

Annual Mtg. 8/13/88

The eleventh annual meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation was held at West Immanuel Church on August 13, 1988, at 10:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by our Chairman, Dick Larson. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read. A motion was made by Elwood Einerson and seconded by Stewart Dennison that the minutes be approved as read. Motion carried. Fred Homan read the treasurer's report. Balance of August 15, 1987 was \$517.51. Accounts Receivable were \$14,658.28. Accounts Payable were \$13,626.78. Balance as of August 8, 1988 was \$1,549.01.

Dale Register reported on weed cutting. Hours spent on each lake are as follows:

Big	-	45 Hrs	-	\$3,600.00
Round	-	21 Hrs	-	\$1,600.00
Church Pine	-	15 Hrs	-	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
TOTAL	-	81 Hrs		\$6,400.00

Dale also read a letter from Tom Gertz thanking the Lake District for hiring him to cut weeds and also for the help given him while cutting weeds. Discussion followed. The majority of the people were satisfied with the weed cutting. Roger Springer from Round Lake asked about the lily pads. Dick Larson stated they are protected so cutting all of them cannot be done. He further indicated that cutting them also helps them to multiply. The D.N.R. is opposed to both cutting and chemical spraying of lily pads. The lake levels were down this year and therefore made the weeds more noticeable. Fred Homan stated Big Lake was down 17" and there was a lot of water milfoil (weed). The overall water clarification of our lakes was much better this year, although after the first heavy rain the clarification of Big Lake went from 10' to 4'. The D.N.R. checked out the north creek on Big Lake. With the runoff of nutrients coming from as far as Pelican Lake in Wanderoos, it was suggested some kind of filtering system be installed to help slow or shut off this runoff into the lake.

Dick Larson attended a D.N.R. meeting in Balsam Lake in July. They would like to see our lakes organize a Lake Management Plan. This would be made up of lakeowners. The purpose would be to help preserve our lakes, especially our shoreline, help keep property owners from fertilizing, cutting grass to close to the shoreline and keeping people from chemical spraying weeds. Dick asked for volunteers. Sheila Springer from Round Lake and Jos Sheeser from Church Pine volunteered. If anyone else is interested they should contact one of the Board members.

A suggestion was made that in 1989, two weeks before weed cutting, the weed cutter should get together with Lake Management and determine areas where weeds should be cut and where they should be left for fish. If a lakeowner would prefer not to have his or her shoreline cut, they should notify one of the Board members or Lake Management.

Dick Berquist spoke on the boat control. The Board members met with Sheriff Lindholm in March in regards to the boat control. Sheriff Lindholm favored boat control for our lakes, as they have received many telephone calls from lakeowners for disturbance in and around the lakes. He stated deputies for boat control have special training. Dick also mentioned that lakeowners are responsible for good behavior on lakes the same as outsiders. The cost of the boat and accessories was \$3,200.00 and insurance costed \$800.00.

Deputy Keith Lindstrom was our next speaker. He explained that he and another deputy had done most of the boat control. He said working with another deputy makes it much easier when it comes to boat inspection and in the case of an accident. Keith stated they have to keep a daily log and this in turn is given to the Sheriff. Of the 130 watercraft they stopped 51 had illegal registration. The others stopped were for insufficient life preservers, lack of fire extinguishers, water skiing and jet skiers problems plus one D.W.I. It was stated that intoxicated beverages can be carried on a boat as long as the driver is not consuming them. 133 hours were logged for boat control from May to August. Discussion followed. Water skiing hours were discussed. Wisconsin law is sunrise to sunset and the lake ordinance is 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. No ordinance can be put into effect if it is not down on paper for proof. Keith stated no parking signs have been put up on the south end of Church Pine. Bob Ramstad asked if the buoys could be put back in Church Pine to designate a swimming area as they had been years back. Dick Berquist stated insurance could be a problem. If someone was injured in this area they could sue. Dick Larson asked for volunteers to look into some of these problems on Church Pine such as the swimming area and the public access on the west side where there have been loud parties. Volunteers were Bob Ramstad and Merle Paulson from Church Pine and Donald Jhanke from Round Lake.

Dick Larson was our next speaker. He stated Lim-Tech had finished their water testing and if anyone was interested the information is printed and could be found on the table at the entrance of the church along with some other information. Dick also mentioned about the large number of dead bluegills found along our shores this spring. This was due to a virus when they were spawning causing them to die. There are reports of swimmer itch and chiggers being bad this year. There isn't much that can be done for this. A good rub down and shower after swimming was suggested. Dick stated there was a leak found in the dam, but he had made the repairs. He further stated that everyone should watch for Purpleloose along our shores and destroy it.

Mary Anderson from Big Lake reported having difficulty trying to get the fire department. Apparently the fire numbers do not correspond with the ones at the station. Deputy Lindstrom stated they are putting the 911 number system in our area which is causing problems and they also are putting new fire numbers in throughout the state. If you have a fire the numbers to call are as follows:

New Richmond	-	246-4441
Osceola or	-	294-3300
Garfield	-	755-3300
Amery	-	485-3151

Bob Ramstad asked if it was possible to have a D.N.R. representative at the State Capitol during some of their meetings on lake problems. Dick Larson stated Danny Ryan is the new D.N.R. representative in our area.

The Secretary's position expired and nominations were in order for a new one. A motion was made by Byron Torgenson, seconded by Bob Ramstad, to nominate Kathy Videen. Frank Winiecki made a motion, seconded by Stella Tobiassen, we cast an unanimously vote for Kathy Videen. Motion carried. Kathy Videen is our new Secretary.

Dick Larson gave a budget levy proposed for 1988-89 of \$13,000.00:

Water Patrol	-	\$ 3,500.00
Weed Cutting	-	6,000.00
Lake Management	-	2,500.00
Miscellaneous	-	<u>1,000.00</u>

\$13,000.00

Motion made by Donald Jhanke, seconded by Eldon Kern, that we levy \$13,000.00 for our budget. Motion carried.

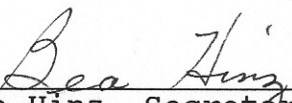
Bob Ramstad stated he would like to see a letter put out by the Board members to all lakeowners in the Spring letting them know the accomplishments made by the Board.

A motion made by Frank Winiecki, seconded by Bob Ramstad, to donate \$25.00 to the church for the use of the basement.

Motion made by Stewart Dennison, seconded by Frank Winiecki, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Coffee and cookies served by Carolyn Larson.

Respectfully submitted,


Bea Hinz, Secretary