

May Meeting Minutes 2016: Winter Lakes Alliance

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Deb.

2. Our special speaker for the day was Jenni Wergland. She is the community outreach specialist from the Winter School district. She is continuing our efforts to involve more young people in the interest of our area lakes, streams and environment. WLA and Jenni are continuing an effort to find common topics of interest (like the 5th grade, helping to stock our extended growth walleyes) last October. WLA is also involved in a grant for a high school graduating senior who is pursuing a career related to the outdoors. Jenni will work to keep an open dialogue between the school and WLA.

3. Raffle tickets are here and ready to go... They have been sent out to area business along with display racks

Thanks to our area businesses for helping us sell tickets for our fish stocking in October. If you would like tickets to sell or would like to buy tickets visit the spring fling booth or E-mail us and we'll get them to you. We are hoping to sell 2000 tickets.. prizes this year will be 1st prize(a deluxe Kayak, \$299 dollar value) 2nd prize (\$100) 3rd prize (\$100) with the other prizes (6 in all) to be \$50 down to \$25.

4. Annual membership letters and cards went out... looking for ways to get more people involved in WLA... We will be having a series of special speakers in the coming months:

Sat, June 4th Tom Heisler (game warden)

Sat, July 9th Max Wolter (DNR biologist)

Sat, Sept 3rd Pat Brown (specialist on invasive species)

All the presentations will end with questions and answers, with many, many interesting topics to be addressed pertaining to our local areas and statewide. All presentations are open to members and non-members.... so bring a friend or neighbor and introduce them to Winter Lakes Alliance. Free coffee and rolls!! (all meetings at the town hall and begin at 10:00 am) plan on attending a meeting and bring your ideas!!

5. Fish surveys are being completed on Barber and Winter Lakes... results will be shared at the June meeting...

6. Rick took down the signs at Barber and Blaisdell lakes landings.... Blaisdell landing will be closed for a while as they are fixing it up... Barber Lake is up for improvements too.

7. Treasurer's report shows we are on our way toward being able to purchase 2500 to 3000 extended growth walleyes for this year... With a good raffle ticket sales and support from our members and area businesses, we are confident we can reach our goals of getting fish in our lakes while working on our many other local projects promoting our area lakes and community... (kids' fishing contest is coming soon!!) **Saturday, June 18th** on Lake Winter Road.

8. We will be sponsoring our "Spring Fling" booth on **May 28th** downtown Winter... If you'd like to help out please let us know... you can call me (Rick at 715-505-1260) to volunteer to work an hour or two. We need volunteers to help, thanks!

9. New officers up for election in June include Secretary and President..... Consider an opportunity to get involved.

10. Kids fishing contest will be June 18th... this is a great event with an average of 85 kids signing up to participate.... lots of things go into the planning and we can use plenty of volunteers.... if you have a child, grandchild or young friend, bring them along... we have a list of great prizes for ALL kids. Fishing poles, tackle boxes, life jackets, fishing nets, etc. plus lots of drinks, hot dogs, all free to kids and adults...

Please plan on attending or helping out.... We get started at 7:30 on Saturday, June 18th, setting up the tents, cooking, etc. The contest begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs until noon.

11. Please let us know about your ideas for WLA and thanks for all of your support!!

12. Next meeting is June 4th at 10:00 at the town hall.....

SEE YOU AT THE SPRING FLING

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Hasselquist (secretary)