

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Dear Adams County Lake Alliance Member'

As mentioned in my prior note, a new set of Bylaws will be suggested, discussed and, voted on in our April 8th meeting.

The Bylaws that the committee is suggesting are attached for your review. You may be asking yourself: "Why are we bothering to do this?" "What are the benefits of this exercise?"

Below are a few of the problems identified in the old Bylaws:

- For a year, people have been looking for the "original" signed copy of the Bylaws but have been unable to produce it. The copies that have been proffered are not signed, nor dated and do not indicate if a quorum was present, nor what the vote count (for/against) was. So, essentially they are not binding.
- The old Bylaws would not have allowed us to submit our organization to the State of Wisconsin for "Non-Stock Incorporation" status
- The Bylaws, as written, would not be accepted by the IRS for charitable status (501 (c) 3).
- The committee tried to edit the old bylaws but found this approach to be unworkable. There was simply too much to rewrite and, too much to add.

A decision was reached by the committee to use the UWEx Bylaw model (found in the "People of the Lakes") as it is the basis for many lake organization's bylaws. That was then edited to more closely fit the needs ACLA. The result is attached. (Please make a copy and bring to them to the April 8th meeting.)

In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to email me:
(REE022517@gmail.com)

As a procedural note,

- There are 23 lakes in the Association.
- Each lake present will have one vote.
- Proxy voting is not allowed. However, your lake's "alternate" may vote if in attendance.
- A quorum of at least 8 lakes must be present.
- A two-thirds affirmative vote of members present is required to pass the new Bylaws.

The meeting is important. Your lake's presence at this meeting is critical.

Thank you

R. Eric Edwards