

Chair Wetzel called the meeting to order at 10:00 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, Roberta Gast, Jack George, Dennis Gathmann, Gerald Gorski, Gene Hayman, Lester Kuerschner, Rob Milburn, Donna Roche, Gretchen Watkins and Norm Wetzel. Charlene DeWald arrived at 1040.

Agenda for this meeting was amended to change the date in item 'K' to read AUG 17, 2011. Agenda was then approved with a motion by Dennis Gathmann, second by Roberta Gast.

Minutes of the June 15th meeting were approved as presented by voice vote and with a motion to approve by John Bartosz and a second by Gerald Gorski.

There were no Public Comments.

Treasurer R Milburn presented the Financial Report to date. There were no questions

The Donation Report was handed out and explained, noting the hours of inspection. Thus far, there are not nearly as many hours donated this year as compared to last year. The number of volunteers is declining. The inclement weather could be attributed to this fact. No other discussion.

Action Team Reports

Watercraft Inspection – Little Crawling Stone Lake lacks volunteers. The Crawling Stone Lake Association has been informed. Volunteers state that they are too busy to set aside time to monitor watercraft. Pokegama Lake monitoring is going well, but volunteers may not be turning in the forms on time. It was suggested that perhaps the use of a mailbox may be helpful. Squaw Lake volunteers are active.

The AIS workshop scheduled for July 21, 2011 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

Lake Monitoring – There have been a few reports of the possibility of the Curly-leaf Pondweed located on Fence Lake. Local residents informed Roberta Gast and the weed was NOT the invasive. It was also reported that there may be the possibility of Eurasian Water Milfoil on Sunfish Lake. Water testing will be held on Squaw Lake.

Public Relations – Congratulations to Charlene DeWald and John Bartosz for the July 4th float which received 1st place. The trophy was passed around for all to see. John Bartosz reported that they all had fun and photos will be posted on the Town website. Congratulations to Roberta Gast who received a *Keepers of the Water* award which was presented to her at the Lakes Fest. She was given this award for all her dedicated time and service to help keep our lakes clean. Discussion was held on literature for bait shops and other sites. Some owners are very diligent in handing out the brochures. Feedback proves that there are many visiting boaters and fisherman who do not know about AIS. They are grateful for the information. We are reminded to replenish literature in these businesses. The Reception planning is still on the board.

Lake Stewardship – Discussion was held on the Lake Steward Training to be held Aug 3rd at the Convention Center. The two pontoon boats required have been acquired. A list of names of those who signed up for this training was read.

Lake Associations - The Squaw Lake Association recently held their annual dinner/social. Election of officers was held. Ron Milburn is now acting on behalf of the President of this association. An historical show was presented. They also held an annual Parade of Boats on the 4th of July. The Pokegama Lake Association Annual meeting was held in May. They now have a website and may begin an annual social event as well. The Ike Walton Lake Association Annual meeting will be held this coming Saturday which will be a cookout. Dennis Gathmann suggested that someone collect photos of all these events. They could be shown at receptions and gatherings. For now, send them to Norm.

Purple Loosestrife – Donna Roche reports that it is hard to locate PL on Moss Lake now. There is a positive reprieve of this invasive on Moss Lake. GunLock Lake may need to be treated. There are still many plants at the garden to use. Gretchen Watkins suggests treating Haskell Lake off Hwy 70 as well. Georgine Brown reports checking Flambeau Lake near the dam in the Old Indian Village. The area is mostly covered with Pickerelweed. Another closer check will be held soon. No flowering was spotted.

Planning – Norm Wetzel reports that during the September meeting, election of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary will be held. We also need volunteers for 5 voting members. Discussion was held on our Action Teams and planning for the future will be discussed at the August meeting.

Tribal Report – Gretchen Watkins reports that the Lakes shoreline cleanup was held in June. There was a small group of volunteers due to the weather that day. There will be another shoreline cleanup on August 4th to be done by a Korean student exchange group and other youth. Everyone is invited to help as well. All 10 new signs have been posted at the landings. The Boat camera at the Tribal campground is taking photos and they have caught offenders. A letter of warning was sent to one offender. It could not be determined whether the trailer had a weed or a string caught underneath. Beetles will be put out where Mack weed and Japanese knotweed have been spotted.

Letters and Communications – Recreational boats can drag aquatic plants from one lake to another along the chain. It is a concern. Norm suggests logging it, and put the issue into a context of a solution, i.e.; running motors in reverse before entering another lake. Education and signage is another solution.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am by voice vote following motion to adjourn by Gerald Gorski and second by Donna Roche.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Brown/Norm Wetzel
July 27, 2011