

WCOLA 2018 Annual Meeting

August 18, 2018



Annual Meeting Agenda

- WCOLA Mission
- Confirm elections for Secretary and Treasurer
- New Committee Leads
- Treasurers Report
- Presidents Comments
- Committee Chair Reports
- Water Quality
- Calendar

WCOLA Mission

- The Wabana Chain of Lakes Association is dedicated to maintaining and improving the ecological environment of the lakes and lake shores in the Wabana Chain of Lakes and surrounding area in Itasca County. The Association will promote an atmosphere for friendship and community through expanded social interaction among it's members and the surrounding lakeshore community.

2018 Elections

- Elections 2019 for President and Vice President
- Susan Lick elected Secretary
- Jean Koewler reelected Treasurer
 - 144 ballots sent out
 - 47 ballots returned – all voting to elect/reelect with no write-in candidates
 - Voting was again done both electronically and via mail

Board/Committee Lead Changes

- Tom Klatt Co-Chair Social Committee
- Jean Melin Communications Committee
- Steve Melin Co-Chair Business Committee/Secchi
- Mark Conover Chairman for Environmental Committee
- Looking for Historical Committee Chairman
- Roger Linder on Leave of Absense
- Vote needed

WCOLA Treasurers Report

- 146 member households as of end July 2018
- Beginning Balance-\$7266 on January 1, 2018
- Receipts-\$5255
 - \$4105 Dues
 - \$955 Contributions
 - \$195 Product sales
 - \$ 0 Memorials
- Expenses-\$3461
- Transfers-\$955 to designated funds
- Checkbook balance-\$8379 on 31 July
- Designated funds
 - Water testing \$6512
 - AIS emergency \$5960

Presidents Comments

- Membership is solid
- Financially healthy
- Welcome packages
- We are focused on Water Quality
- Updated Water Quality Plan
- AIS Rapid Response Plan
- Resort/Camp Packages
- Looking into VRBOs

Committee Chair Reports

- Government Liaison-Doug Griffin
- Communications-Jean Melin
- Social-Tom Klatt
- Environmental-Mark Conover, Doug Griffin, John Zimmerman, Ken Zimmer, Jim Reis, Jean Panchyshyn, Jim Olijnek
- Business-Jim Olijnek/Steve Melin

Government Liaison

- Coordination with Soil and Water, DNR, IWLP, ICOLA
- Update on Decontamination unit
- AIS Inspections- \$1500/year plus matching grant
- 2018 Inspections at Wabana Landings
 - 62 days of inspections, 27.4 inspections/day
 - 1698 inspections 1054 incoming, 306 exiting
 - 820 inspections NW landing, 878 SE landing
 - 73 Violations
 - 21 drain plug in
 - 52 other-11 water, 39 plants, 2 mud

Communications

- Web site updated and Facebook
- Newsletters-Sherry Miner editor
- Membership letter
- Expanded communications to members and entire lake community
- Itasca Waters Shoreland Guide to Lake Stewardship
Sent to all members

Social Committee

- Two main Activities/year
- Spring Social Kick-off was held on June 9 at Bluewater Camp again this year-44 attended
- Annual outdoor Picnic at Wabana Pavilion on July 28th.
47 attended

Wabana Township Firewise Program

- Firewise is a national non-profit organization to educate residents in forested areas about protection from wild fires
- Wabana Township participation since 2012
- Itasca County program largest in MN with 32 townships and lake associations
- Large Funding cutback in 2018
- Wabana participation

	Households	In kind work hours
2018	21	1502
2017	15	1058
2016	24	1470
2015	18	1406

Secchi Readings

- Readings are made weekly/biweekly on:
- Wabana-6 locations
- Lt Wabana-1
- Bluewater-2
- Trout-2***
- Lt Trout-1
- ***Need additional readers on Trout

Secchi Readings

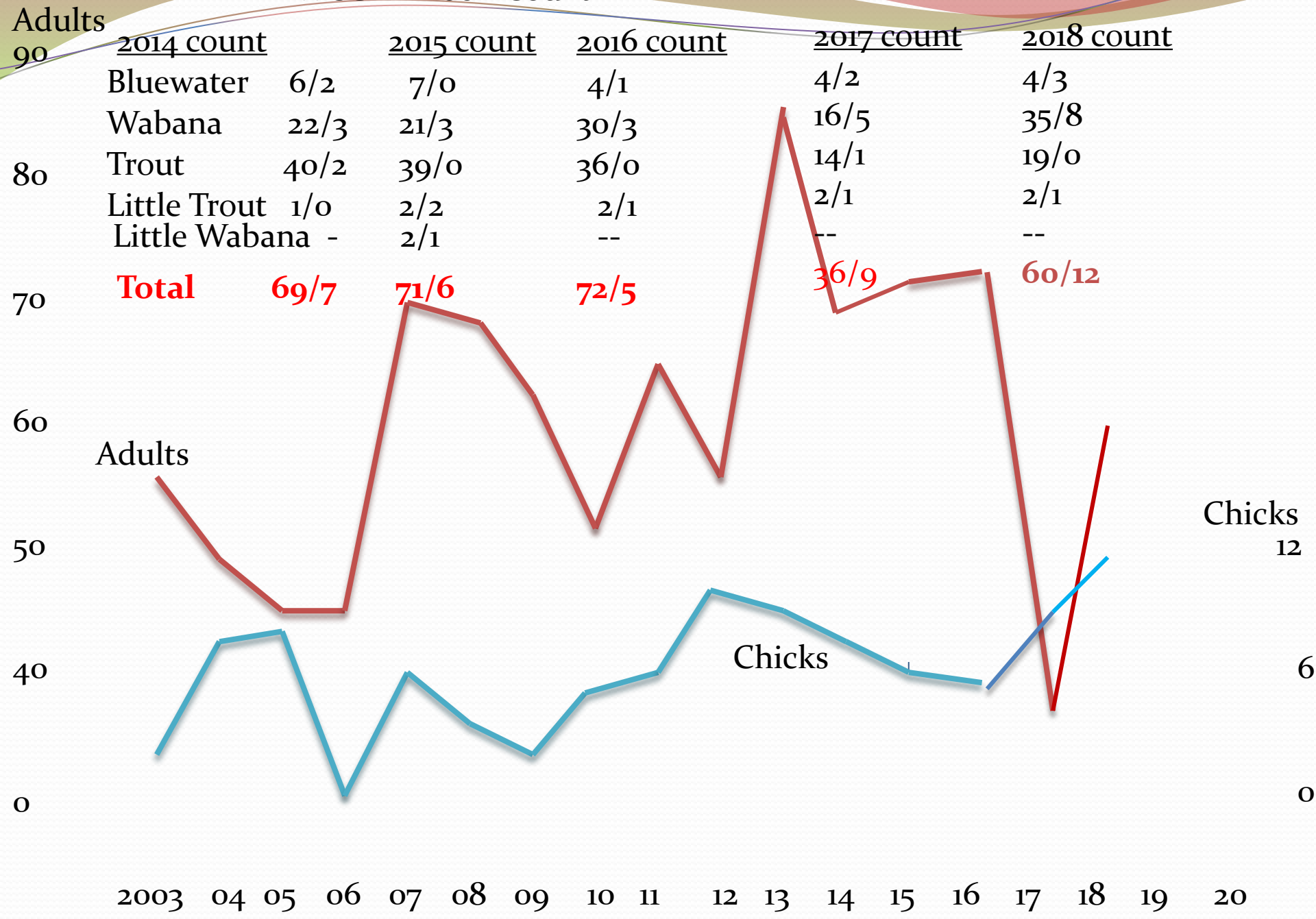
- Average yearly clarity results (in feet)

Lake	2005	2010	2015	2016	2017		Average	Std.Dev.
Bluewater	18.90	19.73	19.22	18.56	17.91		18.86	0.69
Wabana (Wakeman Bay)	15.71	19.18	17.71	18.29	18.18		17.81	1.29
Wabana	17.32	19.89	21.75	20.19	19.33		19.7	1.60
Little Trout	19.97	22.19	20.39	19.70	19.63		20.38	1.06
Little Wabana	16.19	20.37	21.79	21.00	20.44		19.96	2.18
Trout	16.43	17.97	17.22	-----	15.80		16.86	0.94

Loons

- Annual count completed July 18
- Counters are:
 - Trout and Little Trout Paul Oberg and Denny Davis
 - Bluewater and Wakeman Bay Denny Koewler, Steve Melin
 - Wabana Ken Zimmer and Cress Hart

WCOLA Loon Count



	<u>2014 count</u>		<u>2015 count</u>		<u>2016 count</u>		<u>2017 count</u>		<u>2018 count</u>	
Bluewater	6	2	7	0	4	1	4	2	4	3
Wabana	22	3	21	3	30	3	16	5	35	8
Trout	40	2	39	0	36	0	14	1	19	0
Little Trout	1	0	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	1
Little Wabana	-	-	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	69	7	71	6	72	5	36	9	60	12

Road Clean-up

- WCOLA sponsors road clean-up on Wabana township roads in May and September each year
- Barbara Zimmer is our coordinator with the Itasca County engineer
- 14 people helped with the May pick-up in addition to the Bluewater Bible Camp
- The fall event is on Wednesday September 26

Business

- Completed annual financial audit 2017
- Established nominating committee
- Completed election process
- Established budgets for each Committee
- Monitoring spending vs. budget plans
- How we spend association money

WCOLA 2018 spending

- Environmental including AIS Inspections 67%
- Communications 22%
- Business 1%
- Social Events 5%
- Government Liaison 5%
- Plus we have dedicated ~\$6500 for future water chemical testing and ~\$6000 for emergency AIS treatment

Water Quality Plan

- Water testing-chemical and clarity
 - Secchi Readings weekly/biweekly at 10+sites
 - MPCA testing-done 2015 and 2016 5 times at 5 sites
 - Updated WCOLA Water Quality plan is in place
 - Emulate MPCA closely in protocol, sites, frequency each month for 5 months ice out through fall
 - WCOLA testing-two years mid MPCA testing at 7 sites
 - RMB Water Quality Reports on each lake complete

Water Quality

- Septic Systems education/communications
 - Septic Secrets seminar
- Shore line education/communications
- Shoreland Guide sent to all members
- Building permit variance request monitoring
- Coordinate with other organizations-Itasca Waters, ICOLA,DNR, Soil and Water, Sea Grant, etc
- Business AIS Summit-Soil and Water

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Primary concern is zebra mussels and starry stonewort although there are several others
- Prevention-Boat/trailer inspections, Shoreline inspections, local decontamination unit
- Resort/Camp information packages developed/delivered
- AIS risk assessment report complete-RMB
- AIS Rapid Response Plan complete
- Information and contact points
- Permit account
- Emergency funds and actions

Calendar

- 2018

- August 18-WCOLA annual meeting and Program
- August 13-16-Firewise pick-up
- September 26-Road Clean-up
- November 3-Hunters Supper sponsored by Wabana Community

- 2019

- May -Road Clean-up
- June 8-Kick-off Social
- June-Downing's Summer Solstice Party
- July 4- Boat Parade
- July 20-Annual Picnic
- August 17-Annual Meeting and Program