

March 19, 1945

On March 19, 1945 a group of 20 men met at the Malt House to discuss ways and means of obtaining from the city of Madison, adequate parking and loading facilities in connection with the loading and unloading of their boats.

Move was made and seconded that the organization be called the "Yahara Fisherman's Club".

Various opinions were expressed that the property situated directly across from the Malt House would best serve the purpose of creating adequate parking space for trailers and that the city of Madison could install docking equipment for the purpose of launching of boats and equipment.

The ultimate purpose of the club is to secure for the people of the city a boat house together with adequate parking and loading docks.

Motion made and seconded that M Bass be elected as temporary chairman and that E.W. Blethen be elected as very temporary secretary. Motion carried.

It was further suggested that we invite alderman from the nearby wards together with Mr. Schuer, candidate for alderman in the 7th ward.

It was further recommended that each man present secure at least 2 to 3 additional members for the next meeting which is to be held at the Four Lakes Boat Club.

The general opinion expressed at the meeting was "you can get it if you go after it, so let's get busy and get it!"

Minutes by E.W Blethen

March 26th, 1945

Meeting held at Four Lakes Boat Club.

Mr. Bass, acting president called the meeting to order.

Minutes of previous meeting were accepted as read.

Mr Ira Cole, who was instrumental in starting the boat house on the Yahara River discussed how it was obtained and the fight they had to put up to get it.

Mr Foresight, candidate for alderman in 17th ward also discussed need for an adequate parking place and proper equipment for docking boats and equipment.

Mr Straus, alderman for the 18th ward suggested three places where an adequate boat landing might be secured. 1st, next to the locks, 2nd, below the locks on the river, and 3rd, the old Conklin Ice house sight.

Mr Bass suggested that we pick one sight and stick together until we get it.

Motion was made and seconded that we get an adequate loading and unloading place across from the Malt House and with an adequate place to park. Motion carried.

It was suggested that we organize a permanent club.

Motion made and seconded that the dues be \$1.00 per year per member. Motion carried

Motion made and seconded that officers of the Yahara Fisherman's Club be selected.

Motion made and seconded that Mr. Bass be elected president. Motion made and seconded that we cast unanimous vote for Mr. Bass. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Bob Joquish? Be elected vice president. Motion made and seconded that cast a unanimous vote for B. Joquish - motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that H Fetzer be elected recorded secretary. Motion made and seconded that we cast a unanimous vote for H. Fetzer - motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that O. Lochner be elected financial secretary. Motion made and seconded that we cast unanimous vote for Oscar - motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that the present officers nominate a board of directors to be voted on at our next meeting - motion carried.

Mr, Alberg, president of the Four Lakes Club, made several encouraging statements in favor of our club.

About 60 people attended.

Harold Fitzer, Sec.

March 30, 1945

Meeting of officers held at the Malt House for the purpose of nominating a board of directors.

Ira Cole: 2428 Washington Avenet

Bob Schneider

Jim Quinlin: 1325 E Dayton Street

Ray Sennet: 13 N. 2nd Street

O. E. Scheak: 1305 SHerman Avenue

Cliff Gallegher: 425 Clemons Avenue

Eddie Browell: 1508 Jennifer Street

Articles suggested by officers were:

1. Committee should be extra from officers
2. Committee should elect own chairman
3. Officers should try to get a board member from each section of town.

Next meeting of officers to be held at president M. Bass, april 6, 1945.

H. Fetzer, sec.

April 23rd, 1945

On Monday april 23 at 7:30pm the following officers and members of our club met with the Park Commission:

Norman Bass-President

Bob Jaquish-vice president

Oscar Lockner-treasurer

Harold Fetzer-secretary

And committee members Jim Quinlin, Ira Cole, Art Albright, and Clement Holm.

Mr Wolf of the park commission called the meeting to order. The topic discussed was the procurement of landing facilities for boats and equipment, a place where boats may be kept, and an adequate parking place for cars and boat trailers. The place selected was the lot across from the Malt House from Sherman avenue to Lake Mendota.

The park commission promised to give us an answer in a few days.

Harold Fetzer, sec.

May 3, 1945

Meeting called to order by president M. Bass.

Motion made and seconded that Committee members be accepted: Art Albright, Clement Hold, Jim Quinlin, Ira Cole. Motion carried.

President Bass explained duties of committees. Motion made and seconded that what committees and officers did up to now be accepted. Motion carried.

Roundy was the speaker of evening and backed our club 100%. Motion made and seconded that Roundy be made an honorary member of our club. Motion carried.

Ira Cole suggested that all members make a study of the lakes and suggest different sights for landing places.

Motion made and seconded that that a membership committee be elected. Motion carried with William Stein, Matt Ditsch, and L.C. Beecher elected. Motion made and seconded that Wm. Stein be chairman of membership committee. Motion carried.

Suggested that a set of rules be secured that governs speeding on the Lakes that molest fisherman. Motion made and seconded that we send a letter to our congressmen in regard to the pollution bills. Motion made and seconded that a letter be drawn up that members can send to congress.

Motion made for adjournment.

H. Fetzer, sec

June 14, 1945

Meeting called to order by president Bass. Meeting held at Vets Hall

Keith Ackley reported on the conservation commission meeting. Report by Wm. Stein in what organizing committee has accomplished to date. Report by O. Lochner, treasurer.

Motion made and seconded to accept financial report. Motion carried

Roundy introduced Mr. Staher and Mr KI? of conservation commission who showed club members some very good movies? Dr. Chase demonstrated proper uses of fly rod. President Bass updated on the meeting with the Park Commission. Suggested that a set of laws to be obtained that govern speed and use of boats on Lake. Motion made and seconded that rental boats is inspected by reliable person or authority and life preservers be furnished with a rental boat. Motion carried. Suggested that speed laws on the lakes be enforced.

Adjournment

H. Fetzer, sec

August 24, 1945

Meeting called to order by president Bass. Minutes of previous meeting accepted. Motion made and seconded to elect a rules committee. Those elected and accepted by oral note were Harvey Schute, Wm. Stein, Geo Young, Bill ?, Norman LeFebore, Al ?, and Ed Schnurbusch.

Earl Mullin spoke on resolutions and laws that were brought up in the legislature this past year that pertained to lakes and game laws.

Alerman Straus reported on boat houses that the city of Fon du Loc furnished for boat owners. Suggested that we get an architect to draw a sketch of a boat house and send a committee to the council meeting.

Motion made and seconded that club go on record as wanting a boat house on cash bank of Yahara River -motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that club work with conservation commission in finding a pond where small fish can be raised - motion carried. Alderman Seine, 217 S Marquitt was to look up the laws and rules concerning the boats and lakes.

Harold Fetzer, sec

October 2, 1945

Meeting called to order by vice president Bob Janquish (due to resignation of M. Bass)

Treasurer report accepted. Minutes accepted as read. Bill Bears reported on rules committee. Motion made and seconded that we accept the report of rules committee carried.

Places we should investigate for the raising of small fish was discussed. Those places are Tenny Park Lagoon, Toten Creek Mill, and the willows near Warner Beach. Suggested site on Murphys creek for boat house for south side fisherman.

Nominations for president: Oscar Lockner 21 votes, George Young 20 votes, and Donald Schiak 15 votes. Oscar Lockner was elected President.

Rules committee was given a note of thanks for the work they did. Suggested that new membership cards be printed. Suggested that committee members be nominated by officers and Those nominated and accepted were:

Steering committee

Hans Sorenson 220 Farragot Street

Harvey Schute 107 Riverside Drive

John O'Hardy 1514 Packers Ave

Information committee:

George Young

B. Quinlin

Charlie Bran

Membership committee:

Wm. Stein 930 Oakland Ave

Matt Ditsch 2430 Upham Street

L.C. Ott 301 N Baldwin

Boat house committee:

Donald scheak

Art Nelson

Jim Quinlin

Regulations committee:

Stuart Becker

M. Koppas

Rodney Borehardt

Conservation Committee:

Art Barber

K.E. Ackley

F.C. Beecher

Rules Committee:

Bill Bearss

N.J. Hwettl

Ed Schwurbusch

November 6, 1945

Meeting held at Turner Hall. Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Report by Hans Sorensen, chairman social committee. Report by G. Young, chairman of Information committee.

Report by Don Schenk, chairman of the boat house committee. Report divided into four parts.

1. Cost of erection

2. Location and design size

Suggested that the club get out a card and also put an ad in Madison newspapers for the purpose of making a city and county survey in order to get specific requirements of all interested individuals. Motion made and seconded that club send card and have some publicity in newspapers -motion carried.

Suggested that the club select a Publicity committee.

Reports by Mr. Stein on the membership committee, conservation committee report by K Ackley, Rules committee report by Bill Bears.

Charlie Bran reported on the white bass condition in Lake Mendota.

Motion made and seconded that bills be accepted -motion carried. Motion made and seconded that members who attend meeting should sign attendance book -motion carried.

Motion to adjourn after which refreshments were served.

Harold Fetzer, sec.

December 4, 1945

Meeting held at Turner Hall. Motion made and seconded to accept minutes of November meeting as read -motion carried.

Hans sorensen reported on Social committee. Membership committee report by Bill Stein where he suggested that every member have a few membership cards and every member try to get at least 1 new member.

Some discussion on having the wives attend our next meeting. But it was not decided whether we would or would not have attend.

Motion made and seconded that bills are to paid. -carried.

Publicity Committee report by Mr. Bosford. 1. Cards will be sent to each member. 2. Will have newspaper publicity. 3. Suggested that each new member be given a survey card. 4. Suggested that on next meeting notice called, members be notified and be sure and return the survey cards.

Motion made and seconded that we hold our next meeting in this hall if it can be obtained. -carried.

Resolved that the secretary be instructed to send a letter of thanks to Harry Movick for the contribution of the ¼ (?) that he donated for our meeting. The letter thanking Mr. Movick was sent December 8th.

Mr Anderson of the conservation commission who is connected with the fisheries division explained the activities of the division. Explained the fish population of the lakes for different parts of the state and the method of rearing fish. Mr Anderson showed 3 reels of movies supplied by the conservation commission that were very interesting and educational to all present.

Received in dues	\$526
Advertising	\$45
Maps	\$40.25

Paid out:	
Print shop	\$24.50
Office supplies	\$1.95
Berg Bard	\$5.00
Wis. (?) survey	\$40.00
Little Printing Co	\$28.00
ESBMA	\$10.00

Blied (stationary)	\$4.83
Coolerator	\$15.00
Sign and ice	\$11.00
Charlot Quinlin	\$3.00
Virginia Quinlin	\$3.00
E.S. paint shop	\$20.00
Files and equipment	\$45.00
Meeting Expenses	\$17.26
Money on hand	\$382.71

January 15, 1946

Meeting held at Turner Hall.

Minutes of Dec 4th meeting accepted as read. Aldric Revell was the speaker for this meeting. Regulation commission report by Al Kopplin on laws of boat and boating on Madison Lakes. President Lockner read the proposal ordinance on the use of boats on Madison Lakes. Motion made and seconded that that proposed ordinance be tabled until next regular meeting -carried.

Entertainment committee report by Don Scheak and Norm Sorenson, two halls were suggested for a card party sponsored by the club. The E.R.A. hall or East Side Businessmen's Assn Hall. It was decided by discussion that the card party would be for both men and women. Friday night February 22 was night decided on. It was also decided to have an advanced ticket sale. Mr. Becker, Ott, Ferguson, Steinle, Ditsch, and Brickson offered to help distribute tickets.

Mr Basford gave a report on the boathouse survey cards. Only about 20% of the cards had been returned to date. Motion made and seconded to canvas your neighborhood with a petition pertaining to the boat house survey-carried/

Membership committee report by Mr. Stein. Motion made and seconded that the club have an insignia to show who is a member of the club- carried. Mr Wolfr? Was chosen to design the insignia.

Mr. Fetzer sec

February 12, 1946

Meeting held at Turner Hall.

Short talk by Ted Boyle, spoke of the need of boat house and bath houses in city. Said that if successful in his campaign for mayor he would do all in his power to help our cause.

William Rose ???, distiller's sales representative, spoke on moderate drinking, and also furnished samples of his product after the meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted as read. Boat house survey report by D Scheak and Bob Baquish. Discussion on different sites for boat house. Suggested that both house committees investigate the Conklin place for a boat house.

Requested to read minutes of August meeting which motion made and seconded that club go on record as wanting a boat house on the east side of Yahara River-motion carried.

Discussion on insignia for boats for the club members. Mr Wohf??? Working on this.

Motion made and seconded that notice be put in newspapers announcing next meeting-motion carried.

Aldous Bass spoke on lake pollution. Explained how raw sewage was put into lake Monona starting back in 1895. Explained different sewage disposal methods used by the city since 185 and how inefficient they were then as it is at the present time. Told how the weeds were destroyed from this method and copper sulfate, the weeds are the natural places for fish.. Told how early in the century there was abundant weeds along the city shore at all times, which you don't see today. Mr Bass suggested that we set aside a fund to get a recognized firm and take some samples of the water and present it to the city. Mr Bass said he would help our club in trying to get the lake cleaned.

Motion made for adjournment after which lunch and refreshments were served. Beer was donated by Farnbach Brewery.

H. Fetzner, sec

March 5, 1946

Mayor Kraege spoke concerning the letter that was presented to him by the boat house committee. He said that the city will furnish boat housing for 16 boats at the present time. One group asked for additional space at Burtham Park. He also explained about the purchase of the Houseman property which was purchased for \$10,500 that was paid by three parties. City paid $\frac{1}{3}$, Kueno $\frac{1}{3}$, and Olin trust fund paid $\frac{1}{3}$. He also said that there was no restrictions as to how this property should be used.

Ray Strouse of the conservation commission explained different features of Sports Show and he suggested that our club should find ponds where small fish could be raised. He said we should contact Doc Schnerbyer and Geo Sprecher if we know of any said places. He said we have a good membership committee to make our club successful.

Minutes of the February meeting were accepted as read. Letter received from the Madison Business Association was read.

Treasurer's report by Mr Lockner-motion made and seconded to accept treasurer's report-motion carried.

Report by Bill Bearss, chairman of rules committee. Committee suggestions: Board directors would consist of steering committee and officers. 2 committee members to be elected for 1 year. 1 member for 2 year term and 1 member for 3 year term. Motion made and seconded to accept rules committee suggestions concerning board of directors-motion carried.

Committee recommended that our club be incorporated. Motion made and seconded that Yahara Fishermans Club be incorporated- motion carried. Concurring recommendations of the committee, motion was made and seconded that secretary be payed \$10 per month - motion carried. Committee suggested that club have a nominating committee.

Report by D Scheak, chairman of Boathouse committee, explained the letter sent to the mayor and park commission.

Mr Wohlfred showed the members the insignia he has designed for club members. Motion made and seconded that club procure insignia -motion carried. O. Lockner explained that a button could be procured for each club member to be given to each member who has paid 1946 dues. Motion made and seconded that club purchase buttons - Motion carried.

Election of Officers:

Geo. Johnson 37 President

Al ???	27
Mr. Basforn	12
Geo. Young	1

Members nominated and seconded for Vice-president Wm Stein, Mr. Bashford, Mr, Reque:

Mr Reque	36	Vice-president
Mr Boshford	27	
Mr. Stein	9	
Mr Lockner	1	

Motion made and seconded that present secretary hold office for 1 more year - motion carried.

D. Sheah nominated and seconded for treasurer. Motion made that nominations be closed. Motion made and seconded that we cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Scheah carried. Members nominated and seconded for board of directors, art Melson, Hans Sorensen, Bill Bearss, W. Stein, George Young, and F. C. Beecher.

Mr Bearss 3 year term
 Mr. Stein 2 year term
 Mr Melson 1 year term
 Mr Young 1 year term
 Oscar Lockner

Meeting turned over to new officers.

Suggested that we have a few teams at the casting tournament at the sports show. Motion carried.

New officers for 1946

George Johnson	President
Al Reque	Vice-president
Don Scheak	Treasurer
Harold Fetzner	Secretary

April 2, 1946

Meeting summary

It was decided that the club would order the black and white decals on light blue background.

Decided that the club would have a booth at the sports show. Round of applause was given for Bill Bearss and G. Johnson on the pamphlet they drew up.

Club decided that the club would go along with the Four Lakes Boat Club, Mendota Yacht Club, and the Dane County Sportsmen's club in endorsing the Marina project on Lake Mendota.

Social committee, Membership and Publicity committee, Boat House committee, Legislative Committee members were appointed.

Discussion of article in paper concerning spraying of Lake Mendota which the newly formed Clean Lakes Association is trying to do. Moved that the club protest recommendations. The Publicity committee was assigned to inform the Clean Lakes Association of the club's views against the spraying.

Discussion regarding women joining the club. Decided to discuss at the next meeting.

Discussed that the club should investigate the increasing number of Gar fish in Lake Mendota. This was turned over to the Legislative committee.

Pictures were shown of carp pens and there was an explanation of carp propagation that is now in effect. It was suggested that Dr. Bergh be contacted to explain lake pollution.

May 7th, 1946

Meeting summary

Meeting called to order followed by secretary's report, Treasurer's report, and Boat house committee were given.

President Johnson explained the Madison Marina Foundation. The city of Madison will own and operate the marina Foundation functioning only as a helpful and cooperative body. 9 members will serve on the board of trustees. Two from each of the four clubs who endorsed the marina. One to be chosen by the 8 members. There were 2100 names signed to the petition at the sports show. President Johnson will serve on the board of directors of the marina and that one be chosen from the floor. Oscar Lockner was chosen as the 2nd member to be on the board.

Letter was read that had been sent to Mayor and park commission regarding the boat house survey.

Discussion of the conservation meeting at the court house on May 13th. Decided that Mr. Lockner be nominated to the conservation congress and G. Young be nominated as alternate.

Mr Bearss discussed lake pollution and explained that copper sulfate kills weeds and indirectly eliminates fish. Discussed that the condition of the lakes will get worse if sewage is not stopped from going into the lakes. It was discussed that th Burke Plant was only 48% efficient a few years ago. Indicated the only way to clean up the lakes was to stop sewage from emptying into the lakes. He indicated that he did not think that Lake Mendota warranted spraying.

Balance on hand \$403.30

Meeting adjourned.

