

Sally Kunkel called the meeting to order at 10:00am in the Lac du Flambeau Tribal Natural Resources Department Office and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that a quorum of the committee was present.

Secretary Hoover called roll. Members present included: Tom Achtor, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Roberta Gast, Bryan Hoover, Sally Kunkel, Elaine Orstead, Gretchen Watkins, and Norm Wetzel.

Guests Present included Hoyt Bacon (Camp Wipigaki), Pat Hayes (Gun/Shish), Bill Bacon (Camp Wipigaki), and Andre Virden (TNR Intern).

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by Wetzel with second by Dean.

The Minutes of the July 16th, 2014 Regular TLC Meeting were approved by voice vote following a motion to approve by Gast, with second by Orstead.

Public Comments: Hoyt Bacon brought up a discussion point regarding signage and inquired with the group about where to possibly obtain some signs for private boat landings. Chair Kunkel told him that the standard signs are available for free from the WDNR office in Rhinelander, WI. Mr. Bacon made a recommendation to the group to advertise to the community about signage and where to obtain it. Mr. Bacon also gave an overview of Camp Wipigaki explaining the history and the current status of being 1500 acres in total with a presence on 7 LdF lakes.

Pat Hayes presented a check to the TLC on behalf of the Gunlock Shishebogama Lakes Association for cost sharing of the purchase of the Dissolved Oxygen meter that will be available for checkout to the public. Gretchen Watkins made a recommendation that the TLC should plan to budget for annual maintenance of the meter if something may happen to break and for annual calibrations.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Wetzel presented the latest TLC expense and donation reports that were previously emailed to the group.

ACTION TEAM REPORTS

Watercraft Inspections: It was reported that the hired inspector, Rebecca, had been performing watercraft inspections at the Fence Lake boat landing on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer. Some discussion ensued about the WDNR grants and issues related to fiduciary hosting, insurance, contracts, etc.

Lake Monitoring: It was reported that the new DO meter is available for checkout at the Town Hall for Citizen Lake Monitoring activities.

It was also reported that Laura Furman was planning to do some SCUBA diving on LdF Lakes for AIS monitoring.

Bryan Hoover volunteered to make some phone calls to area divers to try to coordinate a time to dive.

Public Relations: No report.

Purple Loosestrife: Andre Virden reported on his Purple Loosestrife activities completed this summer including the removal of various stands throughout LdF and the introduction of beetles to other areas. Elaine Orstead reported that the PL stand on Gunlock Lake seems to be getting larger and may need some more attention.

Bear River Watershed Comprehensive Lake Management Plan: Norm Wetzel updated the group on the status of the plan and that the committee will be meeting within the next couple of weeks in order to finalize the comments that have been received and prepare to release a final draft.

Tribal Report:

Gretchen reported the Water Resource Department is continuing to perform Point-Intercept surveys on LdF lakes, that the WDNR is performing Cisco presence/absence surveys, the water quality buoy is being prepared for installation for a period this fall, and that they are continuing to monitor the water level indicators.

Letters and Communication: none

The meeting adjourned at 11:15am by voice vote with a Motion to adjourn by Dean and Bodo.

Minutes Submitted by Bryan Hoover, TLC Secretary.