

## 11/9/20 Minutes for NW Lakes 2021 Conference Planning Meeting #2

Attendance: Katelin Anderson, Lisa Burns, Mike Engelson, Cathie Erickson, Mary Jo Gingras, Ellen Lefans, Tyler Mesalk, Madeline Roberts, Sheri Snowbank, Sandy Swanson, Ashley Vande Voort, Jacky Wiggins, Andy Teal

### 1. Introductions/ new members

Welcome to the group Jackie (from Lyman Lake in Bayfield). We look forward to the day we can meet you in person.

### 2. Discuss new committee member invitations

Several committee members have stepped down this year. Last meeting a few names were put forward as potential new members of the committee. Our ultimate goal is to have one member from each NW county.

- MaryJo called Nancy Larson with Green Fire. She is unavailable, but thought it was a good idea to have a member participate. She will make some calls for us.
- Ashley contacted Jacky and if needed can call Jim Giffin from Bayfield County.
- Susan Wallin has been absent and hasn't responded to emails. Cathie will call her to see if everything is ok and she would like to continue to be a member.
- Cathie has connections with some Sawyer County Lake Associations and will make some calls.
- If we want to expand our area, Linda brought up Tom Schroeder from Beaver Dam Lake in Barron County. He is very active in his association and a Lake Leader.

### 3. Discuss non-partisan integrity of conference

After our last meeting Bill Czeskleba resigned from the committee. Part of his reason for leaving was he felt the process was becoming partisan. MaryJo tried to contact Bill to get more details but was unable to get a response. The group brought up a couple of possibilities, the keynote session on climate change and due to Covid 19 holding the conference virtually again. The purpose of the committee is to provide a science based educational opportunity to citizens interested in our area lakes. The topics chosen are largely driven by comments and ideas from past conference participants.

### 4. Committee Assignments and Chairs - MaryJo went through the descriptions of the committees and asked for volunteers for chair and members. If you were unable to volunteer at the meeting feel free to contact any chair, there is always help needed.

- a Exhibitors (profit and non-profit) – **MaryJo** will chair, **Sheri** will assist with table tents and helping to shepherd vendors at the conference.
- b Facilities and Equipment – **Linda** will chair, **Lisa** will assist with equipment (microphones and speakers). Two additional notes for the description is to coordinate with the school IT person. **Madeline** will help if we need to hold the conference virtually again.
- c Finance (Budget) - **Cathie** will continue to help us with budgeting and paying vendors. **Monica** (SCRA) has agreed to do online registration.
- d Food/Catering – **Ashley** can chair but will wait to hear if **Susan** will be able to join us this year. **Cathie** will help.

- e Program – **Sheri** will chair and can do the program layup again. **Andy** will help, **Katelin** can help with editing and Linda will be our Rooney (printer) contact.
  - f Promotion – **Jackie** will chair. Linda will help. Sheri has made the “Save the Date” flyers in past and the brochure last year. She has offered to help.
  - g Registration – **Monica** with the St. Croix River Association (SCRA) will help us with registration. Sandy will help at the registration table.
  - h Speakers – **Katelin** can help but her time will be limited this spring due to a new baby (*congratulations!!*) **Ashley** and **Madeline** will also help.
  - i Sponsorship – **Ellen** will chair with help from **Sandy**
- 5. Vote on Speakers/Presentation Topics**
- The were voted for the conference and the person designated to invite speaker:
- (Lake Topic TBD) Emily Stone, Cable Natural History Museum – **Ellen**
- (Lake Topic) Fred Clark, WI Green Fire – **Mike**
- Madeline Magee (spoke on climate change impacts to lakes in 2020) – **Tyler**
- Legislative Update, Mike – **Mike** will contact himself ☺
- Climate Change & AIS, Alex Latzka – **Katelin and Madeline**
- Native Plants & Terrestrial Invasive Control, Sarah Boles/Ramona Shackelford – **Andy**
- Our Lake Management Stories (WI DNR Lake Projects) – **Mike/Tyler**
- Geology (History WI Lakes (types/formation)), Tom Fitz – **MaryJo**
- AIS Update: Michelle Nault, Jeanne Scherer, Maureen Ferry, Skawinski, Erin McFarlane- **Lisa**
- Riprap Alternatives for Shorelines; Travis Tulowitzky & Stacy Dehne - Topic was combined with Shoreline Erosion and Prevention Panel (LWCD, Zoning, DNR, USFWS) – **Andy**
- Current Zebra Mussel Suitability in 30 Lakes in Washburn & Burnett Counties; Lisa and Tom Boisvert - **Lisa** will contact herself ☺
- Wake Boats - **Mike**
- 6. Discuss presentation title (presentation topic voted versus speaker’s title)**
- A short discussion ensued about making sure that the title the presenter gives is used in the promotion and brochure.
- 7. Assign moderators – Tabled to January.**
- Additional updates at January’s meeting will also include budget and keynote updates, and registration information.
- 8. Other Business- online repository of files, etc - None**

### ***Speaker/ Topic Ideas***

- Emily Stone; Cable NH Museum
- Jake Vanderzanden (limnology)
- Fred Clark; Green Fire

- Max Wolter; WDNR (topic of his choice)
- Madeline Magee (spoke on climate change impacts to WI lakes in 2020)
- Legislative Update; Mike Engelson
- Eva Lewandowski (spoke on WI DNR Citizen-Based Monitoring Programs in 2020)
- Climate Change & AIS; Alex Latzka
- Surface Water Grant Updates – Alison Mikulyuk or Laura MacFarland
- Native Plants & Terrestrial Invasive Control - Ann Pearce, Sarah Bole, Ramona Shackelford & rep from a Weed Cooperative Group
- Wake Boats Research (MN or SE WI)
- Lake Diversions; Michael Cain
- Regulation of Dams/Water Control Structures; (?)
- Army Corp of Engineers; Jonathan Brakken
- Migratory Bird Research (USFWS) or Ryan Brady DNR
- Bird Monitoring; Brian Collins
- Mitigating Climate Change for WI lakes
- Hunt Hill
- For the Birds; Laura Erickson
- Namekagon Barrens – Kathy Bartilson
- Our Lake Management Stories (WI DNR Grant Lake Projects)
- Geology (History of WI Lakes (types & formation); Tom Fitz Northland College
- AIS Updates - Michelle Nault, Jeanne Scherer, and Maureen Ferry at the DNR; Paul Skawinski (CLMN) and Erin McFarlane (CBCW) with UW-Extension
- Riprap Alternatives for WI Shorelines; Travis Tulowitzky & Stacy Dehne
- Shoreline Erosion and Prevention Panel (LWCD, Zoning, DNR, and US FWS)
- Wild Rice
- Wildlife (fox, osprey, wolves, turtles and beavers- and nuisance geese)
- Zoning and local ordinances
- Nutrient dynamics
- Piping Plover Project - Peggy Burkman (NPS Apostle Islands)
- Sea Lamprey Management (also have a live tank display) FWS
- Current zebra mussel suitability in 30 lakes in Washburn & Burnett Counties; Lisa/ Tom Boisvert