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FROM PRESIDENT CHAMBERS:

Our May WCOLA meeting was well attended. During the meeting we had a discussion on whether to change our past practice, of having a meeting without a program in the morning with a potluck picnic at 5:00. It was suggested that maybe we should try a noon picnic. We will discuss it more on the June 12th meeting.

As usual we called for a few volunteers for some committees. We did have a few say that they would be willing. We could use a few more. If you are interested please contact me.

Jack Velzen had a program on mapping and how it is done. It was exceptional. He will have maps of the chain with names and locations of residences for sale at the June 12th meeting.

The program this month will be on the long awaited book by Susan Hawkinson and Warren Jewett. It pertains to the Joyce Estate and its logging days. Should be VERY interesting. Hope to see many of you at this meeting.

Remember to stay safe while using our beautiful lakes this summer.

Dick

Editor says: There wasn't much time to get this issue out in time to give notice for the meeting on June 12, so it is small. It will remain pretty small in the future, until I start getting more input from the members. What do you want printed here? This is your publication, and I'll do as you wish!

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2004

WABANA CHAIN OF LAKES ASSOCIATION

President Dick Chambers called the Wabana Chain of Lakes Association meeting to order at 9 AM on May 22, 2004.

PROGRAM. Jack Velzen presented a program using Geographic Information System software showing Wabana township's roads, lakes, ownership parcels, watersheds, elevations and wetlands. He presented ways this data could be used to benefit our chain of lakes area.

BUSINESS MEETING. Twenty-five members were present at the business meeting. The previous minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT, read by Cathy Rudolph, Treasurer:

Balance as of 9-20-03 \$8,870.97

Received:

Dues \$ 180.00

Total Received: \$ 180.00

Paid Out:

Itasca Coalition of Lake Assn's dues \$ 73.00

MN Chippewa Water Research lab \$1,840.00

Stamps for Newsletter \$ 127.00

Printing for Newsletter \$ 110.76

Total Paid Out: \$2,152.76

Balance as of 5-22-04 \$6,898.21

Paid households for 2003 155

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

Bed & Breakfast on Little Trout: Owner Brian Jensen was given permission to build, but no easement has been obtained for access.

Septic Inspections: Township inspections will be made by Ron Radecki upon completion of course work.

Lead Tackle Exchange: Ken Zimmer reported that the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance will sponsor a lead-free tackle exchange July 9th at

Rapids Tackle from 1-6PM. Bring lead tackle and get free non-lead tackle. [Please see letter from Ken Zimmer on page 3.]

Comprehensive Land Use Plan: David Lick presented a review and an update of the plan that was ratified October 2003. The Resort Owners Association has questioned the density issue. The planning commission will meet May 25th.

Newsletter: Those wanting future newsletters sent to them by email should send their addresses to Jean Koewler at koewlerj@lcp2.net.

Board Meetings: President Dick Chambers encouraged all members to take an active part in Wabana Township and Itasca County by attending meetings and voicing opinions.

New Business:

ByLaws: Bill Downing, Bill Bottoms, Mary Uradnik and Sherry Miner will review the current bylaws and advise the membership of any changes needed.

Annual Picnic: July 17th, picnic and short meeting. Committee: Pat Chambers, David Lick, Bud Sage, Steve Bryant, Dennis Koewler, Jean Koewler, Cathy Rudolph and Kathleen Willson.

For consideration: David Lick asked the association to consider giving a donation to ICOLA's education fund. Gib Willson made a motion – no second was given.

Next meeting: June 12th, program by author and member Susan Hawkinson, "Timber Connections".

Deadline for next newsletter is June 2, 2004

Meeting adjourned 11:25PM

Barbara Zimmer for Susan Lick, Secretary

FROM SUSAN HAWKINSON

Dear Bill:

I will be presenting at the lake association on June 12. I am wondering if you could include some information about the presentation in the newsletter.

Timber Connections traces the history of five generations of Joyces who collectively spent more than a century and a half building a lumber empire in North America. An ambitious John Joyce, son of a revolutionary war veteran, built a primitive sawmill in New England in the early 1800s. David Joyce, the family visionary, left the security of his father's business in 1860 to invest in land and a sawmill in Lyons, Iowa, a booming river town along the Mississippi. Joyce partnered with lumber giant* like Frederick Weyerhaeuser in timber purchases, log driving, and sawmilling in Wisconsin and Minnesota. William Joyce shifted the family focus from lake states white pine to southern pine and cypress in East Texas and Louisiana. The last two generations sustained the family fortune by switching from the cut-out-and-get-out logging practices of the past to selective cutting and reforestation.

The heart of *Timber Connections* explores the impact of the Joyces on northern Minnesota, where they pioneered the logging industry. The book weaves into its careful research the colorful stories of the communities that grew in concert with Joyce lumber ventures as well as the personal stories of the strong-willed and independent members of the Joyce lumber baron family.

The presentation will focus on the Joyce Estate on Trout Lake and the Joyce-owned Itasca Lumber Company and the Minneapolis and Rainy and River Railroad as they impacted the settlement of the Big Fork Valley.

Thanks, Bill.

Sincerely,

Susan Hawkinson

FROM KEN ZIMMER:

After last year's discussion of lead-free tackle, it was decided to explore the possibility of a tackle exchange. The Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance is sponsoring 30 such events throughout the state.

The exchange will provide an opportunity for persons to dispose of lead fishing tackle and receive free lead-free tackle.

This event will be July 9, 2004 at Rapids Tackle in Grand Rapids from 1-6 PM.

Ken Zimmer

HISTORIC BROCHURE

Publication of the part of a historic brochure sent in by Sherry Miner in May's *Chain Letter* made Betsy Downing think of a similar brochure written and published by her grandfather, Thomas H. Simmons (after whom the park by the Town Hall was named), to lure people to Wabana Township and buy his land. She searched the files and found an old torn and mended copy. It proved to have a lot of the same things as Sherry's, but differed in several respects. I have copied, filled in, enhanced the old pages, and present two panels on the next two pages.

From the map and size of the little trees I'm guessing this dates from between 1919 and 1924. The photograph shows Grandfather's subdivision in the foreground, Balgillow Island in the middle, and (right to left) the tip of Arrowhead Point, then Government Point, then Diamond Point in the far distance. What the photographer was standing on, is anybody's guess. A tall tree? I could not make enough contrast to bring out the words printed in the sky above the photo, but they are:

Pause

*From the forest and the moorland
Find the large lakes of the Northland,
From the small lakes, filled with fishes
From the land of the Ojibways,
The lure land of Chief Wabana.
Mahig, the loon,-the wild goose, Wawa,
The Blue Heron, the Shuh-shuh-gah,
And the grouse, the Mushkodasa,
The moose and red deer of game the fleetest,
Call you to pause and listen.*

Listen

*You who love the haunts of Nature,
Love the shadows of the forest,
Love the dark and moody pine-trees,
And the winds among the branches,
Love the rain showers, lakes and moonlight,
And canoes and lapping water,
Pause and read this rude description
Of the haunts of Chief Wabana,
Buried now on Isle Balgillow,
Diadem of Lake Wabana.*



The Lure

Is it the "Call of the Out-of-doors" merely, or, indeed, the "Call of the Wild"? Is it not rather the call of the Wild Woods that reaches the heart of the summer-time desire.

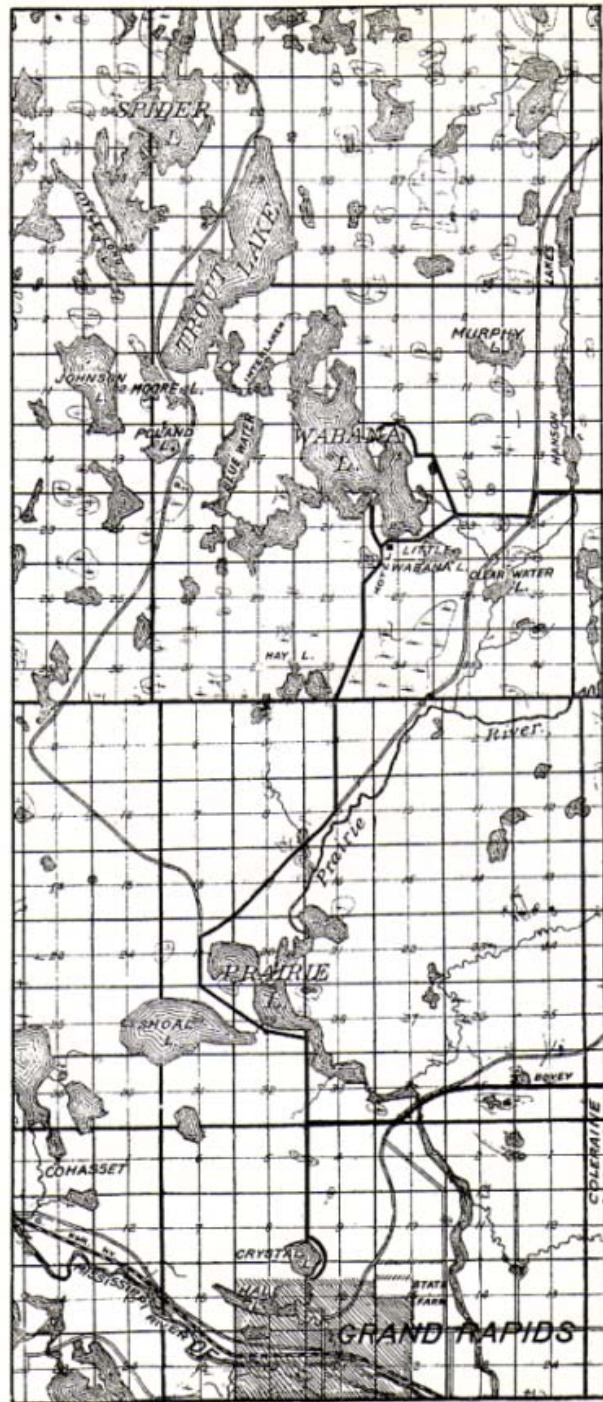
The one time popular Summer Resort is rapidly losing its favor,—too much restraint and artificiality. It cannot compete with the cabin, generously built, with its screened porches and ordinary creature comforts, perhaps also a hospitable fireplace, nestling in the Pine Woods of the North, on the shore of a large, wonderful lake, filled with game fish and, surrounding this, miles and miles of primeval forest, native habitat of all kinds of game, feathered and fur, in a cool bracing climate. Don't you need the change, the quiet relaxation, the new diversions, the chance to expand and—to play, so generously provided here by Nature?



"By St. Nicholas

I have a sudden passion for the wild wood—
We should be free as air in the wild wood—
What say you—Shall we go?

Your hands, your hands!"—Robin Hood



PAUSE

From the forest and the moorland
 And the large lakes of the Northland,
 From the small lakes, filled with fishes
 From the land of the Ojibways,
 The hire band of Chief Wabana,
 Mallards, the loon, - the wild goose, Wa-wa,¹²
 The blue heron, the Shuh-shuh-gah
 And the grouse, the Mushkodawa,
 The Moose and red deer of game the fleetest,¹⁴
 Call to you to pause and listen.

LISTEN

You who love the haunts of Nature,
 Love the shadows of the forest,
 Love the dark and moody pine-trees,
 And the winds among the branches,
 Love the rain against lake and moorland,
 And canoes and lapping water,
 Pause and read this rude description
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What Are Your Symptoms?

Do you have that "tired-feeling," go to bed tired and get up tired? Does your daily task seem bigger each succeeding day? Are you weary of streets, buildings, noise and people? Are you nervous and getting irritable and less efficient?

Dr. Nature says that you are "sawing too long on the same string" and that nervous prostration follows brain-fag.

Prescription

For Mr. Tired Business Man:

R A cooler climate where Pine Trees grow.
 A summer's sojourn in Primeval Woods.
 With large Spring-fed Lakes, filled with Game Fish.
 Swimming, Boating, Fishing, Hunting.
 Shore-line, wooded and wild.
 Flowers, Wild Berries and Game.
 Mix in palatable proportions.
 Take—"to the woods" with wife and children in auto or train—Apply daily for the season—Repeat the treatment annually.
 Dr. Nature

NEXT MEETING: SATURDAY JUNE 12

WABANA TOWNSHIP HALL

8:30 A. M., SOCIAL HOUR WITH COFFEE.

**9:00 GREAT PROGRAM! AT LAST WE GET TO HEAR
SUSAN HAWKINSON TALK ABOUT HER NEW BOOK ON
THE JOYCES (OF JOYCE ESATE FAME).**

10:00-11:00 BUSINESS MEETING.

The Association's year runs from July 1 through June 30, so unless you have paid dues for 2004-05, you will be in arrears on July 1. To avoid that awful contingency, you can bring \$20 to the meeting, where Treasurer Cathy Rudolph will gladly accept it, or you can send the \$20 by mail. Last month we included an envelope for you to use, to pay dues, but if you can't find it, you can address an envelope yourself, to Cathy's address as shown below, and still make the deadline. Make the check to Wabana Chain of Lakes Association, mark it for 2004-05 dues, and be sure your address appears in the mailing somewhere.

Ms Cathy Rudolph
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