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TEAL, LOST LAND & GHOST LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER - by Bob Dale

You know what they say – “bad pennies always return” – and here I am again! It is with great regret that I announce the resignation of Rex Clevenger as our Association President and as a Board Member. Rex, unaccustomed to having any free time, has succumbed to the temptation of full-time employment once again (some folks are slow learners) and is now back in the saddle as a Chief Financial Officer. As your Vice President this means I return to

the Presidency for the balance of Rex’s term which ends 2015.

Rex has done wonderful work on our behalf first as the Environmental Director, subsequently as Treasurer, and finally as President. As Environmental Director he spearheaded our efforts to monitor for aquatic invasive species and was even able to acquire a state grant to help fund those efforts. As Treasurer he simplified our processes and kept us ahead of the curve from a cash flow perspective. Finally as President he has encouraged the Board to review our Association activities and, ultimately, our Bylaws. I want to wish Rex the very best on his new adventure and hope that he will consider rejoining our Board as he sees the light and “re-retires” at some point in the future.

The Board has had extensive discussions about the role of the Association and our roles within it. As with many groups such as ours, we’ve had difficulty recruiting “new blood” to become active either as volunteers or as Board members. The result has been that those who have gotten involved have had to devote more time than anticipated to Association activities. While I know these folks are all deeply committed to the Quiet Lakes and their well-being, they also want to be able to enjoy some “free” time on the lakes.

With all this in mind we proposed a significant rewrite of our Bylaws; a copy of proposed changes was sent out to all members the end of April.

At our May 31 meeting we will be discussing, and voting on, the following:

- A scaled back set of bylaws which include a reduction in the number of Directors and a related reduction in Association and Directors’ activities;
- A reduction in the number of meetings each year to one formal meeting and possibly one social event – most likely a very informal picnic with no fund raising component; and
- A change in Directors’ focus from actually performing most of the Association’s activities to acting as a central forum for information from which volunteer efforts have the opportunity to spring.

We welcome volunteers who might want to take a more active role in our organization; just let us know you are interested. We encourage all members to attend the May meeting and share their input; if unable to attend please let your feelings be known to any of the current Board members. The big question we need to ask ourselves is “What kind of Association do we want?”

ASSOCIATION BOARD

Bob Dale Teal Lake 462-9109 vacant	President Vice-President Program & Social
Shari Peterson Teal Lake 462-4133	Secretary
Gayle Little Teal Lake 462-9810	Treasurer Membership/Newsletter E-Communications
John Gouze Teal Lake 462-9095	Director Fishing & Recreation Property & Facilities
Norm Bratteig Lost Land Lake 462-3232	Director Water & Environment

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CALENDAR

SPRING MEETING • Saturday, May 31 • 9:00 AM at Boulder Lodge
Rick Peters will speak on “Impact of the Severe Winter on Local Wildlife.”

SUMMER MEETING • Saturday, July 19 • 9:00 AM at Town Hall
Popular speaker Chris Cold will present another of his outstanding programs and will again be bringing some of his critters with him to the meeting.
Board elections will be held during the business meeting.

FALL MEETING • Saturday, Sept 20 • 9:00 AM at Boulder Lodge
Speaker to be announced.

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LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.

TEAL/LOST LAND LAKE WATER LEVELS

Below are Teal/Lost Land lake water levels expressed in inches above or below the “authorized level” set by the DNR measured relative to a bronze elevation marker near the Teal River dam:

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Late Apr	+7.0"	+3.0"	+9.5"	+6.0"	+14.0" (2013 data at ice-out in early May)
Mid July	+2.0"	+5.0"	+3.5"	+6.0"	+3.0"
Early Sept	+6.0"	+8.5"	+5.5"	0.0"	+3.0"
Early Oct	+4.0"	+10.0"	+5.5"	0.0"	+6.0"

Thanks to Jack Wellauer for taking these measurements and sharing the data with us.

GREEN GATE GALLERY

In the winter of 2012 Quiet Lakes Association member and Teal Lake resident Lynn Kunz invited neighbors Shari Peterson and Sue Leighton to help create an art gallery showcasing the artwork of Quiet Lakes residents. Lynn has a small cabin that she volunteered. Approaching the cabin there is a green fence and gate, hence the name “Green Gate Gallery” was born.

The 2014 Green Gate Gallery event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28 from noon to 5pm. It will feature a variety of items for viewing and for sale, including oil, water-color, acrylic, pen and ink, photography, jewelry, wood carving, quilts and fiber arts, collage, birch gifts, polymer clay, garden art, and handmade greeting cards.

Green Gate Gallery is located at 8580 Teal Point Lane. From Hwy 77 turn north on Upper A, continue on Tews Rd, then turn left on Teal Point Lane. The gallery is on the left just beyond the green gates.

**TEAL, LOST LAND AND GHOST LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF GENERAL FALL MEETING 2013**

TIME & PLACE: The 152th meeting of the Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association was held Saturday, September 21, 2013 at Boulder Lodge. The meeting was called to order by President Rex Clevenger at 9:06 am.

ROLL CALL: Board members Rex Clevenger (President), Bob Dale (Vice President) Shari Peterson (Secretary), Gayle Little (Treasurer/Membership), John Gouze (Properties/Fisheries), Norm Bratteig (Environmental) were present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Audrey Divilbiss, Marj and Jim Cahoon, Rich and Anita Wilson, Dennis and Connie Leopold, Rex and Barb Clevenger, John Gouze, Margaret Lew, Bob and Sue Dale, Tom and Bonnie McLeod, Shari and Jeff Peterson, Dave Michelson, Jim Nickel, Case and Jo Mazik, Marv Ramsay, Ken and Gladys Kessler, Bob Niedziejko, Mike and Joni Kirkhoff, Jim Imse, Connie and George Miller, Allan Niemi, Terry and Michelle Conroy, Ron and Lynn Kunz.

PRESENTATION: Our speaker today is local author and conservationist James A. Brakken. He will talk about his book "The Treasure of Namakagon" which is historical fiction depicting life in a lumber camp in 1883 Northern Wisconsin. He was just a boy when he first heard tales of Chief Namakagon and his lost silver mine. Born and raised not far from the Namekagon River in Cable, Wisconsin, where this story takes place, he knew at an early age of the ice roads and logging camp sites and heard, first-hand, the stories of the old logging days.

An educator and active conservationist, James Brakken has earned statewide recognition for his work to protect and preserve the lakes and streams of Northern Wisconsin through his writing, teaching and leadership. Jim was instrumental in establishing the 100 foot from shore no wake state wide law. For a list of all his books go to: thetreasureofnamakagon.com.

BREAK: After a short coffee break the meeting resumed. Thanks to the Clevengers, Dales and Petersons for bringing treats to share and Michelle & Terry for providing coffee.

ENVIRONMENT (Bratteig): Norm reported that a hybrid version of Eurasian watermilfoil has been found on Lost Land Lake. Most of the the invasive watermilfoil was found near Wilson Bay. All of this hybrid watermilfoil that we know of has been removed by hand. Sawyer County AIS Coordinator Kristy Maki will come out in October when the water is clearer to look for any new patches of hybrid Eurasian watermilfoil. We are doing what we can to try and keep this invasive out of our lakes. Boat landings were monitored on all 3 quiet lakes this summer. This hybrid Eurasian watermilfoil will be difficult for our lake monitors to identify since it looks so similar to our native watermilfoil.

Vice President and Out Reach Committee Chair Marv Ramsey, and AIS Committee Chair Dave Mickelson from Spider Chain of Lakes Association were present to talk about ways they have gone about combating invasive plants. In dealing with invasive plant species the SCLA created an AIS committee, and started out with 7 couples but that number has grown since then. One of the goals is to reach a coalition of people rather than trying to exist as one association. One of the things they did jointly with the QLA was an informational brochure on invasive species. Something they will be focusing on in 2014 is trying to reach out and educate people with private boat launches on the lake. They are dealing with a couple of different invasives, one is curly leaf pond weed. They have

chemically treated it a couple of times. Chemically treating is controversial because it can kill off native plant life which makes a bigger opening for invasives, so it is a real balancing act. A lot of effort is made to keep a watchful eye on what native as well as invasive plant life is present and measuring differences over time. They also have some purple loosestrife, but it easier to treat. SCLA has an active group of volunteers. The members and volunteers not only consist of lake home residents but also family members and friends that frequently use and enjoy the lake.

SECRETARY (Peterson): Minutes from the Summer General Meeting were approved.

TREASURER (Little): Gayle reported that we have about \$3,500 in the walleye fund. We have about \$1,800 in our checking account. The picnic took in about \$820 and we spent \$827 so it was a break even event.

MEMBERSHIP (Little): Gayle reported that we currently have 157 members.

FISHERIES (Gouze): John reported that we have around \$3500 in the walleye fund. Our goal is to raise another \$2,000. This fall the DNR will be stocking around 5,200 extended growth walleye in Teal Lake and 6,500 in Lost Land Lake.

PROPERTIES (Gouze): John reported that he as well as Bob Dale and Jack Wellauer are continuing to clear the dam site of beaver home building activity.

PROGRAM/SOCIAL (Dale): Bob reported we broke even on the picnic. The picnic was established as a social gathering event and not fund raising so the fact that we broke even is good news. Historically the picnic has always been on a Sunday, but we are considering having it on a Saturday so more weekend commuters will be able to attend.

2014 Membership Meeting Dates (All meetings begin at 9:00 am)

Saturday, May 31th at Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake

Saturday, July 19th at Spider Lake Town Hall

Saturday, September 20st at Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake

Picnic – TBD

BLOG: The blog site is up and running, at <http://quietlakeswisconsin.blogspot.com>. There is a list of Quiet Lakes ice-out dates going back over 50 years, as well as beautiful photography on the blog. Please let us know if you have trouble accessing the blog.

LOON WATCH (Little): Gayle reported there is one chick on Teal Lake. Congratulations to Bob Niedziejko, the new loon ranger on Lost Land Lake. The loons are still molting making them temporarily unable to fly. As soon as their new feathers come in they will be migrating. Norm Brattieg saw a group of 13 gathered on Lost Land Lake. Gayle said that is a sign they are getting ready to fly south.

OTHER: Jo Mazik was present to encourage anyone to donate framed photographs of our beautiful area. It would be put on display on the Spider Lake Town hall wall.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Shari Peterson, Secretary

MEMBER NEWS



Since our last newsletter was published we welcomed 6 new members to our organization.

Ghost Lake:

Terry & Michelle Conroy (Boulder Lodge), Hayward WI

Lost Land Lake:

Marv & Deb Clark, Sparta WI

Lee Neverdahl & Kari Richardson, Menomonie WI

Brian & Lissa Reitz, Apple Valley MN

Teal Lake:

Gary & Mary McCracken, Hayward WI

Carl Soderstrom & Jean Weisz, Hayward WI

Please complete and return the 2014 dues notice with your check for \$20 (or \$40 if you haven't yet paid your 2013 dues) by June 1. Please let us know if you've moved and/or if you know of new property owners. Invite neighbors and friends to our meetings – there's much valuable information and friendly camaraderie that takes place there.

Thanks for your support! Gayle Little, Membership Director

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2014 DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

Due by June 1, 2014

NAME (include spouse) _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if changed) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

LAKE ADDRESS (if changed) _____ LOCAL PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Make checks payable to "QUIET LAKES"

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$20

Mail to: Quiet Lakes Association, P.O. Box 214, Hayward WI 54843

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QUIET LAKES ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING

DATE: Saturday, May 31, 2014

TIME: 9:00 a.m. at Boulder Lodge on Ghost Lake

PROGRAM: Coffee and treats will be served starting at 8:30 a.m. Our program will be "Impact of the Severe Winter on Local Wildlife," presented by Rick Peters, the Hayward DNR Conservation Warden. At our business meeting following the program we will be voting on changes to the ByLaws of our Association. A copy of the Fall 2013 meeting minutes is enclosed with this newsletter. We look forward to your presence at this very important meeting.

DUES FORM ENCLOSED

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