

1994

Annual Mtg.

8/27/94

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Churchpine, Round, & Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Lake District was held Sat., Aug 27, 1994 at West Immanuel Lutheran Church. Chairman Dick Berquist called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and related a brief history of the lake district, and our accomplishments to date: the millpond dam, a water quality study, and the purchase of our water patrol boat.

The minutes from the last annual meeting were read; m/m by Tom Diaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Jahnke to accept them as read. Motion carried.

The current board members were introduced: Danette Jahnke, Ed Bruno, Dick Berquist, & Kathy Vidler all elected, and appointed members, Bud Lee from the County, & Reuben Johnson from the Township. Sheila Springer, 5<sup>th</sup> elected member, was not present.

Danette Jahnke ~~had~~ gave her treasurer's report. m/m Tom Diaz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Friedrich to accept the report. Motion carried.

Dick Berquist commented that swimming area buoys were not put out because we don't have a permit. Board decided not to take on the liability without proper authority.

Dick called on Dory Hogan to update us on water patrol activity. She issued 3 citations this season: 1 underage operation, 1 failure to register, and 1 violation of 100' distance law. Dory explained she has been hired not to harass, but to keep the lakes safe. Questions raised & answered were

Does a canoe with an electric trolling motor need a license? Yes!

Are 2 deputies in the patrol boat necessary? Yes! The ~~situation~~ circumstance was still questioned - Dick interjected that the Board has authorized 2 persons on board.

Where does one call for water patrol assistance? Call 911 or the Sheriff's dept and they can dispatch per from Balsam Lake.

What hours are water patrol on duty? When there's traffic or concern on the lake and weather dictates.

What are the personal watercraft laws? You must stay 100' from anything unless you are proceeding slow-no-wake.

Where may rafts be placed? If placed 200' + from shore, they must have lights.

Dory informed us that a new law effective 1/1/95 is all designated PFD's in the boat must be wearable. This

is coast guard law - cushions are no longer acceptable.

It was unanimous consensus that Gary has done an excellent job!

Weed harvesting was next on the agenda. Dick Bugquist opened discussion by pointing out that Round Lake and parts of Big Lake are restricted from chemical use, and are on a sensitivity list.

(Big Lake)  
Tom Diaz complained that the harvesters were shining cabins at midnight. He felt they did a lousy job and there were not enough loads taken out.

The weed cutters were vandalized rightly.

Curtis Paulson (Churchpine) thought they did an excellent job on Churchpine, though there were some complaints about the private cutting.

Dick Larson (Big Lake) admitted that Big Lake didn't look good after cutting, but knows they took out a lot of weeds. The objective is not to manicure the lake. 10 years ago the first algae bloom was in May; now it's in August. The goal is to take nutrients out of the lake.

Ron Skone (Big Lake) said 3 passes were made and he couldn't tell where they had been cut. Long Lake (Centuria) is clear - they spray weekly for bloom and weeds. Our cutting isn't working.

Don Jahnke noted you can't compare lakes - they're all different.

Dick Rudolph said there's a Brainerd company that does infra-red scanning.

Dick Bergquist stated that the DWP is involved now with the Balsam Branch Watershed, correcting non-point pollution. Our watershed district could be #2 in 1995 or 1996, which would deal with Cedar, Squaw, & Pine lakes, and Howe Creek. Our 1987 water quality study ~~at~~ uncovered human feces on the west side of Round Lake and farm animal contaminations at North Creek.

Dick Bergquist asked the attendees "Do we want to cut weeds next year?" We cut @ 70 hours and removed 300,000 pounds of weeds from the 3 lakes. at \$100/hr + the cost will be @ \$7000. to continue cutting.

M motion by Jerry Farrow, 2nd by Mary Alice Anderson to proceed with weed cutting under the direction of a weed committee, to spend up to \$1500. Discussion followed. M motion by Mel Dure, 2nd by Jerry Farrow to amend the ~~the~~ motion to "control" from "cutting". On a voice vote, the amendment to the motion passed. Now reading "weed control" the motion passed on a voice vote.

Members of the committee will be:

<u>Big Lake</u>	<u>Chuck Pine</u>	<u>Round</u>
Tom Diaz	Ann Mobug	John
Ron Skore	Dave Ciesinski	Trailbrath
Dick Rudolph		
John Schulte		

The committee will meet after the annual meeting while the board meets. Dan Thomson, local Realtor representing the Larson estate on Church Pine informed us that 7 members of the family are selling their interest. They are seeking township and DNR approval to improve the landing and move the road to realize the development of the lots. The church wants additional land and with the road charge, 6-10 lots could be created.

As we have \$15,000 in our account, and outgoing expenses of \$5500 for weed control and \$2000 for boat patrol, we will not need to assess for next year's budget.

Motion made by George May and 2nd by Connie May to have only 1 officer in the boat while patrolling. Discussion followed. The cost to the lake district is \$10 per hour per person. By voice vote, the motion was defeated.

There is 1 board member opening. We now have 1 representative from Church Pine and 3 from Big Lake. We try to have each lake represented. Don Tahntz nominated Frank Fridrich from Round Lake and John Melbrath 2nd the nomination. Mary Alice Anderson made m to unanimously accept and elect Frank to the board. The motion passed.

Dick Larson made m to adjourn meeting adjourned.

Kathy Vidun, Sec.