

Minutes: *Lake Country Lakes Quarterly Roundtable*
Clean Water Association
April 16, 2019
Delafield City Hall

Attendance: 25

Lakes and Agencies Represented:

Tall Pines Conservancy, North, Pine, Beaver, Lac la Belle, Lower Nemahbin, Ashippun, Hunters, Pewaukee, Silver, Nagawicka, Lake Welfare committee, SEWRPC, and WCLC. Stillwater Diving Club and Kayak business. Waukesha/Washington county with AIS coordinator.

Three Lake Leaders, (graduates of the Lake Leader Institute) were introduced:

Nate Rice from Silver Lake
Zofia Noe from SEWRPC
Mary Nohl from Ashippun Lake.

Organizational Review:

Lake Country Geolocation defined via Maps:

Maps were displayed with mainly Washington and Waukesha County lakes. Watersheds were highlighted including the main connecting river systems ; Oconomowoc, Bark, Ashippun, Mukwanago, Fox and Pewaukee Rivers all eventually draining into the Rock River system.

What CWA has covered over the past four years:

Joyce Shepet from the CWA board gave a history of how CWA started with the funds from the Pewaukee Ski Club.

Partnership formations: Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program; Tall Pines Conservancy; Farmers for Lake Country; Waukesha and Washington Counties.

Hold Quarterly Roundtables

Topics we've discussed over the past 12 Round Table Meetings included:

- Oconomowoc River Watershed Protection Program
- Invasive species updates- Starry Stonewort and Milfoil Control -WDNR
- Wake-boats- Shorelines and other concerns - Wisconsin Lakes

- Lake Ecology 101 WDNR

Organizational Review (Cont)

Hold annual Healthy Lakes Conferences:

4th Annual Healthy Lakes Conference will be held on June 7, 2019 at Seven Seas

Current CWA website: has been updated to become a “go to place” for local lake events and workshops. Will provide many useful lake resources. Local input will be encouraged. Now updated for mobile phones:

<https://www.cleanwaterassociation.com>

How can CWA be of real value to lake and waterway groups?

Rapid Response Grants for pioneer AIS infestations. Other needs?

Lake Issues and Concerns:

Lakes are requesting assistance with rules and shoreline protection policy.

Enforcement of ordinances for lakes and how to police and prevent violations. How to handle disputes? Need for more agency staff to handle increase in lake uses and conflict of uses. Passive fishing, canoe/kayak versus active motor boats, jet, water skis and new addition of increase use of wake-boats.

High Water and Lake Levels: Declaring and Enforcing NO Wake Duration.

How to post. How to determine? No one method seems to be the norm. Each lake on their own? Could this be better managed?

Posting the 100' and 200' shoreline setback for jet skis and motor boats. Some lakes put up buoys. Other lakes post the map of no wakes areas at the launches.

Lake and River clean ups: Members of the Stillwater Diving Club highlighted their volunteer lake clean up program.

Future of this Organization:

Naming and Locational Branding

Discussion of the Clean Water Association name being changed to convey more “sense of place.”

Example: *Wisconsin Lakes* was formerly *Wisconsin Association of Lakes*.

CWA is ambiguous; sounding national or corporate.

Lake Country... would better define our organization and its area of scope.

A vote was taken and most attendees would like to change the name. Some

options included: *Lake County Lakes*, *Lake Country Watersheds*, *Lake Country Waterways*; or, *Lake Country Lakes & Rivers*

Continuation of Future Roundtable Meetings

The group voted to continue the Quarterly Roundtable meetings; This was the second for 2019. The next will be held in September.

Each Roundtable will cover an agreed upon relevant lake issue.

Round Table Speaker Introduced:

Cassie Taplin the new AIS Coordinator for Waukesha and Washington County

Cassie discussed improving our boat launches with CBCW grant programs and training volunteers. Also discussed were her efforts to coordinate better lake and river monitoring and making sense of the data. Discussion to encourage Counties to be the grantees for future Healthy Lake Shoreline restoration grants. This will make the signing up much easier for interested lake and river landowners. \$1000 is awarded per landowner for pledging to restore 350 square feet of shoreline. Three lakes this year were awarded Healthy Lake grants. North, Pewaukee and Nagawicka. Discussion of where the funds come from to pay for her position. Mainly donations and grants. Every three years funds need to be raised again.

Roundtable concluded. Next Roundtable event to be scheduled in Sept. 2019 (TBA)