

A. Call to order & Open Meeting Statement

Chair Charlene DeWald called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM in the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

B. Roll Call and Welcome

Acting Secretary Tom Achte called roll. Members present included John Bartosz, Charlene DeWald, Tom Achte, John Dean, Roy Bodo, Georgine Brown, Roberta Gast, Patrick Hayes, Kay Hoff, Kris LaMarche, Gretchen Watkins, Norm Wetzels, and Mel Hoff.

1 Guest was acknowledged and welcomed, Scott Harrod.

C. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by John Bartosz with second by John Dean.

D. Approval of Minutes of July 15th, 2015 Meeting

The Minutes of the July 15th 2015 meeting were approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by John Dean with second by John Bartosz.

E. Public Comments

Scott Herrod asked why recent meeting minutes are not posted on the Town web site. It was noted that minutes have to be approved at the next monthly meeting before publishing and that the Town Clerk will be asked to confirm that they are published.

F. Discussion and Action on Agenda Items

1. Presentation of Financial Report Norm gave a report on spending; the only expense was for post cards and stamps for Sugarbush Lake Association formation meeting. Norm noted we need to identify specific budget items for next year if we wish to seek approval by the Town Board; he recommended to bring budget ideas to the next TLC meeting.

2. Presentation of Action Team Reports

a. Watercraft Inspection: Kris reported White Sand had a student helping at boat landings. Pat Hayes, Roberta Gast and Charlene DeWald all reported their teams accomplished their matching hours at the boat landings, as required by their grants.

b. Lake Monitoring: John Dean reported the committee met to work on a

volunteer list

Roberta Gast reported that Sandy Wickman of the DNR held a AIS identification workshop on Crawling Stone Lake on August 5th; 5 people attended, lake vegetation was identified and educational materials were distributed.

It was noted that Spiny Water Fleas were identified on Ike Walton Lake. Gretchen led a discussion on how these fleas disturb the food chain for walleye.

- c. Public Relations: Kris passed around a picture and article that appeared in the Lakeland Times showing volunteers at a boat landing and discussing their activities.
- d. Purple Loosestrife: There was some work done on removal on White Sand.
- e. Planning: Gretchen reported that a request was made to the DNR to review plans for each lake in the Bear River Management Plan.

3. Report of Sugarbush Lake Association formation meeting. Tom Achtor reported that 25 residents of Lower and Middle Sugarbush met on August 15th with a goal of starting a Sugarbush Lakes Association. By-laws were created and a 5 member Board of Directors was established. The Sugarbush Board will meet in September to elect officers and move forward on formally applying for a Lake Association status with the State.

G. Tribal Report: Gretchen reported that the tribe had done an aquatic vegetation survey on Middle Sugarbush recently as part of an ongoing program. Gretchen noted she is taking a teaching position at Lakeland High School and will be leaving her job with the Tribe. Celeste Hocking will take over her science duties. A discussion ensued on the presence of swimmers itch; problems seem intermittent and only on certain lakes; not much can be done about it.

H. Vilas County Partnership: Norm and Celeste will take Gretchen's spot with this group.

I. Report Letters & Communications: There was a group discussion on the recent State action on local zoning laws. Sue Ackman provided her opinion that there will likely be litigation and actual changes are still to be determined.

J. Next Meeting: September 15th, 2015, 10:00 AM, Lac du Flambeau Town. Next year's officers will be elected.

K. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am following a motion to approve by John Dean with second by John Bartosz.