

The Quiet Lakes



TEAL, LOST LAND and GHOST LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.
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2018 Annual Meeting of the General Membership
Sunday, July 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake
Followed by a Picnic Social at Boulder Lodge from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

PLEASE SIGN IN AND RECEIVE A NAME TAG UPON ARRIVAL

Welcome: Dave Neuswanger, QLIA President

- Thanks to our hosts – Terry and Michelle Conroy of Boulder Lodge
- Introduction of Executive Committee Members
- Recognition of recent and current Program Leaders
- Agenda Repair, if needed

Secretary's Report: Gail Nicholson

- Approval of Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting (members encouraged to review in advance at <http://www.quietlakes.org/meeting-minutes/>)
- Brief overview of mid-year EXCOM meetings and availability of those Minutes online

Treasurer's Report: Gayle Little (also our Membership Program Leader)

- Current Account Balance (summary of major expenditures and sources of income)
- Membership (new members, total members, and status of dues & donations)
- Report on our status as a 501c3 organization

Election of Officers (Vice-President and Treasurer): Dave Neuswanger

- Ballot nominees based on June 22 EXCOM meeting and any online nominations by July 25
- Vice-President (Norm Bratteig has agreed to serve again if elected)
- Treasurer (Gayle Little has agreed to serve again if elected – seeking someone to mentor)
- Additional nominations from the floor before voting?

Website at www.quietlakes.org: Dave and Bryan Neuswanger

- Our primary tool for communication
- Features and guidelines for submission of content (stories, photos, etc.)
- Feedback and Suggestions

WDNR Boat Landing Renovation and Closure (Aug. 6 – Aug. 31): Dave Neuswanger

Aquatic Invasive Species Control: Norm Bratteig (Vice-President and AIS Program Leader)

- Summary of Reward herbicide treatment of Milfoil and follow-up surveys in summer of 2017
- Summary of June 2018 follow-up survey and decision to forego future chemical treatments

Initiation of Pledge Drive for Purchase of Eco-Harvester Weed Puller: Dave Neuswanger

- Not accepting actual donations until pledges total at least \$75,000
- Will track progress of pledge drive online (a “widget” in the right sidebar of our home page)
- Pledges (and ultimately donations) may be made publicly or privately
- Funds will be earmarked and used only for Eco-Harvester purchase and operations
- Will seek after-the-fact grant reimbursement & return funds proportionally to donors if possible
- Must reach funding goal by 12/1/18 to buy and prepare Eco-Harvester for summer 2019 use
- Norm Bratteig has graciously agreed to operate and store this equipment at no charge
- Other volunteers at this time to help Norm? **First pledge...**

Fishery Management: Dave Neuswanger (President and Fisheries Program Leader)

- Large (6-8 inch) walleye fingerlings were stocked in fall 2017 in all three lakes
- QLIA funded the stocking of Lost Land with help from the Quiet Lakes Tourism Association and Walleyes for Northwest Wisconsin. WDNR provided all the fish for Teal and Ghost.
- Fall 2017 & Spring 2018 DNR fish surveys & hatchery ops with help from QLIA volunteers
- Encouraging regulatory compliance and selective harvest
- Need more large woody cover near shore... introduce John Grady

Shoreland Habitat Improvement: John Grady (Program Leader)

- Need more large trees in shallow water near shore, particularly in Lost Land, but also in Teal
- Permit applications and other information available online
- Who might be interested in serving as a shoreland habitat volunteer on an *ad hoc* basis?

Water Quality: Dave Neuswanger

- Septic system status – need to consider replacing any old steel tanks
- Past participation in Clean Lakes Monitoring Network – thanks to Jack Wellauer and others
- Teal Lake designation as an “impaired water” under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act
- Need to continue phosphorus and chlorophyll monitoring to get Teal Lake off the 303(d) list
- Bryan Neuswanger has agreed to serve as Water Quality Program Leader
- **Bryan:** Solicitation of volunteers to help with monitoring on Teal, Lost Land, and Ghost

Property and Facilities Management: Bryan Neuswanger

- Buoy placement/retrieval passed from John Gouze to Bryan Neuswanger & Rick Thearin
- Mike Brandt willing to serve as Program Leader and supervise island picnic site maintenance?

Boating Ordinance (keeping the “Quiet Lakes” quiet): Dave Neuswanger

- QLIA letter to Sawyer County Board in support of “wake boat” operational limits
- Numerous reports of excessive speed in 2017, and a few flagrant violations require attention
- Enforceability of the Boating Ordinance -- thanks to Secretary Gail Nicholson for full review
- Confirmation of enforcement capability by Sawyer County Recreation Officer, Craig DePew
- QLIA EXCOM recommends a measured approach to thwart flagrant violations, but to exercise judgement and common sense for marginal speed issues, need for emergency travel, etc.

Wrap-Up: Dave Neuswanger

- Announce newly elected officers... preview picnic activities... request motion to adjourn.