods, etc. All kids will receive a bag on the day of the kid's event. Special thanks to local businesses for their SUPPORT! and to WLA members for donating the bags and some items!

SPRING FLING! We will be sponsoring a WLA booth on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:30. This is our raffle ticket and major fund-raising event. Raffle tickets this year are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. 1st prize is a Traeger Grill pro 22 wood pellet grill and smoker. 2nd prize is a ½ day guide trip with Mike's guide service, 3rd prize a Goplus sky blue 10' 6" paddle board with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place being cash, \$75 and \$50 respectively. YES, we can use your help at the selling booth. If you can help, we'd like to divide up different times for people to cover the booth. We will set up at 8:15. Shifts to be as follows 8:15 to 10:15, 10:15 to 12:15, 12:15 to 2:15. If you can help please let me know and what of the 3 slots will work for you. It is a lot of fun and an opportunity to meet many people. Beverages and donuts are available for all us hard workers. Hope you can help!

New Business: Looking to build wood duck houses as a member project. The wood and cut out pieces would be donated and any member who wants a house will get together at my house (Rick) and we'll assemble them and you can take yours home! Please let me know if you are interested in a house. Dates and times of the assembly will be sent out at a later date.

Looking to change the by-laws to start our WLA meeting in May instead of April. We will talk to Steve who is our by-law expert and see how this can be done. More information as this proceeds.

Pike improvement Project: We had an informal meeting with Southern Sawyer County Sports Club, and Max about looking into managing Northern pike in our area lakes to get a more quality fish instead of just "hammer handle " sized pike. This has been done in Sawyer County lakes by promoting the catching and keeping of really small pike with the reasoning that we can produce more quality fish by eliminating lakes with too many small pike. More information on this as the year goes on.

First loon of the year spotted on March 15. Doesn't seem to be a lot of loons so far on our Lakes. We have 2 loons on Barber Lake. Next meeting on June 8th, 2024 with election of officers (special speaker will be Tom Heisler)

If you can't make spring fling and want raffle tickets, let me know and I'll send them to you.

If you did not receive a membership care and letter let me know and I'll send you one.

Thank-you for supporting WLA. check with neighbors and friends and suggest that becoming a member is a lot of fun!

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hasselquist (Secretary)