

Joan Fahning called the meeting to order at 1000AM in the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall after a quorum of committee members was met and the meeting is recognized in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

C. Secretary B Hoover was absent so G Brown assumed the duties as acting secretary and called roll. Members present included: Tom Achtor, John Bartosz, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Charlene DeWald, Joan Fahning, Roberta Gast, Sally Kunkle, Kris LaMarche, Rob Milburn, and Elaine Orstead.

D. The **Agenda** of the meeting was approved following a motion to approve by J Dean and a second by J Barto.

E. The **Minutes** of the June 18th meeting was approved following a motion to approve by J Dean and a second by R Bodo.

F. Public Comments: None

G. Financial Report: R Gast presented the Expense and Donation Reports. With regard to the Donations, she noted that some of the hours used under Public Relations were used for a presentation at Stevens Point. Hours donated for the July 4th Float for the parade are not noted at this time. On the Expense Report, the largest expense was for the purchase of the DO Meter which records the DO and temperature at once. The meter will be calibrated annually and is the same type of equipment that is used by the WDNR. The meter will be kept at the town hall for use by Lake Monitors. There will be a sign in/out sheet available in the town hall office. Anyone interested in Lake Monitor training may contact Sandy Wickman, WI-DNR, at 715-365-8951.

H. Action Team Reports:

1. Watercraft Inspections: K LaMarche reports that towels for the Towel Blitz were handed out to boaters at their Lake Association gathering. The towels promoted information about maintaining live wells in the boats. A short discussion was held on possible AIS in White Sand Lake (there was no curly leaf pondweed). She also reports that there are rusty crawfish on the Manitowish Chain and classes to learn about AIS are being held at the Discovery Center.

2. Lake Monitoring: **(a.)** Once again we briefly discussed the DO meter. **(b.)** E Orstead is working on the AIS Monitoring Instructions for Lake Association presidents.

3. Public Relations: **(a.) Lakesfest** was held at the Tribal Campground and the TLC set up a booth again this year. It was suggested that perhaps we present a 'hands-on' display next year. **(b.) July 4th Parade** Tom, Joan and John did a wonderful job on the Sailboat design. GBrown presents to the committee the 2nd Place Trophy in the fraternal division for this year's entry.

4. Purple Loosestrife: R Gast reports that the plants at the farm are doing well. Also, the owner of the property on Moss Lake (where there is a large infestation) is maintaining the yard by mowing down most of the loosestrife and along the shoreline, predation of the beetles is working.

5. Bear River Lakes Management Plan: (a.) J Fahning reads the request by N Wetzel for a motion to approve a presentation for TLC and Lakes Association officers on the BRCLMP. This presentation will be held on July 31st, 1000am at the Tribal Natural Resource building. J Dean seconds the motion, motion approved. (b.) J Fahning reads the second request for a motion to approve a presentation to the public which will be held at the LdF Grade School on August 14th at 1000 am and at 6:30 pm. J Bartosz seconds the motion, motion approved. These presentations are given to fulfill the grant obligations. R Gast had a draft hard copy of the Plan for the committee to see.

6. Planning: (a.) N Wetzel is serving on a committee to help update the Vilas County Resource Management Plan. He will present a report at the August meeting. (b.) Discussion was held about an End of the Year event to thank lake monitors and boat landing volunteers. Participation at last year's event was down. We encourage the Lakes Associations to take control in thanking their volunteers. The Public Relations committee will run an ad in the paper at the end of the season to thank these volunteers as well.

R Milburn talked about ground testing by Hwy D & Hwy 70 where a fire occurred several years ago. The bldg which burned had housed fireworks and the chemicals used to make the fireworks could possibly have contaminated the ground and there is concern as to whether the chemicals affected the ground water. It is unknown at this time which organization was doing the testing. This question will be brought to G Watkins attention.

The next meeting will be held August 20th, 1000am at the town hall. The September 17th meeting will be held at the Tribal Natural Resources bldg pending an ok on its availability.

There being no further business, a motion by J Dean was made to adjourn followed by a second by R Gast. Meeting adjourned at 11:20am

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgine Brown, Acting Sec'y