

Winter Lakes Alliance
Meeting Minutes September 2014

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00
2. Introduction of our special speaker (Tom Heisler) Wis. DNR warden

Tom's presentation involved regulations and rules regarding fishing and hunting in Wisconsin. Many questions and answers were addressed by Tom concerning such issues as enforcement issues he encounters, tips he receives from concerned citizens, common violations on area lakes, and his best efforts to cover a HUGE area with limited staff. He emphasized the importance of citizens monitoring their own areas and lakes and informing him and the hotline of suspicious activities taking place. He also asked for patience when requesting his services as he is responsible for such a big area. He advised to please read the new regulations for fishing and especially for deer hunting as there is so much new this year in Wisconsin.

3. The treasury report showed good progress toward our \$\$ needs for our stocking of walleyes. We will be stocking 3000 extended growth walleyes in our WLA lakes at a cost of \$1.65 per fish.

4. The picnic was a tremendous success with 34 members attending. It was a fun filled day , with food, prizes, and good friends. Jerry grilled the chicken..... Top notch!! (the secret spices, also made the burgers tasty)... thanks to all who brought wonderful salads and desserts... hope all can make it next year!!

5. Raffle tickets were a great success.... over \$1400 profits.... looking to tweak the rod and tackle box raffle ... also the plaques at the area businesses went over well.... SPECIAL recognition to Dori and Betty as top raffle ticket salespersons.... special thanks for all their hard work!!

6. Stocking will take place this month (Sept) If you'd like to be there at the site.... please let me (Rick) know. Send me your phone number or call me in Winter (715-266-2617) or by cellphone (715-505-1260) As of this email we have not received specific dates and times of the stocking..... All we know is that we'll meet at BP and take if from there

7. Looking to update and improve signs at the landings. Possible sheeting over the signs to prevent people from tearing them down. Also we are looking for persons to help with some construction work on the signs at the landings as some are getting bad.

8. Lead sinkers and jigs..... We are exploring some way of getting the message out that these are harming fish and wildlife in our area lakes... there are substitutes that are more environmentally friendly... thoughts??? let us know...

9. Next meeting is Saturday Oct 4th. See you there 10:00 at the town hall

Respectfully submitted, Rick (WLA sec)

PS (there are still T-shirts for sale..... get your 25th anniversary shirt before all are gone, \$7 adult, \$5 child)

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