

Johnson Lake Association

June 22, 2019

Board Members 4:00 p.m. /Property Owners 5:00 p.m.

Website: www.johnsonlake.webs.com

The 2019 lake association meeting/picnic was held at the Bass Lake Town Hall.

The weather was beautiful and 24 people attended. Attendees were: Bert Swanson, Jeff Shorba, Dave Dingee, Chuck and Yvonne Kludt, Harald and Mary Borrmann, Teresa (Eber) Lee, Dave Eber, Laurie Landgraf, Ruth MacCallum and son Mike, Dee Taylor, Mark and Linda Klett, Pete and Marge Klaver, Larry and Jackie Depa and Jeff, Alison, Finn and Gus Allen and their niece.

President, Jeff Shorba called the meeting to order at 5:30. Introductions were made along with a brief description of where they live on the lake.

Minutes from the June 23, 2018 were approved. Moved by Bert, Seconded by Yvonne, so approved.

Outside Meeting Reports: Harald Borrmann attended the NW Wisconsin Lakes Association Conference on June 21st at Hayward Middle School. He talked about some of the sessions and brought hand-outs for people to take. Information for this yearly event is emailed to lake owners every spring and are encouraged to attend. Harald said it is a very informative day, with several break-out sessions along with main speakers. Our Lake Association will pay the \$45 for registration fees for anyone wanting to attend. Check out www.WisconsinLakes.org for info and future dates.

Treasurer's Report from 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018, was read by Treasurer Linda Klett.

Balance on hand 7/31/2018:	\$1281.02 <i>(included \$495.00 of 2018 dues)</i>
Expenses paid in 2018:	
Wisconsin Lakes membership	\$ 100.00
Bass Lake Fire Dept.	\$ 250.00
Loon Watch	\$ 100.00
Mulrennans – fireworks 4 th of July	\$ 200.00
Mary Borrmann – food for 2018 picnic	<u>\$ 92.48</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 742.48
Receipts: from dues deposited in Sept.	<u>\$200.00</u>
Balance on hand 12/31/2018:	\$738.54

An average of \$500 in dues has been collected per year for the past several years. I recommend keeping our expenses in line with our revenues.

Treasurer Recommended Expenses for 2019

Annual Picnic Items	\$100.00
Brian Mulrennan (fireworks)	\$200.00
Wisconsin Lakes Membership	\$50.00
Bass Lake Fire Dept.	\$50.00
Town of Bass Lake (Hall donation)	\$50.00
Loon Watch Assoc.	\$50.00
Total Expenses	\$500.00

The Treasurer's Report and recommendations for 2019 was moved by Dee, Seconded by Ruth, so approved.

Water Clarity & Temperature Report: Yvonne Kludt reported the water clarity was 17 & 3/4 feet. How fortunate we are to have this beautiful clear lake. Reports and charts are available at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/clmn/Stations.aspx?location=58>. **Thank you to Chuck and Yvonne for this report.**

The Allen family will be taking over this reporting. Yvonne and Chuck will work with them on the transition.

Loon Update & Watch: Linda Klett, our LoonWatch representative gave her in-depth report.

This year the loons arrived April 21, 2019.

May 15th one egg was laid on the platform in the bay next to our house. The black flies drove her away from the nest.

May 25th another egg was laid on the second platform in the bay by our house. . . again black flies drove her off.

May 28th the loons were busy trying to build a nest of their own in the bay by Ebers. I drug a platform over to them, but they had already started on their natural nest and were not interested in the platform. I left the platform as close to their nest as possible so people would know where they were. I have watched them build the nest up higher and higher as the rains came and the lake water rose.

They are still nesting, on two eggs, and I estimate this year's hatching should be the 26th or 27th of June.

Last year (2018)

June 16th two chicks were hatched on the platform by our house.

The family seemed to be doing fine. There were two healthy chicks on the morning of July 14, and by late afternoon there was only one chick. I didn't hear any commotions or eagle battles, the chick was just gone. I searched the lake for its floating body, but found nothing.

At 7 weeks old the chick began to fly. I watched it fly back and forth to LCO with a parent.

BY August 12, the loons were spending most of their time on LCO, only on occasion coming back to Johnson Lake.

Photos of loons present and past, and Lake Association information can be found at : www.johnsonlake.webs.com

Complaint to President Shorba – Jeff received a complaint from an anonymous caller about barking dogs. The caller asked that Jeff present the issue at the meeting of people allowing their dogs to continue to bark. Sound carries and amplifies on a lake and people don't realize that when they leave. . . their dog barks. The caller asked people to be considerate of their neighbors.

Wildlife Reports: (Bear, Beaver, Deer, Muskrat, Otters)

Bert reported a beautiful and touching sight one morning when a doe and newly born fawn was in her yard. This pair was also seen by Dee and Linda in their yards. Yvonne had a yearling bear checking out her patio and Mary watched a sow with three cubs walk across her property. Mary quickly grabbed up the s'mores so the bear didn't get any ideas. The otters have been very visible this spring along with our unwanted and destructive beavers.

Beavers – Margaret Winter said they have lost thousands of dollars worth of trees to the beavers living on her property in the west bay, and she has had enough. She has been in contact with the DNR about the beaver problem and has got the name of a trapper. She is going to have traps set on her property in the bay. She wanted lake owners to know and be warned, so their pets would not be allowed to be lose anywhere in that area. This trapper will also trap in the winter months.

Real Estate Updates: Chuck and Yvonne Kludt announced their home is going on the market, after 47 years of enjoyment on Johnson Lake, they have decided it was time to leave. Although we wish them luck on the sale. . .We will certainly miss all their years of involvement, knowledge, and the good neighbors they have been.

Election of Officers: Linda nominated Don Hover as vice-president. Seconded by Mary, so approved.
(Linda will contact Don of his new position)

Dave made a motion for the other officers to remain as is, seconded by Dee, so approved.

President – Jeff Shorba Vice-President – Don Hover Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Klett
Board Members: Ruth MacCallum, Harald Borrmann and Laurie Landgraf.

Other Business:

Mulrennan's wonderful fireworks display will be on July 6th this year. The Lake Association donates to this event, however, Brian emailed that all individual donations are appreciated. They spend around \$1,500 each year.

Next Meeting: The Bass Lake Town Hall seemed to work out so well, that it was decided to have the meeting there again next year. The meeting is usually the Saturday associated with Musky Festival.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35. Ham and turkey deli sandwiches, with a great assortment of potluck dishes were enjoyed by all. Members dined and visited, sharing lots of stories and laughter.
Thank you all for coming!!!!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Klett, Secretary