

# **Adams Lake Conservation Club**

## **Minutes 08-26-2017**

Barb Mulholland, our ALCC secretary, was unable to attend our meeting and asked Rosy O'Brian to take the minutes for her. Also unable to attend was our President Rex Pranger, Vice President Jim Burns and our treasurer, Joe Kraft. Mike Taylor asked if Rex had made arrangements with anyone to direct the meeting or if anyone would like to direct the meeting, since there were no volunteers, Mike led us.

The Adams Lake Conservation Club met on August 26, 2017, at The Pub on the patio. There were 27 members who signed in. Mike Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

- ✓ Mike Taylor asked Rosy O'Brian to read the minutes of the last meeting, July 22, 2017. The minutes were approved.
- ✓ Mike introduced Scott Bainfield of Aquatic Enhancement & Survey, Inc. ([www.aquaticenhancemet](http://www.aquaticenhancemet)). Scott handed out a survey he is required to have us fill out for the state to get feedback about what lake homeowners feel about the weeds at their lake. Scott gave a report that he treated 15 ½ acres, mostly in front of the public access, for three invasive weeds in our lake. In July he came back and did a survey, which lead to him returning in August, and re-treating about 5 ½ acres. He said Adams Lake, along with most lakes in our area are having to deal with Starry Stonewort (pictured below). He said the state did one treatment in our lake this year, maybe two. Starry Stonewort can be slowed down, but it seems impossible to stop. Data is collected and can be seen on line in the winter. From this data they decide in March which lakes and how large an area will be treated.

We had some discussion about our poor water quality this spring and the Blue-Green Algae bloom we had and how it can have huge toxic effects on lakes.

Questions not answered: Is our lake still having water tested? And tested for what specifically? Are we still doing the sily disc testing? Where can we find the results of this testing? It seems that we are told to look for results online, but either we don't have the correct

information of WHERE to look online, or the RESULTS AREN'T POSTED.

Carolyn Moeller made a motion to have our water tested twice a year. Seconded by Terry Schuster, carried.

Scott recommended to do volunteer testing in addition to what the state provides. Scott had a few suggestions including an Indiana University monitoring program. Scott said he would be happy to answer any emails about this subject. To hire Scott Bainfield to poison your lakefront weeds, please contact him by email at Aquatic Enhancement. There are alternatives to poisoning the lake. Rosy O'Brian mentioned her success with a "Beachroller" which not only gets the weeds out by the root, but helps with muck and silt.

*\*\*I asked Rex Pranger and he gave me the following information  
09-01-2017: "The water testing is being done by Dave Arrington, who  
has a company that administers grants for water quality projects and  
has the expertise for the testing. He is working through the Lagrange  
County Lakes Council to test all of the lakes. I have not seen any  
results of this work yet or know the frequency of the testing."*

For pictures of these weeds so you may identify them easily and more information about invasive weeds you may go to:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/6347.htm> Below is a picture of the most aggressive invasive species we have in our lake, Starry Stonewort.



Starry Stonewort is a submerged aquatic plant that invades lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and slow moving rivers. It has whorls of 4-6 branchlets/leaves with blunt tips. They have star-shaped bulbils produced at the nodes, generally 3-6 mm wide. They can reach up to 33 inches in length. From <http://www.michigan.gov/invasives>

✓ Mike asked that we look at Joe Kraft's financial report handout. Discussion took place about why our dues collected were so low. The answer seems to be that not all the directors have handed in their dues yet. Of course there are some homeowners who have not paid their dues yet too. Please make the effort to see your director and pay your dues as soon as possible. Kevin Dekoninck motioned to accept the report as given. Seconded by Joshua Harris, carried.

Checking account balance \$22,106.90

Clean Water Fund CD's \$17,498.00

Lawrence Memorial fund \$1,565.00

Pranger Memorial fund \$1,264.00

Total assets as of 07-21-2017 \$42,434.00

✓ Mike wanted to stress to our group and to the whole lake community that Rex Pranger is not going to renew his term as Adams Lake Conservation Club President in the spring of 2018. A new president will be sought. Please consider who you think would be a good person for this task – maybe yourself. At our first meeting of 2018, May 26<sup>th</sup>, a new president will be elected.

✓ A reminder that the 2017 Boat Parade will take place on Labor Day weekend, Sunday, September 3rd at 1pm. Everyone is invited to join our fun! To participate decorate your boat and line up at the landing and have your cottage number (which is in the ALCC directory) displayed on your boat easily visible for our judges at 1pm or enjoy the fun from your pier. When you complete a loop around the lake / end the parade route at the public access sight, be sure to pick up your prizes there!!

PLEASE respect the space around our Boat Parade participants by keeping your watercraft away from our parade. PLEASE: No darting in and out on waves or cutting in between, or following too closely to the participants in our parade line!

There are many wonderful prizes collected this year thanks to the great team of Mike & Linda Taylor and Tim & Carolyn Moeller for our 2017 Boat Parade!

*Below is a list from our area businesses with some prizes listed-  
Be sure to thank them for contributing to this fun event!*

**Adams Lake Conservation Club – Cash Prizes**

**First place: \$75.00 cash**

**Second place: \$50.00 cash**

**Third, Fourth & Fifth place: \$25.00 cash**

**~~~ PLUS ~~~**

**West Lake Marine – Screamer O'Brien**

**Dairy Queen, Kendallville – Packages of free small Ice Cream**

**Pizza Hut, Kendallville – 5 Large Pizza Cards**

**Kroger's, Kendallville - \$25.00 Gift Card**

**Miller's Grocery Store, Rome City – 2 \$25.00 Gift Cards**

**Subway, Rome City – Party Platter**

**R & S Boats - \$25.00 Gift Card**

**Country Bait and Tackle, Wolcottville – 2 \$20.00 Gift Cards**

**Farmers State Bank**

**Rabers Discount Groceries - \$20.00 Gift Card**

**Twin Six – 2 \$25.00 gift Cards**

**Coppertop**

**Adams Lake Pub**

**Schrocks Marine – Cold Tumbler Floating Seat**

**MillersS, La Grange - \$50.00 Gift Card**

**Lucy's Ice Cream – 4 \$5.00 Gift Cards**

**Schlemmers Do It Best – Cordless Drill**

**Ben's Pretzels – 3 boxes of Pretzels**

**Humpty Dumpty**

**Taggarts – Trophy!**

**Roemers**

**The Lake Shack Antiques**

**Needham & Heffernam Properties, Carolyn Moeller**

*Photos of 2015 and 2016's participants are on our website!*

✓ There was a lot of discussion about 2018's boat parade. At our last meeting we decided we would vote to decide if we would change the time of the parade from 1pm to 6pm, to make our parade safer from the non-participating boat traffic. We would also decide if we wanted to change the date of the parade to our Fireworks weekend, to bring up our number of participants. (It was noted that with this year's great prizes the Taylors and Moeller's collected, our participation may be up anyway!) Changing the date to this weekend might make a good way to segue, to slow the lake down, before the fireworks begin.

Jodi Heeter made a motion to change the date of our boat parade for 2018 to the same day of the Phil Shirmeyer and Mike Randolph's fireworks, at 6pm. Seconded by Joshua Harris. (Since July 4, 2018 is on a Wednesday, we do not know when Phil and Mike plan to have their fireworks show.)

Discussion: Also noted was that it's hard to go to church on Sunday morning and get home in time to decorate your pontoon and get to the landing.

We plan to reevaluate after the results of 2018's boat parade.

Votes for changing the date and time for 2018: 12

Votes to not change the date: 8

- ✓ There was mention of several loud parties with bands playing in past months. Please make it a point to remember there may be those who do not wish to participate or have other tastes in music when planning. Try not to do anything that may have ramifications beyond your own property lines. It was heartily agreed this is not a Conservation Club issue but respect for your neighbor is always important.
- ✓ It was asked if Mark Hageman could wait until the end of September to pull the buoys. There's still a lot of boat traffic after Labor Day weekend.

✓ Carolyn Moeller, of Needham & Heffernan Properties, LLC, announced that she would be sponsoring a "Name your Lakeplace" contest for cottages around Adams Lake.

- 1) Create that clever/artistic/unique sign that reflects your lakeplace.
- 2) Place your sign on or near your lakeplace/roadside for all to see.
- 3) Email your entry to [carolynhome4u@outlook.com](mailto:carolynhome4u@outlook.com)- include your name, cottage #, and phone #
- 4) Consider posting your entry on the Adams Lake Facebook Page
- 4) The deadline for entry is June 15, 2018
- 5) Judging by Needham & Heffernan Properties, LLC.- 1st Place Prize of \$200.00
- 6) All that enter will be invited to a Reveal Party in which winners will be announced --Location- Tim & Carolyn Moeller cottage#185 on Friday, June 22nd @ 7pm
- 7) The winners will be shared at the June Lake Association Meeting.

For additional information: Carolyn Moeller, Associate Broker  
Needham & Heffernan Properties, LLC.  
260-450-1027  
[carolynhome4u@outlook.com](mailto:carolynhome4u@outlook.com)  
*Let's show our fun sense of community and start planning your lake sign!*

- ✓ Dan Heingartner made a motion to adjourn our meeting, seconded by Joshua Harris, carried.

Thank you,  
Rosy O'Brian

*Go jump in the LAKE!*



Did you make sure to give your director your updates for your contact information? Also check our current directory to see if we have any typos with your information in our last directory. We are scheduled to print a new directory in 2018 and want to have the most current accurate information possible. Please give this information to Rex Pranger, our ALCC President. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.