

**WICOLA**  
**White Iron Chain Of Lakes Association**  
**2005 Annual Meeting**  
**August 7, 2005**

The 2005 Annual Meeting was held at the Semer's Park Pavilion starting with a potluck at 1:10 pm followed by speakers from Lake Country Power, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Vermillion Lake Management Planning Committee.

**Honorary Membership**

Honorary Membership certificates were presented to Henry C. (Hank) and Virginia (Ginnie) Harger for their contributions to WICOLA over the years. Specifically Ginnie was honored as a founding member of the Association, for being its first President and for being its Newsletter Editor over the years. Hank was honored for his contributions of ten years of Secchi Disk reading, being a founding member, and for general overall support of the organization.

**Annual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 3:47 pm by President Jim Pinckney and turned over to Vice President Charlene Mason.

**2004 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the 2004 Annual Meeting were distributed. Charlene Mason made a motion to accept the minutes as distributed with any changes needed to be done by the Board. Maxine Jacks seconded the motion and the motion passed on a voice vote.

**2004 Financial Report**

The 2004 Annual Financial Report was distributed. Jim Pinckney made the motion to accept the report as distributed. Bob Jalonen seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.

**Announcements**

- 1) The Fall Lake Township Board of Supervisors will be meeting with the Lake County Board on September 20, 2005 at the 6 pm at the Fall Lake Town Hall. All were encouraged to attend this information and communication meeting.
- 2) The Minnesota of Department of Natural Resources will be holding a meeting about walleye slot limits for the White Iron Chain sometime the week of September 19-23 in the Fall Lake Town Hall. Gene Hicks was called upon to report his work on this issue. Several persons present commented about the usefulness of slot limits on other lakes in re-building the fish population.

**Nominations**

Charlene Mason, Vice-President, announced a temporary change of responsibilities for one year to test out a proposal that the Secretary's responsibilities and Treasurer's responsibilities be split apart as it is difficult to find persons with skills in both areas. Charlene Mason will pick up most of the Secretary responsibilities, focusing upon taking the minutes for the organization, and Don Ortle will continue for one year as Treasurer and handling the remaining Secretary responsibilities.

George Nieman agreed to continue as White Iron-West representative to the Board.

No nominee was found by the time of the meeting to fill the Farm Lake representative responsibilities.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Ray Doran to accept on a temporary basis the outlined division of responsibilities of the Secretary-Treasurer position; to elect Don Ortley as Secretary-Treasurer for the test period of the division of responsibilities; to elect George Nieman as representative from White Iron-West; and to allow the Board to fill the position of Farm Lake representative on an appointment basis until the next Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Kane and passed.

### **New Business**

- 1) A query was made whether WICOLA could develop an e-mail list which could be used between Newsletters to get information to members who had e-mail access. The Board agreed to look into this possibility, using as a basis of its work the information Ginnie Harger had gathered from membership forms over the years.
- 2) A question was raised about the timing and content of the Annual Meeting. After some discussion about options, a "straw poll" was taken to determine the best month for the meeting, the best time of the week, and what the social portion should contain. From the results of raised hands, June was the most favored month; a weekend day was preferred over a week day; and the social portion of the meeting should be scaled back from the current potluck to a more simple option such as a coffee or an ice cream social.
- 3) One of the members present noted that the President of the Burntside Lake Association, at their Annual Meeting, had stated that the Association would be neutral on the issue of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) and the use of them on state or federal lands. The Board agreed to determine whether a comparable statement from WICOLA would be appropriate.

### **Thank yous**

The Association expressed its gratitude to a number of people who have supported its work over the past year:

- 1) Gene Hicks for his work with the Department of Natural Resources on slot limits and other issues to improve fishing on the chain of lakes and his contributions to the WICOLA newsletter.
- 2) The Secchi Disk readers (John Lenartz, Gene Behnke, Hank Harger, Bob Pinckney, and Sheldon Ajax) for their regular work monitoring the transparency of the lakes in the White Iron Chain
- 3) The people who have participated in starting the Water Quality Monitoring Program for the White Iron Chain as part of the Citizens Lake Monitoring Program: Ray Doran, who also has gotten grant money amounting to about \$4650 for this project; Jim Pinckney, Don Ortley, George Nieman
- 4) Jim Pinckney for assuming the representation of the White Iron Chain of Lakes on the Minnesota Power Dam project (the Winton Dan) from Ginnie Harger
- 5) Lake Country Power, Lake County, Town of Morse, and the Department of Natural Resources for providing us with grants to continue and expand the Water Quality Monitoring Program
- 6) And to Ray and Pat Doran for once again serving as Hospitality Chairs for the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn; it was seconded and approved.