

Chair Norm Wetzel called the meeting to order at 10:00 am in the LdF Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL & WELCOME

G Brown, Secretary, called roll. Members present included: John Bartosz, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Charlene DeWald, Joan Fahning, Roberta Gast, Gerald Gorski, Rob Milburn, Elaine Orstead, Mike Rutzen, Gretchen Watkins, Norm Wetzel. One guest, Amy Ochsenreiter, an Environmental Science student doing research on our northern lakes, was also present. Brian Hoover arrived at the meeting at 10:45 am.

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

The minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting were approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by G Gorski, and second by J Bartosz.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

AGENDA ITEMS

The Expense Report and Donation Report were presented and reviewed.

ACTION TEAM REPORTS

Lake Monitoring. J Fahning presented a draft of ideas to talk about with Lake Monitors via phone calls. Some suggestions included the topic of Property Values, recreational boats spreading AIS and the use of rakes along lake shores. G Watkins discussed the Lake Level project.

Stack gauges were installed on a few lakes. Readings every week will be graphed for further study.

Swimmers itch is more prevalent this year. It is suggested that the use of a water repellent sun block will aid in prevention of the itch.

This year's lake shore clean up went well with several lake associations participating.

On June 2nd, an AIS workshop was held. There were 7 attendees from the Pokegama Lake and Ike Walton Lake Associations.

R Gast shared handouts relating to the Executive Residence Resotration Project and how to contribute to this project.

Lake Steward Program. This year one1 new member has been added to the directory bringing the number of stewards to approximately 40. A meeting for the Stewards will be scheduled later in the season.

Planning. R Gast reported on the progress of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. An estimated 2311 surveys have been mailed and delivery to the addressees is expected next week. The response deadline is July 20th. A follow-up post card will be sent as a reminder thereafter. Results of the survey will be emailed.

The Public Presentations will be held at the Public Grade School at 10:00am on July 11th and at 7:00pm on July 12th. Another presentation will be held at the Wellness Center Elderly Lunch room at 1130am on July 10th. Volunteers will man the Registration table and one to act as recorder. The presentations will be publicized by notices and via local paper, emails have been sent to the lake stewards, and it will be posted on the town website. G Watkins and N Wetzel will be doing the presentations at the meetings and to the Lake Associations.

The Focus on 2013 Activities was handed out and discussed. Chair Wetzel advised the committee members to email ideas for how the donation monies can or should be used. Capital improvements and ideas with long-standing benefits with given rationale are suggested as a basis for our ideas. This will be on the July agenda. R Milburn suggests portable power washers for use as landings next year. This will be discussed at the July meeting.

There is an updated version of our website on the LdF Town website.

Reminder: An updated group photo will be taken at the next meeting on July 20th.

Public Relations. AIS info flyers will be handed out at Lakes Fest. Another 200 flyers will be used at the Squaw Lake Association Meeting. It was mentioned that the Info packets that were delivered to local businesses last year should be updated.

R Gast presented a new poster relating to putting your fish catch on ice. These posters will be posted on all public ice machines.

Lakes Fest is this coming Saturday and will be held at the Tribal Campground from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Thirty presenters will have booths.

August 22nd is the date set for the Volunteer Reception to be held at the Casino. B Gauthier will be the guest speaker.

The July 4th float planners request assistance and suggestions. J Bartosz requested supplies such as red, white and blue streamers.

Purple Loosestrife. R Gast reported on the progress of this project. One hundred plants were dug, and forty plants over-wintered in the pools, six of which have retained beetles on their own. There are 160 plants with a total of 67 plants having beetles. A majority of the plants with beetles will go to Moss Lake.

Watercraft Inspections. R Milburn presented information of the forms and how the data are used. All forms should be brought to the town hall and deposited in the designated box. He mentioned up three points:

1. The data from the forms are entered into the SWIMS data base.
2. Lake Monitoring forms were intermingled with the watercraft inspection forms
3. There were problems entering data as some inspectors were using the old form R3/2.

The DNR has sent new forms. The correct form to use is Form 3200-120 Rev 5/12. Inspectors are to drop the forms off at the town hall on Monday in Nancy's office. Rob will pick the forms up, enter the data and return the completed forms to R Gast. It is noted that new handouts are needed at the landings. Copies of an example

of the final printed Clean Boats Clean Waters report were handed out. A Lengthy discussion was held regarding volunteer assistance and local organizations helping out to guard their lakes.

A completed copy of a Boat Launch Violation Report Form filed after an incident on Squaw Lake was passed out for review. Copies of a letter to the editor of the Lakeland Times were handed out and a short discussion was held.

TRIBAL REPORT

G Watkins stated that a portable power washer has been purchased. This year there will be volunteer watercraft inspectors stationed on Flambeau Lake. The inspectors can be used as needed on other landings such as Little Trout Lake or Fence Lake. Cameras will be set up at the campground landing. A WIFI connection is needed for a camera to be installed and used at the Fence lake landing. The Tribal Natural Resources Game Wardens may be contacted in cases of unruly boaters. Plant surveys will be done on Ike Walton and Long Lake. Volunteers are welcome.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

N Wetzel will email the newsletters from the Pokegama , White Sand and Crawling Stone Lake Associations. The Wisconsin Budget Proposal was noted. The Pokegama Lakes Association invites members to their meeting on Jun 30th from 3:30pm to 5:00pm at the Blue Waters on the Bay.

A motion at 12:30 pm to adjourn was made by J Bartosz, second by R Milburn

Respectfully Submitted,
Georgine Brown, Secretary
Norm Wetzel, Chair
July 9, 2012