

Vice Chair, Donna Roche called the meeting to order at 1002 am in the LdF Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Secretary GBrown called roll. Members present included: John Bartosz, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Charlene DeWald, Joan Fahning, Roberta Gast, Dennis Gathmann, Jack George, Gerald Gorski, Gene Hayman, Lester Kuerschner, Sally Kunkel, Rob Milburn, Donna Roche, and Gretchen Watkins. Guest: Mary Cole-Laub.

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by J Bartosz and second by G Hayman.

The minutes of the August 17th meeting were approved by voice vote, with a motion to approve by G Gorski and second by J Dean.

Public Comments

Guest Mary Cole-Laub, President of the Crawling Stone Lakes Association discussed the difficulty with maintaining membership and a lack of lake monitors. She spoke about the Town Lakes Committee website (LDF Town website) and perhaps creating a section for the lakes associations to improve communications between the TLC and the lake associations. Since Fence Lake has no association, she is concerned about AIS passing through the channel to Crawling Stone Lake. Her phone # 715-588-3721 and email is marycolelaub@mac.com. In the future, perhaps the newsletters from lake associations could be shared via email.

Agenda Items

1. Presentation of the Financial Report thru 9-8-11

The Expense Report was distributed. J Bartosz questioned the Postal costs for mailings, Bulk mailing vs. First Class mail. It was explained that the Postal Service requires a mailing certificate for bulk mailing. This fee is high and the Manager of Printing Innovations says there are not enough participants using this service through his business. We will look into this again when it is time for the next mailing.

The Donation Report was discussed. Compared to last year, the numbers are down.

In regard to the donation from the Lakeland Environmental Protection Association (a copy of the letter and check was attached to agenda), J Bartosz made a motion to discuss use of this donation at the October meeting. Motion seconded by G Gorski.

2. Mike Rutzen could not attend this meeting due to personal reasons. Approval for his nomination will be presented to the Town board. He will become a voting member at the October meeting, pending approval of the Town Board.

3. Nominations for 2012 membership are open at this time. D Roche and L Kuerschner are both stepping down at the end of their terms. Though resigning her membership, D Roche will still assist as a citizen volunteer with the Purple Loosestrife Project. L Kuerschner is looking for an alternate. A public notice will be posted. G Brown suggested that postings for new members be put in the Tribal offices also. J Bartosz motioned to approve nominations for the TLC for 2012. G Hayman seconded that motion, all approved.

4. Nominations for the offices of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for 2012. J Bartosz nominated C DeWald for office of Chair, she declined. R Milburn nominated N Wetzel, seconded by C DeWald. R Gast confirmed that this nomination is okay. L Kuerschner nominated D Gathmann for office of Vice Chair, seconded by G Gorski. S Kunkel nominated G Brown for office of Secretary, seconded by J Bartosz. Motion made by G Gorski to close the nominations, seconded by J Bartoz. Nominations were approved as a slate as follows:

Chair – Norm Wetzel
Vice Chair – Dennis Gathmann
Secretary – Georgine Brown

5. G Watkins reported on a suspected find of a hybrid of Northern/Eurasian Milfoil in Flambeau Lake near the dam at the head of the Bear River. A sample was brought in and samples were sent to Madison. Eradication of hybrids is difficult, but more will be learned on the return of a report from the Madison lab.

A discussion was held regarding the fishing guides and their training. They receive training on identifying AIS.

The use of pressure washers at the landings was discussed.

6. Activities for 2012 – This past summer, C DeWald and S Kunkel went door to door around Fence Lake to educate and enlist volunteers to help with landings and monitoring. C DeWald suggested that we invite all lake associations to the TLC meetings.

Looking at the handout 'Focus on the Future Activities 2010-2014',

Objective #2 - C DeWald, S Kunkel and J Bartosz volunteered to be a part of this team. R Milburn volunteered to head the team.

Objective #3 - J Fahning and G Brown volunteered for this team.

Objective #4 – R Milburn, G Hayman, C DeWald, D Gathmann, volunteered for this team with G Brown, and S Kunkel volunteering as needed.

Objective #5 – N Wetzel is the volunteer.

Goal #2 – Manage AIS Infestations, volunteers are R Gast, D Roche, G Brown, and J George.

Goal #3 – The officers will be assigned to take on these duties. N Wetzel and G Watkins will meet with Kevin Gauthier, Northern Regional Lake Coordinator for the WDNR, to discuss the possibility of a grant.

7. More discussion will be held regarding the Grant Application for 2012 at the October meeting.

8. Draft Budget for 2012 – Much discussion was held on this topic. R Milburn proposed moving \$1000.00 from Planning to Watercraft Inspections, therefore allowing more flexibility for inspections. The Objective #2 team will come up with a plan to budget for Watercraft Inspections. This topic will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Tribal Report

G Watkins extended an invitation to the Grand Opening of the LdF Natural Resources building to be held Friday. Tours will be given from 0900 to 1500.

Vilas AIS Partnership Report

Ted Ritter will be hosting a meeting on October 13th. R Milburn will be attending and report back.

Letters and Communications

A card from Barbara Oppasser expressing appreciation for the Volunteer Appreciation Reception was acknowledged.

R Milburn reported on a request from the Eau Clair County AIS Coordinator for information on obtaining a sign similar to one posted at the Squaw Lake landing.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 1200 following motion to adjourn by J Bartosz.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgine Brown
September 27, 2011

Amended and approved by TLC at regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2011