



SEPTEMBER 2011 LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Unforeseen personal issues have occupied most of my last two weeks – and so I find myself 3 days away from our final 2011 WCOLA meeting – and without having had the time to properly assemble a newsletter. Today – I am writing to get into your hands – what will be necessary for the meeting this coming Saturday. I will work on a proper newsletter for the fall and distribute it later in the month or early October.

In the mean time – listed below are several things necessary to share with you in preparation for the meeting Saturday. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

John Zimmerman
 President, Wabana Chain of Lakes Association

- **Our guest speaker – Tom Southerland – DNR Area Conservation Officer** – should be excellent. Tom will speak on on **Invasives and Exotics** – giving a status for Minnesota as well as sharing an overview of the new regulations affecting boaters and fishermen who use public landings as they relate to helping to control the spread of Invasive Species. Please don't miss this very important presentation – and also, please help me get the word out about the meeting by mentioning it to your friends – especially if you have neighbors who are still here but who do not receive the newsletter electronically – since they will not receive this notice and may have forgotten to mark their calendars with our final meeting date – this **Saturday, September 17th**.
- Also at our meeting this Saturday – **Dr. John Downing is planning on using half of our**

scheduled hour to give us an update on WCOLA water testing for 2011.

- For those of you who live locally, as was mentioned at our last meeting – Waban Township will be sponsoring a **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** – and we were all invited to attend and participate. The date is not yet available – but it will be in December.
- So you can review them ahead of time – assuming you receive the newsletter electronically and so are receiving this note – here are the minutes of our last meeting that we will review and put forth for approval at Saturdays meeting:

Minutes from the WCOLA Meeting August 20, 2011

The Program for the Day was a presentation by John Latimer on the Phenology of Itasca County.

The meeting was called to order by President John Zimmerman, Jr. at 10:20 am.

The motion to adopt the Agenda was seconded and passed.

Sherry Miner noted that she needed to receive the reading of the Secchi Discs.

John Voneida announced that the Shoreland Restoration Grants had been funded for next year.

Sally Wilbur noted that there would be a Community Christmas Party this year, and that fliers were available. The Ice Cream Social, jointly sponsored with Wabana Township, had about 100 people

The motion to accept the minutes as published in The Chain Letter was made by David Lick, seconded and passed.

Gail Oljinek presented the Treasurer's Report for Jean Koewler. The motion to adopt the report was seconded and passed as follows:

Treasurers Report

Balance as of June 17, 2011	\$ 8,329.47
Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 640.00
Contributions	\$ 25.00
Total Receipts	\$ 665.00
Disbursements:	
Postmaster (60 stamps for newsletter)	\$ 26.40
Treasure Bay Printing (picnic invitation and August Newsletter)	\$ 50.29
Walmart (mailing lables)	\$ 13.53
Dara Skelton (picnic supplies)	\$ 105.41
Total Disbursements	\$ 195.63
Checkbook Balance – August 17, 2011	\$ 8,798.84

Total Paid Households – 71

Designated Funds:

2011 Water Testing	\$ 3068.00
Historical Committee	\$ 23.56
Membership Committee	\$ 256.79

The question of improving on our membership was raised. The lack of envelopes in the mailings was noted. We could obtain a list of township addresses from the county.

An audit of the Chain of Lakes Association books will be made by Roger Linder and Jim Oljinek. It was noted that we need a chair of Program and or Membership. Susan Lick and Bud Sage agreed to work on the Program Committee.

New Business:

1. Loon Nesting Sites. ICOLA needs persons to note loon nesting sites.

2. The question was raised about out memberships in ICOLA (\$35) and MN Waters (\$150). The consensus was that we should continue the memberships.
3. It was noted that one could see an operating fish ladder on the NE side of Hartley Lake , up Scenic Drive.

The motion to adjourn was made at 11:10 am, motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted - Arthur L. Merrill, Secretary

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2011

Saturday, September 17 (coffee, treats, at 8:30 a.m.)

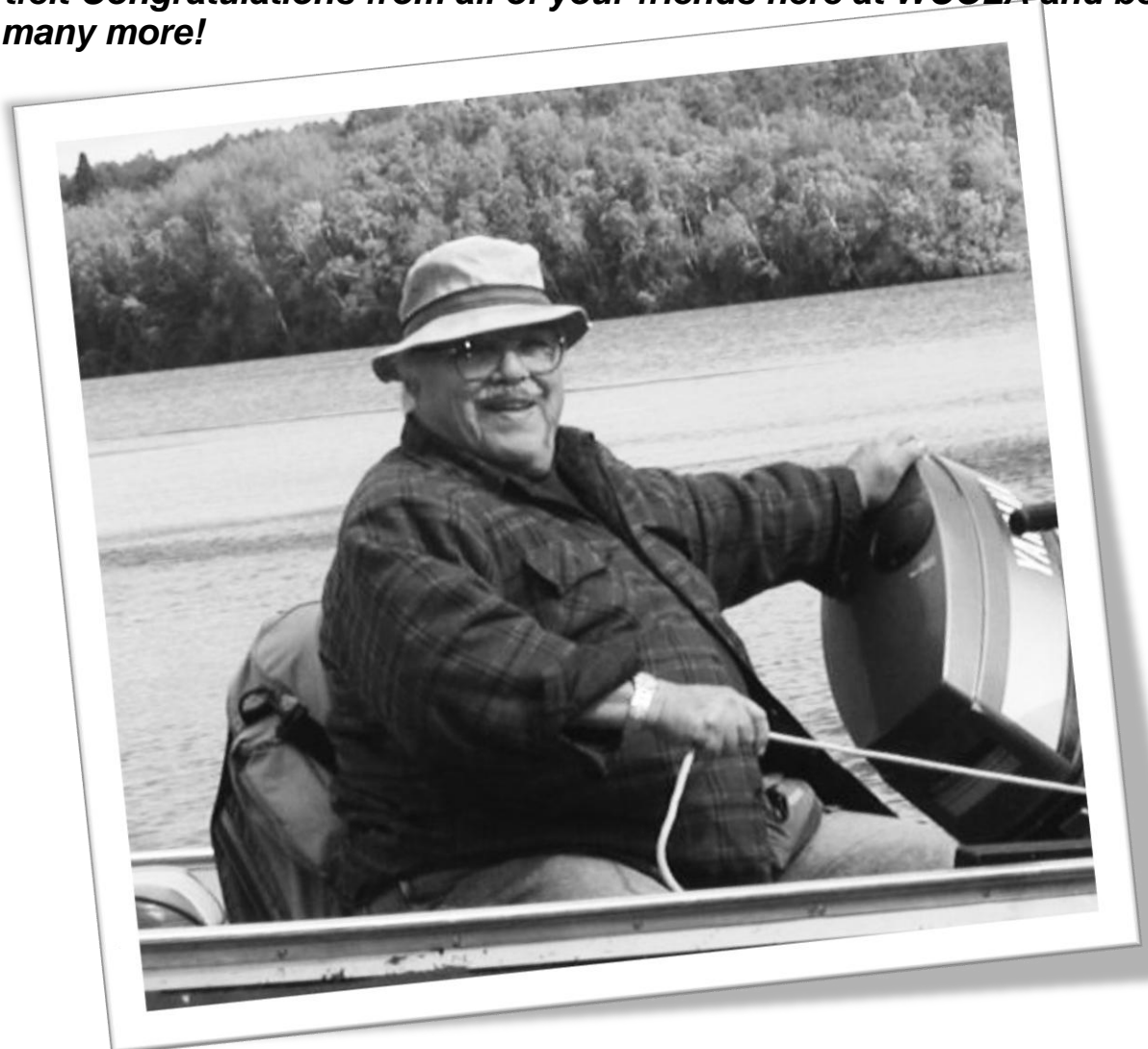
9 a.m. Program: Tom Southerland – DNR Area Conservation Officer. Tom will speak on Invasives and Exotics.

10-11 a.m. Meeting

All Meetings will be at the Wabana Town Hall and will last 1 (one) hour!

Finally – several members cotacted me and asked if we could include a special recognition item this month. We don't do want adds, special interest notes, etc – but given this has to do with our past president and honoring him with best wishes from WCOLA members – I thought it appropriate to make an exception – hopefully you will all agree.

Bill – Heartfelt Congratulations from all of your friends here at WCOLA and best wishes for many more!



Bill Downing will turn 90 on October 3, 2011.