



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

Annual Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2017

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairman Gary Ovick at 9:00 am.

Thirty one voting lake residents and 6 guests were in attendance.

Opening remarks were given by Gary Ovick. Board Members in attendance were Gary Ovick, Jerry Tack, Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Ann Layton, Greg Frost and John Bonneprise. 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 27th, 2016 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 Cheryl Beardsley. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter presented information on the 2017 goals and 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 have been very positive. Mike 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. Kel Kobernick presented information on "Big Lake Internal Load Study" which was expanded to 2017 and will continue in 2018 for a three year study which will be used to update the 2015 Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Also Citizens Lake Monitoring continues and graphs showing Secchi disk readings for the three lakes from 1986 to present were presented.

The Healthy Lakes Initiative was reviewed by Beth Hartman. Buffer work has been completed on eight lake sites. Pictures and testimonials show very positive results. Another grant for 2017 and 2018 will provide for 17 new projects that will include rain gardens, water diversions and fish sticks in addition to shoreline buffers of native plantings. If anyone is interested in these please contact one of the board members as opportunity exists to include additional projects. A form was included in the handout.

CBCW Committee: Helen Johnson noted the accomplishments for 2017. Inspectors have worked at both ramps inspecting 521 boats, contacting 1169 people in 488 hours worked. Boats coming from AIS infested lakes that had not been properly cleaned were turned away. Annette Viebrock coordinates the inspectors and will be a co-chair of the committee next year. In addition to the inspections the crew has provided boat ramp monitoring including picking up countless bags of trash. Additional inspectors will be needed next year, so if you know of any interested people please refer them to Helen or Annette.

Navigation Committee: Jerry Tack presented, highlighting buoy placement and no wake regulations. Improvements to both boat landings on is being coordinated with responsible and interested parties with the expectation of work being done in 2018.

Dams Committee: Jerry Tack presented, noting that a six inch board was removed to prevent overflow and direct water to culvert. Trimming in the area of the dam to prevent regrowth of brush and trees was contracted and an annual dam inspection will be completed soon to insure that the dam is maintained.

Fish Stocking Committee: Gary Ovick presented for Bob Meyer. A review of the history of fish stocking in the lakes was given. Big Lake Store made a very generous donation of \$1000.00 for the stocking of extended growth walleyes in the lakes.

Social Committee: Andrea Anderson highlighted the events held in 2017 including the Social Dinner and 4th of July parade. Attendance was up at both events and plans are already underway for next year. The social dinner will again be held at UW Wanderoos and is scheduled for June 16th, 2018. The 4th of July parade will be on Big Lake. Note the video of the 2017 parade on the website. Excellent!

Web Site Committee: Presented by Tim Rudolph. A new Websites was launched May 30, 2017 hosted via Squarespace. This change not only provides and updated and easier to use website it also saves money and allows the board more control over updating. The format is also much better for mobile and tablet users. Many thanks to Tim for taking on this project for our Lake District.

Water Patrol Committee: Presented by Gary Ovick. As we no longer have a District provided Water Patrol and new hiring and training by the Polk County Sherriff's Department reduced officers available for patrol the number of hours on our lake and contacts were down. Detailed numbers were not available. A handout was provided at the meeting which highlighted the most common complaints, violations and rules.

Break

Grant Status: Gary Ovick presented a summary of grants from 1996 to present. The current grant summary with dollars and volunteer hours was presented. The importance of volunteer hours in grant reimbursement was emphasized. Some of the grants will need to be extended or resubmitted to cover 2018. The open grants call for total costs of \$94,472 with \$70,854 eligible for reimbursement and \$44,556 received to date.

2016 Annual Audit: Jerry Tack provided a summary of the audit noting that no irregularities were found and “financial documents are in very good order” according to auditor Joel Hazzard. A letter from the Board of Commissioners regarding the audit was provided to membership as a handout.

Treasurers Report: Jerry Tack presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2016 Year End and Year to Date 07/31/2017 and 2018 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. The 2018 Budget calls for the levy to remain the same. A motion to approve the 2018 budget was made by Dave Zanick and seconded by Hubert Wegele. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Gary Ovick presented the board’s nominations. Beth Hartman’s and Jerry Tack’s terms were expiring and both had agreed to seek another term. A spot for write-in candidates was available on the ballot also. Secret ballots were cast with Beth receiving 27 votes and Jerry receiving 26 votes thus being elected to three year terms. 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 as the board members are getting ready to cycle off.

Q & A: Gary Ovick presented.

--Question regarding The Spring Informational Meeting which was replaced with an Informational Newsletter in 2017. We will continue this practice as it reaches all of the members rather than the few who have attended in the past. Those who would like to be more involved are encouraged to attend Board Meetings.

--Concern about AIS on area lakes was raised and what additional steps could be taken to protect our lakes. Some of the suggestions would require DNR, State and county approval. Contacting the Wisconsin senator and congressman was recommended by John Bonneprise.

Closing Remarks: Gary Ovick presented. Handouts were provided for committee volunteers along with position descriptions. Please share extras with neighbors who could not attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Helberg and seconded by Mary Helberg. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 11:10 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary: Ann Layton

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