

## **1/11/21 Minutes NW Lakes 2021 Conference Planning Meeting #3**

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

### **Introductions/ new members**

- Jacky couldn't make the meeting.
- Susan Wallin was contacted, she would still like to be on the committee but has had time conflicts with the meetings so far.
- Cathie is working on a new Sawyer County member.

**2021 Conference Format Vote (In-Person or Virtual)** - there was a unanimous decision to hold the conference virtually again this year. Mike has contacted Eric Olson.

### **Committee Updates**

- **Finance (Budget)** - Cathie went through our draft budget. Last year we had 104 paid registrants (\$10 each), 43 labeled as students and the speakers were free.
- **Registration** – We will stay at a \$10 registration fee. Students and speakers will be the only ones that can attend for free. Last year we followed the Lake Conference and allowed state employees to attend for free. This was done to ensure increased attendee numbers. Going into our second conference we will not allow them in for free. The Lake Conference is also requiring them to pay. Cathie will contact Monica to see if they would help with registration again. Last year we paid SCRA \$500. Monica took care of all credit card applicants and Cathie handled check (only 4 last year).
- **Speakers** – Ashley, Katelin and Madeline gave an update. They will screen the abstracts to make sure they follow the spirit of the topic. If they red flag any, they will be brought to the committee.

KN - Cathy Techtmann – Climate change and its connection to lakes (not official title yet) confirmed

1. Tom Fitz – The Geologic Formation and History of Wisconsin's Lakes, confirmed
2. ??? – Our Lake Management Stories (WI DNR Grant Lake Projects)
3. Fred Clark – Green Fire
4. Mike Engelson – Legislative Update
5. ??? – Wake Boats (MN or SE WI)
6. Madeline Magee – Madeline Magee (spoke on climate change impacts to WI lakes in 2020)
7. Jake VanderZanden – Climate change and AIS (back up option Jake Walsh)
8. Lisa and Tom Boisvert - Current zebra mussel suitability in 30 lakes in Washburn and Burnett County
9. Paul Skawinski – AIS updates (species updates and AIS CLMN) ((Discussion on specific topic) – Overview including what is hear and what is on the horizon and what can you do to help)
10. Sarah Boles – Native Shoreline Plants and Invasive Look-a-likes (Ramona Shackelford?)

11. Stacy Dehne – Shoreline erosion, what are our options? ((Discussion on specific topic) - Options for shoreline restoration. One idea is to have them break out options based on the intensity of the site (Low-Medium-High) with an emphasis on trying to stay as natural as possible. This would include options other than riprap.) (Travis Tulowitzky?)
  12. Panel – We have shoreline erosion, what are the next steps? ((Discussion on specific topic) – What are the regulations and permitting requirements (LWCD, zoning, DNR and USFWS))
- **Sponsorship** – It was decided that we would still encourage sponsorship to keep them engaged. Mike E. will work with Ellen to set up a website for the NWLC, on it we can list our sponsors. In addition, they will also be thanked during the conference. Those that donated in 2020 will carry over into 2021 list. Ellen will draft a letter saying contributions help students attend the conference for free.

**Next meeting February 8, 2021**