

Lake Association Board Meeting Notes from 9/02/06

Board Members Attending:

Dick Rudolph (Big Lake)	Brad Johnson (Alden Township Board Chair)
Bryan Rivard (Round Lake)	Merle Paulson (Church Pine)
Doug Thompson (Secretary)	John Schulte (Big Lake)
Mary Hazzard (Big Lake)	Matt Dallmann (Round)
Arthur Gamache (Polk County Supervisor)	

The officers were elected and appointed:

Merle Paulson will become the Chairman

Mary Hazzard will become the Vice President

Doug Thompson will remain the Secretary

Dick Rudolph will stay on as Treasurer

Matt Dallmann will head up the bi-weekly sampling of aquadic plants, looking especially for any signs of Eurasian Milfoil.

The first item of business will be to apply for the permit to dredge and install pilings in the Church Pine/Round Lake channel.

Merle stated that the "Clean Lakes, Clean Waters" program is essential to keeping foreign plants out of the lake. We intend to step up inspection activity at boat landings next season.

Terms that expire:

Doug Thompson in 2007

Merle Paulson and Dick Rudolph in 2008

Mary Hazzard and Matt Dallmann in 2009

The Board will hold a working meeting to discuss action items at Merle Paulson's next Tuesday at 7pm. The dredging permit and process will be the top item to work on.

Minutes of the meeting held today will be sent to all board members (and distributed at the Tuesday meeting).

Big, Wind and Church Pine Lake Association Board

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5/2/06

May 2, 2006 Lake Association Planning Meeting

Purpose: Develop an Agenda for the May 27 Information (public) Meeting
Present: John Schulte, Merle Paulson, Dick Rudolph and Doug Thompson

Fish Stocking: We will have to see how much money we have available. We stocked the lakes in 2003 and 2005. We may want to skip this year.

Church Pine/Round Lake channel dredging: The channel has filled in substantially since the last dredging (maybe six years ago?). Dick will talk to Dale Selzler about what it would cost to do this. We need to also find out how to dispose of the dredged material in a way that the DNR approves. Merle recommended that we talk with Ed Bruno since he was very much involved in the process last time. We will need to secure permission from the adjoining landowners (there are two).

The lake water level was discussed. Dick produced multiple letters from the DNR stating the established lake water levels going back to 1951. The water outlet level datum has been and is still set at 96.5', this is without any stops in place at the outlet. There have been stops put in place in the past – none of them were approved by the DNR.

Weed Control: There is no Federal funding available this year so we will not be any studies performed, or any weed treatment or removal done this year.

Boat Patrol: We received 64.5% of our boat patrol costs back from the State. We are hoping to receive 75% this year. We would be eligible for the higher amount if the number of actual citations written compared to the number of patrol hours worked is at least 15:1. This minimum is set by the DNR.

Fish Cribs: The ice was not solid enough to support the heavy equipment necessary to haul materials and construct fish cribs last winter. We plan to try this again next year.

Bridge Payoff Contract: We owe the County \$40,000 for the modifications to the bridge that the Lake Association requested, over and above the standard bridge design by the County. We wanted the bridge higher and wider, and the channel dredged out deeper than what the County had designed and planned. We made the first payment of \$20,000 and now owe \$5000 per year for the next four years.

Boat Landing Intersection: We received a letter from the County stating that the introduction of the stop sign or crosswalk on County Road M, at the intersection by the boat landing on Big Lake would present a hazard to traffic and deemed it not acceptable. The reasons given were that it was on a curve and at the bottom of a hill – two circumstances that are not considered acceptable for a controlled intersection. A bypass for heavier traffic to County Road M has been thoroughly studied and an acceptable alternative has not been identified, nor is there any money to invest toward this size of a project.

Motions at Meetings: All motions should be written down and the persons making and seconding the motions need to be recorded.

Budget: We have \$24,277 in checking including \$2988 from the DNR for water patrol reimbursement, \$2715 first half taxes from the County and \$5899 first half taxes from the Township of Alden. We anticipate receiving another \$8600 (approx.) for second half taxes in August. The expected spending Budget is about \$17,000 for this year. The water patrol budgeted amount is about \$8000; \$7500 for 300 hours at \$25 ea and \$500 for fuel and oil.

We will need volunteers to form a **nominating committee** to elect board members at the August meeting. Two Commissioner positions are open this year, one for Church Pine and one for Round Lake.

Clean Boats – Clean Waters: We will need volunteers to inspect boats at the landings this year. We will especially be watching boats coming in to the lake to ensure that Eurasian Milfoil is not introduced into the lakes. Once the plant, or even a small portion of the plant, has been introduced, we will forever be working to control the spread and it will be very expensive (\$100K per year plus) and the water quality of our lakes will suffer greatly. Diligent boat inspection and cleaning is the *only* way to keep the invasive species out of the lakes!

There is a “hole” at the end of the **Big Lake landing**. It appears that prop wash has cleaned out the gravel from the end of the concrete pad and some longer trailers fall into the hole. John will talk to Dale Selzler to see how much it would cost to add length to the pad to place the area of prop washout beyond the length of trailers.

The **Spring Informational meeting** will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 10am. Doug will make up a postcard and John will handle the mailing. The entire board will meet on Monday, May 8th at 7pm at John Schulte’s house to discuss the upcoming meeting.