

4/2/05

## Lake Association Meeting Notes from 4/02/05

### Attending:

Dick Rudolph (Big Lake)	Brad Johnson (Alden Township Board Chair)
Brian Rivard (Wind Lake)	Merle Paulson (Church Pine)
John Bonnarpise (Polk County Commissioner)	
Doug Thompson (Secretary)	John Schulte (Big Lake)

### Guests:

Amy Kelesey Polk County Land and Water  
 Mike Jarvey Osceola Police Dept.

Meeting called to order by John Schulte.

It was proposed by John that we dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting on September 4, 2000. The move was seconded by Dick Rudolph. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (Dick Rudolph): There is \$41,761.56 in the association checking. Alden taxes deposited (1<sup>st</sup> half): 1536.25. Garfield taxes deposited: \$2796.56

During the winter the dam on the northwest end of Big Lake was damaged by ice. The repairs were performed by Forest Construction at a cost of \$4950.00. It was commented by several that Forest did a nice job.

Boat Patrol: Mike Jarvey was present from the Osceola Police Department and had expressed an interest in acting as our boat patrol this summer. A motion was introduced to hire Mike by Merle Paulson, seconded by John Bonneprise and carried. Merle had applied for funding from the DNR before the March 1 deadline. Merle explained that Mike will need to provide monthly reports along with time sheets to qualify for the DNR funding. The DNR funding would also cover the costs of equipment (radio, lights, boat and motor plus repairs) along with any necessary training for Mike. The funding was set up through Jeff Dauterman of the DNR.

Merle stated that residents expressed a strong interest at the Fall meeting in having existing ordinances enforced, rather than adding any new laws. John Schulte recounted that there were no tickets issued last season and that we need to enforce the existing ordinances with tickets and fines. Merle stated that the majority of complaints come from mis-use of PWC – not observing the speed and operating distance rules.

There need to be some repairs to the boat, so once Mork gets it into the water, it will be checked and necessary repairs will be made. John B. suggested that we consider a canvas cover to help protect the boat from the elements. The board will look into what this costs.

Mike mentioned that Matt O'hara may be helping him with the patrol. The board stated that Friday afternoon/evening, Saturday and Sunday are best, though it is preferred that the hours for the patrol be somewhat random. It was confirmed that there can be more hours for the patrol due to funding from the DNR.

Spring Meeting: A few reminders for residents; observe the slow no-wake zones and watch out for rocks around the entrance of the new culvert (go slow).

Amy Kelsey is interested in conducting a Lake Association safety seminar after the spring meeting to help attendees better understand the laws and regulations that govern the use of the lakes. The group agreed that this may be the best way to help folks follow the rules – if they know about them. She thought that we could have hot dogs and pop (which might help boost attendance). This would have to be promoted in the spring meeting mailing/flyer. Both kids and parents should be encouraged to attend.

Amy is looking into an Aquatic Invasive Species grant to help step up the awareness and elimination of unwanted vegetation from being introduced into the lake (like Eurasian Milfoil and others). So far, we do not have any E.M. present, but there is some Purple Loosestrife in Big Lake. Several talked about another beetle release – it seemed to help cut back the Loosestrife last year.

Boat Landings: It was acknowledged by John B. that the boat landing on Big Lake is dangerous because of the intersection and lack of parking. The DNR is aware of this and trying to find an alternative. It was also stated that the landing on Church Pine is not a county supported landing (is not listed in their records, it is by “use” only). Because there is no legal parking, it too is considered unsafe. It is used as a beach by many increasing the problem. John B. suggested we have someone that is more knowledgeable than us look into what else we can do about making the land(s) more safe, and what options we may have open to us.

Walleye Stocking: There were no Walleye planted in the Fall due to the inavailability of good-sized stock (only fingerlings). Stocking is intended again this fall if we can get the 6”-8” size. Most of the stock would be planted in Church Pine due to the larger number of predators in Big Lake (they will migrate where they want to). The recommended number to plant is 10-15 per acre. Cost of the stock is about \$1.25 each

Fish Cribs: A group of folks built a large number of cribs for Cedar Lake last winter. We should consider this for our three lakes to help provide the smaller fish some cover from predators.

Web Site: Dick proposed that we hire Mary Hazard to develop a web site for the Lake Association. Brain seconded and the motion passed. Cost \$500 to create and \$150-\$300 per year for maintenance.

Weed Control: No action due to ongoing research. The U.S. Corp of Engineering will not allow full treatment, but spot treatment with Lime Slurry may be allowed.

It was proposed by John B. that the Association join the Polk County Land and Water Association of Lakes and Rivers so we can be kept aware of news and educational opportunities. Brain seconded it, the motion passed. Cost is \$25/year.

New Bridge/Culvert: John B. will look into how much we owe on the bridge. We had it raised above the original height so there is some cost to the Association from what the County pays for. Dick will call the DNR. Brad indicated that this should be a joint issue

between the Lake Association and the County. John B. will get section maps with boundaries marked so we have more information.

**Next Meeting of the Board:** Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, at Dick Rudolph's house.

Adjourn: John S. made a move to adjourn the meeting. John B. seconded it. The motion carried.

Updated Board List is attached.

\*Any corrections, additions should be sent to Doug Thompson's attention.