

**ARCHIBALD LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES:
JUNE 22, 2024,
Townsend Town Hall, 9:00 social, 9:30 meeting**

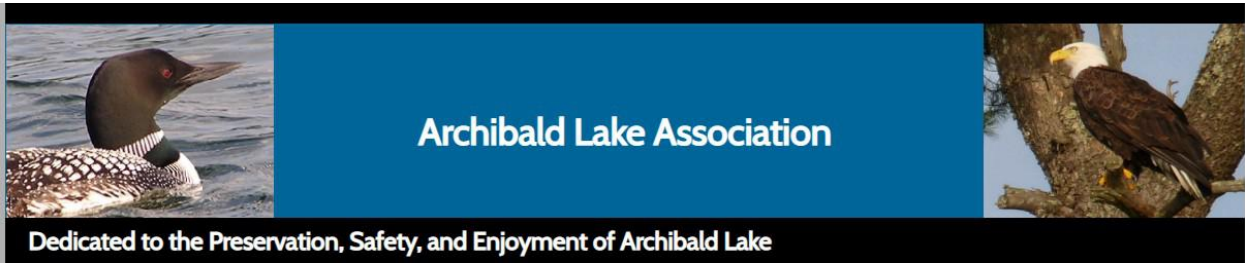
1. Welcome and call to order:

Board President Karla Doyle welcomed the many members in attendance; she called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Present were Archibald Lake Association Members and ALA Board members:

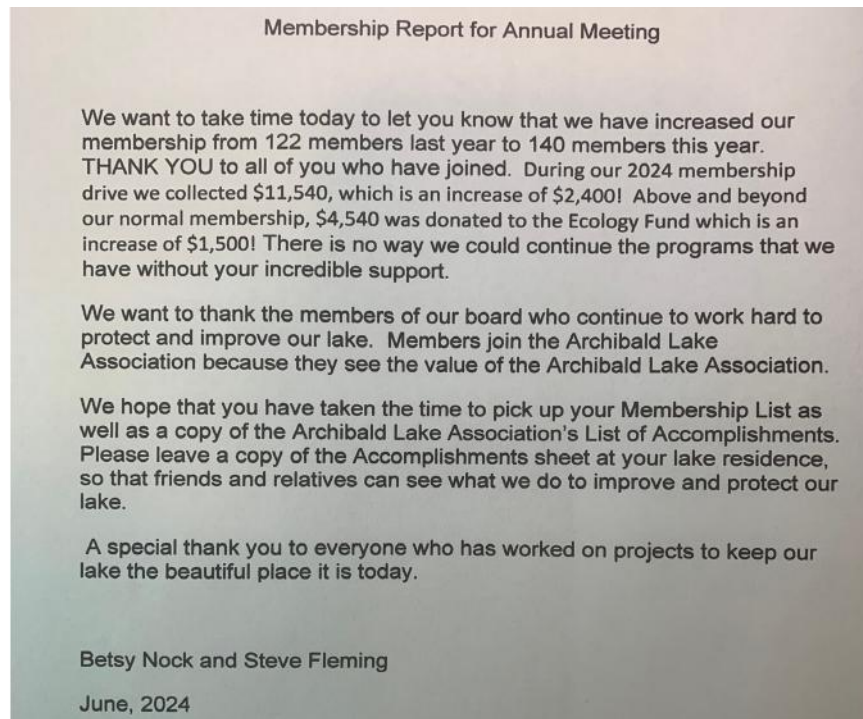
- Karla Doyle, President,
- Tim McGuire, Vice President,
- Joe Harrison, Secretary,
- Bill Ciske, Treasurer,
- Mark Stumpf, and
- Larry Schmechel.

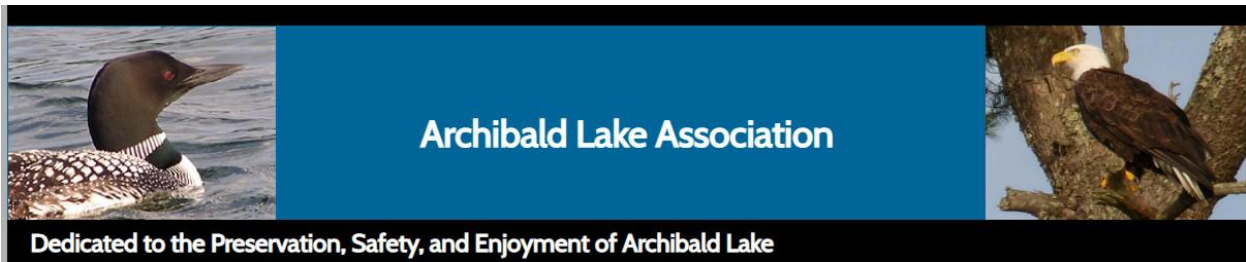
Board members Ken Schwebke, Therese Peters, and Rich Peters were absent. 42 Archibald Lake Association memberships were represented at the meeting as reported by Joanne Boyer from the attendance sheet sign ins.



2. Membership update:

Kathy Wiggins read the following Membership Report from Betsy Nock and Steve Fleming. ALA memberships have increased from 122 members in 2023 to 140 members this year. The membership drive collected \$11,540 which is an increase of \$2,400.





3. Library Donations Update: Kathy Wiggins presented the following Lake County Library Report

Lake County Library Report, June 22, 2024

A special thank you to all of you who got new library cards and/or made contributions to the Lakes Country Public Library. Ground was broken in late fall for the new 3,000 square foot expansion that will provide a Community Learning Center for the 4 townships including Lakewood, Townsend, Riverview and Doty.

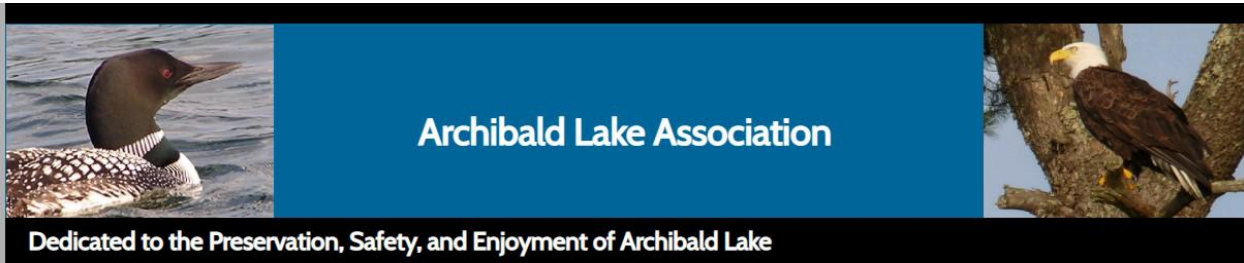
Ground was broken late last fall and now the library will have a greatly enlarged children's area. There will be a new Teen Zone as well as 3 meetings room for the communities which includes the 4 townships and all if its full and part-time residents. That includes you! The USDA Rural Development invested \$500,000 with a Community Facilities grant that will help expand the Children's Area and create a Teen Zone. Oconto County also invested in our library with approval to using \$300,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act to help fund our library. Other donations large and small have put us close to the finish line. Over \$61,000 have come from personal donations!

About 2 months ago, all of the library stacks were moved into the completed new section. Now, we're in the final stretch. The old library has been reconfigured. Beginning this coming Monday, the library will be closed all week. All of those books will be moved back to the front and into their final positions in the completed library. Furniture will be arranged. Computers will be set up and the "new" library will be open for business. There is still work to be done. But after July 1, you can come and use our newest gem in the Northwoods.

PS..It's never to late to donate to the library. It's never too late to get your shiny new library card. AND it's never too late to come in and discover what your library can do for you.


4. Budget Report and Approval:

Bill Ciske shared the following 2024 budget report for the Archibald Lake Association showing 2024 income of \$33,274.06, expenses of \$41,734.84, and a bank balance of \$66,609.36. Bill reported that the financial status of our Association remains healthy, mainly through the support of our membership, publicly funded grants, and fundraisers. Bill conveyed:




- We also continue to have success securing grant funds. ALA wrapped up our two largest 2023 DNR grants this spring after receiving final reimbursement checks for them. (See the amounts in the below budget report.) 2024 brings us another large DNR grant award for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) control. This marks the second year in a row with EWM control grants that offer over \$40,000 in potential reimbursement.
- In 2023 the Town of Townsend purchased a dock for the Town boat landing at Archibald Lake. The Town received 50% funding from the DNR with a pledge from the lake association to pay the remaining 50%. Our \$5,000 portion of the cost was reduced to \$2,347 as a result of individuals contributing to the Association's share of the dock purchase.

The Association membership approved this budget report.



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2024 Income / Expense
Income - \$33,274.06

<u>Income Highlights</u>	
\$ 11,194.69	Advance Payment from EWM Control DNR Grant
\$ 1,069.32	Final Reimbursement from APM Plan Update DNR Grant
\$ 1,638.00	EWM Control Oconto County Grant
\$ 750.00	OCLAWA
\$ 2,654.00	Raffle Baskets
\$ 7,000.00	Membership dues
\$ 4,590.00	Donations for Lake Ecology Fund, Boat Dock Fund & Memorials

Expense - \$41,734.84

<u>Expense Highlights</u>	
\$ 31,245.08	EWM treatment expenses

Bank Balance - \$66,609.36

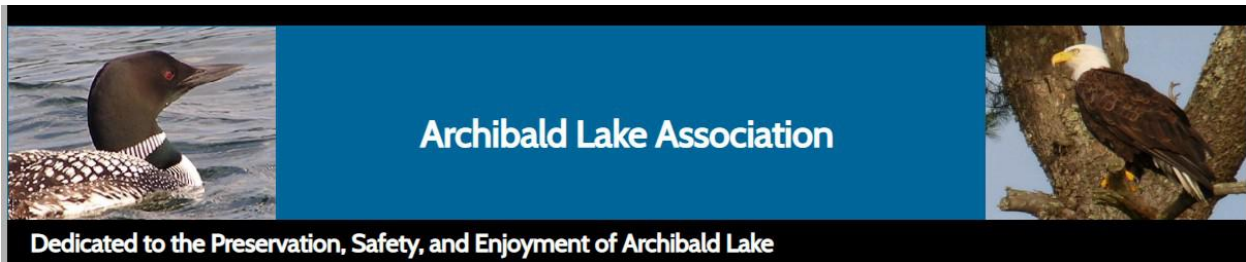
2025 Budget
 Estimated Income - \$40,000.00 (Monies from EWM Control grant, membership, fund raising activities and donations)
 Estimated Expense - \$48,000.00 (EWM treatment expense)
 Estimated year end balance - \$61,600.00

Treasurer's Report - by Bill Cliske

Accounts Within ALA Cash Balance

100	ALA General Account Fund	\$29,125.76
*350	Lake Archibald Sustainability Fund	\$34,337.41
400	Raffle Fund	\$4,593.84
450	Boat Dock Fund	-\$2,347.65
900	Marty/Wiggins Shoreline Restoration Fund	\$900.00
	Total ALA Bank Balance	<u>\$66,609.36</u>

*ALA board combined the Lake Ecology Fund and Eurasian Watermilfoil Control Fund into the Lake Archibald Sustainability Fund on 8/14/2021.



5. Lake Management Plan:

Bill Ciske presented the following Lake Management Plan report. The complete lake management plan and implementation actions of it are presented on the Archibald Lake Association web site.

In 2022 the Archibald Lake Association Board of Directors was by notified by the DNR that a revision to the Aquatic Plant Management Plan was required to remain eligible to receive state grants for Eurasian Watermilfoil control. After receiving a state grant to help fund this plan revision a planning committee was formed in 2023 to work with our lake consultant and the DNR to revise this plan.

Plan Objective

The scope of this planning project was to revisit the aquatic plant related goals and actions contained in the comprehensive lake management plan. The design of this project was intended to fulfill three primary objectives;

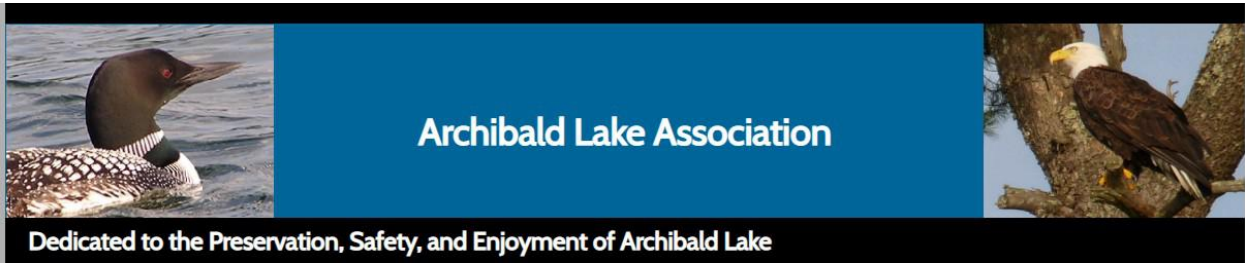
- 1) Collect detailed information regarding invasive plant species within Archibald Lake, with the primary emphasis being on Eurasian watermilfoil.
- 2) Collect sociological information from Archibald Lake stakeholders regarding their use of the lake and their thoughts pertaining to the past and current condition of the lake and its management.
- 3) Create an updated Aquatic Plant Management plan which reflects the evolution of Best Management Practices and changes on regulatory support for various techniques since the previous management planning effort.

These three objectives were achieved during the project and have resulted in a better understanding of Archibald Lake's aquatic plant community and the people who care about the lake.

The implementation of our revised plan has three management action steps.

- 1) Update our three guidance plans as needed. These plans are the **Comprehensive Lake Management Plan**, which was completed in 2018 and is valid for 10 years. The **Aquatic Plant Management Plan**, completed in November 2023 and is valid for 5 years. This plan is a subset of the Comprehensive Management Plan. The **Annual Control and Monitoring Plan**, which provides a framework to guide our management actions. Under these guidelines we work with our lake consultant to develop a specific EWM control and monitoring plan for a given year. Plans are designed to address the challenges observed through lake monitoring.
- 2) Conduct periodic stakeholder surveys.
- 3) Convey updated aquatic plant management information to ALA members.

Richard Dvorak has volunteered to lead the Adopt-a-Shoreline program for our lake. Dick spoke and reminded everyone of his standing offer to assist anyone who is interested by going to their location to demonstrate and train what can be accomplished by individuals to identify and eradicate aquatic invasive species along their individual shorelines. The lake has 7.5 miles of shoreline. The



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Association can only address the larger nuisance spots of invasive aquatic species each year. The smaller infestations of invasive species that may exist at other people's shorelines must be handled by individual shoreline owners. Dick Dvorak can provide advice and help in how to do this for any property owner on Archibald Lake. Dick advises for anyone interested to call him at 920-680-0952.

6. Board Member Elections:

Nominations were invited for filling the term expirations this year of three Board members – those of Joe Harrison, Mark Stumpf, and Ken Schwebke. All three have voiced interest in serving another 3-year term pending the elections at this annual membership meeting. On a motion properly made, seconded, and voted upon Joe, Mark, and Ken were all nominated to succeeding terms and all three were re-elected to serve another 3-year term.

7. New Business:

- a. Royce and Karen Alsbach announced that they have a community boat trailer on their property on Walleye Lane. They don't know who the other owners are and are trying to get an updated list of the present owners. They were advised regarding a number of the names to be removed from the list because they are no longer at Archibald Lake. Royce and Karen asked to be contacted with further information anyone has regarding others' interest in this trailer.
- b. It was announced that the Town of Townsend at their May 2024 meeting passed an official boating rule change described as "an ordinance restricting certain artificial wake enhancement." This Town ordinance effectively prohibits all wake enhancing boats from operating on any and all lakes in the Town of Townsend. This prohibition includes all of Archibald Lake. The State of Wisconsin DNR feels such enhanced waves damage the lake bottom flora and fauna. The State is considering a ban within 700 feet of any shore line and/or in less than 20 feet of water depth.
- c. The annual Archibald Lake Association picnic will be at 4:00 pm on August 17 in Tim McGuire's shed. Food will be catered in from McCaslin Brook Golf Course again

8. Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.