

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2019

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Interim Chair Mike Reiter at 9:00 am.

Forty eight voting lake residents and 2 guests were in attendance.

Opening remarks were given by Mike Reiter. Board Members in attendance were Mike Reiter, Jerry Tack, Ann Layton, John Bonneprise and Keith Karpenski. Mike announced the resignation of Chairman Gary Ovick, due to health reasons. The assembled recognized all the work Gary has done for the Lake District over the past 10 years. The meeting continued with references to a handout that was available to those present at the meeting and now available on the website. Various Lake District committees and responsibilities were reviewed and an explanation of our Lake District's make-up and function was given. A handout of a map showing Lake District parcels was provided.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Annual Meeting were presented. Ann Wasescha made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to approve which was seconded by Kevin Kelley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter presented information on the 2019 accomplishments with the continued implementation of our 2013 Lake Management Plan and the 2015 Aquatic Plant Management Plan which includes treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Purple Loosestrife (PL). Results continue to be very positive. A map showing the recent survey results for Purple Loosestrife was included in the handouts. Residents are encouraged to eliminate purple loosestrife on their property when it blooms. This works very well to manage single plants and small patches. Mike also presented information on aquatic invasive species (AIS) to be on the lookout for including Eurasian Watermilfoil and zebra mussels as well as a new species, the Yellow Flag Iris. See detail in handout materials. The goals for 2020 and continuing forward were detailed including continuation of work to improve water quality and specifically to result in Big Lake being removed from the impaired waters list. Much of the work to be done should be grant eligible. The board will work with consultants and grant writers to complete Aquatic Plant Management Plan and a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan as our current plans are expiring. Specific activities were listed in the handout.

The Healthy Lakes Initiative was reviewed by Beth Hartman. The results for 2019 included 4 shoreline plantings and 3 rain gardens, a rock infiltration and a diversion. Firm commitments are necessary for future grants. If members of the Lake District are interested for future grants please contact a board member.

Dams Committee: Mike Reiter presented, including discussion of the lake system high water as a result of the heavy rains on July 4<sup>th</sup> and rupture of the beaver dam in the swampy area located west of Wanderoos. The water receded but has remained high throughout the summer because of significant rainfall in July and August. The mill pond dam is in good condition and has continued to do its job.

Navigation Committee and Water Patrol: Jerry Tack presented, highlighting buoy placement and no wake regulations. Additional buoys were placed at the Church Pine landing to encourage boats to slow down for safety reasons as well as to preserve the landing. High water makes shoreline erosion even more of a problem when boats are speeding too close to shore. "Own Your Wake for Everyone's Sake" is a program supported by the DNR with a hotline to call to report violations. Sheriff's office reported 19 hours of patrol on our lake through July of 2019. This was 20% of total Polk County patrol hours.

CBCW Committee: Jerry Tack noted the accomplishments for 2019 as of August 7, 2019. Inspectors have worked at both ramps inspecting 480 boats, contacting 1029 people in 423 hours worked. Annette Viebrock coordinates the inspectors. We plan to continue this program next year. A grant will be applied for in November. Additional inspectors will be needed next year, so if you know of any interested people please refer them to Jerry or Annette.

Fish Stocking Committee: Kel Kobernick presented, having taken over this committee from Bob Meyer who was recognized for his exemplary handling the program for many years. A review of the history of fish stocking in the lakes was given and included in the handout. The plan for this fall is to continue the stocking of 6 to 8 inch walleye, 1600 in Big Lake and 900 in Church Pine. It takes about 4 years to reach the legal size of 15 inches.

Social Committee: Andrea Anderson presented. The events held in 2019 included the Social Dinner and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, with good attendance for both. The social dinner was held at UW Wanderoos, with a record number 151 guests, and is scheduled for next year on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please RSVP so there is plenty of food for all and a chair to sit on. We want all to have a good time. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be on Big Lake.

Web Site Committee: The Website continues to expand. Many thanks to Tim Rudolf for all his work on the site. Usage continues to increase. See Annual

Meeting power point available on the website ([www.bigroundpine.com](http://www.bigroundpine.com)).

\*Break\*

Grant Status: Handout presented a summary of grants from 1996 to present. Grant work will continue in 2020 with some grants to be extended and applications for new grants to be submitted.

2018 Annual Audit: Jerry Tack presented. A letter from the auditor Joel Hazzard noted "financial documents are in very good order and great care has been taken..." Summary of the letter was included in the handout and is available on the website.

Treasurers Report: Jerry Tack presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2019 Year End and Year to Date 07/31/2019 and 2020 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. The 2020 Budget calls for the levy to remain the same. A motion to approve the 2020 budget was made by Diane Martin and seconded by Mike Peplinski. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Mike Reiter presented the board's nominations which were included in the Handout. Mike Reiter's and Ann Layton's terms were expiring and they agreed to seek another term. A spot for write-in candidates was available on the ballot also. Secret ballots were cast with Mike and Ann receiving 31 votes each. It was noted that anyone interested in being on the board is welcome to attend the meetings and see what is involved, this would aid in transition following Gary Ovick's resignation and as some the board members are interested in taking a break.

Public Comments and Q & A:

--Keith Karpenski gave an update on Boat Landings. Land was donated to West Immanuel Church with the intention that a portion of the land would be made available to the Town of Alden for improvements at the existing landing on the south end of Church Pine Lake. There has been nothing finalized and it may be some time before anything can be done as there is currently nothing in the town budget to cover improvements. Regarding the Big Lake landing, no major changes are planned at this time. Some cement repair was recently done and trap rock to fill the washout at end of ramp is planned for the end of the summer.

Closing Remarks: Mike Reiter presented. Additional Handouts are available for use and sharing with neighbors. Also please help yourself to the information brochures on AIS and other subjects of interest to lake residents. Drawings for door prizes including some name brand fishing lures were held.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelley and seconded by Jill Paulson. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 11:00 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary: Ann Layton

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