

Chair Wetzel called the meeting to order at 10:01 am in the LdF Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Secretary G Brown called roll. Members present included: John Bartosz, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Charlene DeWald, Roberta Gast, Jack George, Gerald Gorski, Gene Hayman, Lester Kuerschner, Sally Kunkel, Rob Milburn, Donna Roche and Norm Wetzel. Guest: Ted Ritter, Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator. Chair Wetzel acknowledge an email he received from R Doolittle, who has resigned as an alternate. There are now two vacancies open for alternates.

Agenda for this meeting was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by J Dean and second by J Bartosz.

Minutes of the May 18th meeting were approved as presented by voice vote and a motion to approve by D Roche with a second by J George.

S Kunkel voiced concern about possible "run-off" from the road construction on Hwy 47. Chair Wetzel said the item would be addressed later in the meeting under Lake Monitoring.

Treasurer R Milburn presented the Financial Report. Handouts included TLC Budget vs Expenses, TLC Transactions, and the Donation Report, all for 2011. Discussion held. Journal entry record numbers were explained and it is noted that the Donation Report shows how many hours have been donated to "the cause" thus far.

Action Team Reports

Watercraft Inspection – L Kuerschner stated that he has seven confirmed volunteers. Many folks are concerned and are willing to volunteer, but are not readily available to assist. The Lake Associations have difficulty in scheduling. Discussion was held on this issue and the possibility of holding more training/workshops.

Lake Monitoring – 1) Member Kunkel questioned whether the newly dug culvert on Route 47 will be permanent and whether run-off will spill into Fence Lake. Following discussion, she was advised to contact Gretchen Watkins and then if appropriate, the DNR. 2) J Dean presented a draft letter which will be sent to all Lake Monitors when approved. 3) Chair Wetzel presented two articles from the Lakeland Times about controlling Eurasian Water Milfoil and Rainbow Smelt.

Public Relations – 1) R Milburn discussed the newsletter mailings. He shared a memo on mailing statistics. Changes were made to the number of RTS (return to sender) newsletters. Question arose as to why there were no returns from the tribal mailing list. [After the meeting, G Brown looked into this and discovered the address labels were not done by the Tribal Enrollment office, so the newsletters had yet to reach the tribal membership.] 2) J Bartosz said a float will be put together for the July 4th parade. 3) Lakes Fest was brought up and a few members volunteered to assist in manning the TLC booth. 4) N Wetzel presented a power point display on the Purple Loosestrife project. He and R Gast will present this display at the Vilas County Lakes Association event on Friday at Moon Bay Camp in St. Germain.

Lake Stewardship – A workshop was held last week with small attendance.

Lake Associations – This team will meet immediately after this meeting.

Purple Loosestrife – 1) D Roche spoke about a recent presentation at the Discovery Center on the relationship between birds and Purple Loosestrife. 2) R Gast gave a run-down on the status of the beetles. We have received a majority of the beetles needed at this point. Discussion was held on beetle evolution. Next month will be a major time for beetle distribution. Volunteers are needed tomorrow at 1:00 pm to put beetles in the plants at the Beetle Farm. On June 22nd, a workshop on Purple Loosestrife will be held at the town hall from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Tribal Report – The Lakeshore Cleanup was held last Friday. Due to rainy weather, not many volunteers participated.

Vilas AIS Partnership – Guest Ted Ritter presented a new sign which will replace the current signs at selected landings. He stated that there are 200 known landings in Vilas County, which include DNR, public, and private landings. A master list of landings will be sent to the chair.

Letters & communications – Chair Wetzel acknowledged a communication from Bill Boscamp, who is affiliated with Land o Lakes, in reference to ATV trails. Letter attached to minutes.

The next meeting date is July 20, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33am by voice vote followed by a motion to adjourn by R Gast, second by G Hayman.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Brown/Norm Wetzel
June 15, 2011