

Chair Wetzel called the meeting to order at 1000 am in the LdF Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Secretary Georgine Brown called roll. Members present included: John Bartosz, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Charlene DeWald, Joan Fahning, Jack George, Gerald Gorski, Gene Hayman, Lester Kuerschner, Sally Kunkel, Rob Milburn, Donna Roche, Gretchen Watkins, Norm Wetzel. Guest Mike Rutzen.

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by Roberta Gast and second by John Dean.

The minutes of the July 20th meeting were approved by voice vote, with a motion to approve by Donna Roche and second by Jack George.

Presentation of the Financial Report thru 8-11-11

Expense Report: A discussion was held and explanations of the checks received from the Town are attached to the final report with the grant application. This is then sent to the State.

Donation Report: A Donation report was handed out. It is pointed out that the difference in total \$ reflects no workshop activity. Also, the Secchi readers donated hours are not reflected. Part 2 of the donation report shows that the volunteer trend has been declining. Discussion was held of the possible factors to this trend, i.e. no grant monies for boat landing hours, volunteers are aging, and the population has changed.

Presentation of Action Team Reports

Watercraft Inspections - There was much discussion on ways to increase and maintain volunteers at the landings. What do we do to enhance Watercraft inspections? How do we get folks involved? We need to come up with new ways to recruit volunteers. The Lakes Associations should bring up this issue to its members as well. Gretchen Watkins presents an article relating to recruitment of volunteers. We may have to look over our Lake Management Plans for each lake as well as the Rapid and Strategic Plans. Give recognition to volunteers. Run contests by landing. Motivational prizes could be presented to volunteers reaching a goal of most hours donated. Questions arose as to paying volunteers and the length of monitoring boat landings. Gretchen also pointed out that Lakes Management Grants can be applied for. She can write a plan for a grant. If and when that is done, then the plan can be implemented. We could also take a look at other lakes that have done this and examine those results. We should pursue obtaining and inviting a consultant to look into this matter as well. The subject of pressure washers with steam was brought up. It was reported that a pontoon trailer loaded with weeds was rented from Minocqua Rental. The question arose as to where/who does this issue get reported to. It is important to know that the renters of the trailer would take the hit if they were caught by authorities.

Lake Monitoring - Discussion held on entering data into the SWIMS. Volunteers need assistance. A call should be made to those who haven't entered any data. It is noted that Little Crooked Lake needs a monitor. Ted Ritter reports that 2 lakes have been added to the list of those having AIS. Rice Lake in Boulder Jct. has curly leaf and Kentuck Lake near Phelps has Eurasian milfoil. Roberta Gast reports that divers went out on Big Crawling Stone Lake. No AIS found.

Public Relations – Invitations have been sent out for the upcoming Reception. The guest speaker cancelled, so the Northwoods Wildlife Center will do a presentation on raptors. Members participated in a last-minute invite to set up a display during the Casino Fish Fry.

Lake Stewardship – The workshop was held with a smaller attendance. We have 9 new interested individuals. The workshop was well received. The Workshop will be on hold for next year.

Lake Associations – Discussion was held on meetings. Some have picnics at the landings, or cookouts. Associations need to be developed for lakes not having such an organization.

Purple Loosestrife – PLS was spotted on Hwy D near Lake Tomahawk. There was a report of PLS on White Sand Lake on the east shore. It turned out to be native fireweed. The PLS team had a spot on Channel 12. The reporter went out with the group on Haskell Creek. The report aired that evening and the next day. As for next year, it has been decided to do 100 plants vs. 200.

Planning – The Reception for August 25th is going well. Other planning issues will be discussed at the September meeting.

Tribal Report

Weed monitoring was held on Fence and Flambeau Lakes. Long Lake will be next. Gretchen Watkins says August is the best time for counting plants. There were no infestations and they counted over 30 plants. The Tribal Council has put money in the budget for a Summer Intern. The Planning office projects an upgrade to the Fence Lake Landing next year.

Vilas AIS Partnership – no reports

Under Letters and Communications, Chair Wetzel: None to report.

Chair Wetzel reminds us that at the next meeting we need to nominate members for 2012. Also on the agenda for the next meeting will be approval for Mike Rutzen as a new member for 2012.

The meeting scheduled for September 21, 2011 at 10:00 am in the LdF Town Hall was confirmed. If Chair Wetzel cannot attend, Donna Roche will preside as the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 1155am by voice vote following motion to adjourn by Gene Hayman and second by John Dean .

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Brown

September 5, 2011