

# GENERAL MEETINGS 1999

Annual Mtg. 9/4/99

Church Pine, Big Lake and Round Lake Association  
September 4, 1999

Ed Bruno, Chair, called the meeting to order. All board members present.  
Due to the length of the minutes from the May meeting it was moved and seconded that they not be read.

Dick Rudolph-Treasurer's report given. Form attached.

Lake Rehab report-

- Phase 2 completed on 8/27.

- All samples done and sent in for evaluation and testing.

- Report at the spring meeting-

  - Increase in lime and adjusted herbicide at some sites

- Thank you to the volunteers who gave 238 hours -Ed Bruno, Tom Barnes, Dave Larson, Earl Mork, Steve Probst, Jim Schaefer, Ron Skone, Hubert Wegele.

- The major portion of the buoys will not be there next summer.

Guest Speaker- Jacob Bellinsky, Information and Education Coordinator for Polk Co.

Land and Water Resources(former name was Land Conservation Dept).

- Dept. goals are to decrease pollutants and to maintain habitation.

- Concern with increased population growth in the county which means increase in water and land use.

- Riparian stewardship kits explained-handed out those available to members

- Money is used to point out pollution areas

- Horse Creek was priority by DNR in 1995

- 40% water use is agriculture related

- 50% open space is divided into grassland, open and woodland

- Sediment delivery is 80% from agriculture---1 ton of sediment =4#phosphorus(increased algae growth)

- Cedar Lake is receptacle for all lakes

New Business-

Water Patrol- no people to do it, the couple hired moved from the area.

The Polk Co. sheriff was contacted by Mork. Unsuccessful in finding a deputy sheriff; does not have to be a Polk Co. sheriff; pay is \$11.00/hour with a minimum 4 hrs/day.

If anyone interested contact Mork or the Board members.

Survey of Channel results-

62% responded-length 30ft., 4ft. wide, 3ft. deep; 10ft. angling down to 14ft.

Question asked regarding the results of the survey to be interpreted as a final vote or as a way for discussion leading to a vote by the membership. Much discussion followed

amongst the membership and the Board. After consultation with the Bylaws the Board recognized the fact that this issue of dredging must be voted on by the entire body. Since

there is not 100% attendance of the membership today ballots will be mailed by the secretary so all the members will be properly notified. Those ballots postmarked by Sept.

16<sup>th</sup> will be counted by Ed Bruno, Chair and Diane Martin, Sec'y.-

- Home video explained by Stu Utgaard showing the proposed dredging proposals.

-Letter from Chuck Revak, Water Management Specialist, WS DNR to Board Member Marv Fredrich regarding the dredging of Hwy K bridge and the Church Pine/Round Lake channel was read. See attached. Signatures of involved property owners of the CP/R Lakes channel are being pursued by Marv. Dredging to be taken care of by Dale Selzer. Materials removed from the lake bottom to be taken to Dick Rudolph's property. The Bridge and Channel Committee, headed by Stu Utgaard, will undertake these projects after the vote is known and asks for any volunteers to contact Stu. Shovels, buckets and garbage cans will be needed.

-Dick Rudolph reassured those concerned about curly leaf pond weed moving from Big Lake into the other 2 lakes that Barr Engineering felt that this wouldn't happen.

-Discussion of concerns regarding increase in water traffic, speeding & safety

Ron Skone- a count on Big Lake shows 33 ski boats, 49 pontoons and 24 fishing and personal watercraft=106 water craft

-Big Lake board/dam area- discussion regarding lower or higher water levels noted this summer depending on location on the 3 lakes. Years ago the lake level set without the board in -31/2feet-was established by the DNR. 100% of the people in district must okay putting the board back in.

-Concerns regarding cost of the bridge with changes to County Road K

Height of bridge

Difficult to change height once it is built

Report to Hwy Dept and they will use as they want

Expenditures of funds must be voted on by members

It will remain single lane

Application can be made for funds

-Safety concerns regarding use of Church Pine's public landing:

Increased number of boats, ski boats and swimmers

Fear of accidents since not all boats going in same direction for water skiing, tubing,

Public Health issues since no public restrooms or garbage cans are available-spread of diseases and contamination of water.

Whose responsibility to enforce?

Motion by Bob Ramsted to approach the Alden Township board regarding these issues and the possibility of restricting boats at the landing. Seconded and approved.

Volunteer committee members to pursue this are: Bob Ramsted, Pat Donovan, Paul Firlle, Dennis Gafney, and Joel Hazzard. A report will be given at the spring membership meeting.

Costs-

-Weed cutting \$7,000.00 budgeted for 2000. ('92=\$5,242.50; '93=\$6,011.25)

The board will seek out a company who will notify each homeowner for cutting from the dock in. Cutting will comprise of 2 passes 8 feet wide= 16 feet in front of dock.

Application may be made for individual use of weed control.

-Boat patrol-\$3,000.00

-Insurance-\$2,000.00(some rebate back)

-Taxes \$19,000.00(\$3,000. more than in '98) Unsure of effect on individual taxes

Meeting adjourned to be followed by a short board meeting regarding the ballots to be mailed.

Submitted by, Diane Martin, Secretary

05/29/99

## **LAKE ASSOCIATION SPRING MEETING**

**ED BRUNO, Chair, called to order May 29, 1999**  
**All board members present**

**DICK RUDOLPH gave treasury report**  
**-report attached**

**GEORGE PALO, Polk Co. Hwy. Commissioner**

- major work on County Road K from Hwy 65 to County Road M will be done in the late fall of 2003. There will be rural design from Hwy 65 to houses and then urban design til right past Mud Lake**
- road changes will be regarding curves with minimal property changes**
- they will look at traffic control "traffic calming" enforced this summer; the sheriff and hwy safety group have been talked with**
- Polk County is growing rapidly**
- no changes or improvements on K until then**
- input and expectations from the lake association members are requested**
- realizes this is a special section with special concerns regarding lakes and trees**
- the bridge is technically not a bridge but a box culvert-it needs to be 25' in length to qualify for federal funding**
- the policy now is to replace what is there with the square foot opening per DNR regulations. If we want larger than they will work with the group.**
- public meetings are suggested**
- change can happen**
- start process early for good design**
- design work should be done by 2002; contract letting by early spring 2003 and dollars by end of fiscal 2003**
- the association should come up with a consensus and with funding ideas**
- Bridge- 20' span for federal funds-80% federal and 20% local; the state DOT worked with for funding, compared to HWY 63 box culvert**
- not more than \$155,000.00**

**ED-commission to look at possible changes re. dredging and adding height and width to bridge**

- tax levy money and county grants to help costs
- Army Corps of Engineering and Hwy Commission need permits for any dredging

**MARV**-has communicated with the DNR re. increase in plant growth between the lakes. A 1987 study showed no appreciable water flow between the lakes but green growth is brought between the lakes

**MEG RATTEI**- Barr Engineering gave report re. the lake study. Dick will receive the written results. People may contact him to volunteer for assisting the study this summer. Watch for increase in algae by the Church Pine and the Wind Lake channel

**ED**-the 4th of July boat parade will be 1pm on Big Lake and 3pm on Church Pine

-for those members wanting weed cutting contact Lake Restoration; same price as last year. 10 sites are needed for machine to come in

-some discussion of varying lake levels since the board was removed- a petition is set up to sign and send to DNR

-discussion of dredging between Wind and Church Pine

-a committee of lake association members representing the three lakes and the lake association board will prepare a survey regarding any changes to the Hwy K bridge and possible dredging between Church Pine and Wind Lakes. This survey will go to all members of the lake association. Hopefully some results will be available at the annual meeting this Sept.

Committee members volunteers-

Jack Barron-Big Lake

Tom Diaz- Big Lake

Curt Paulson-Church Pine

Mary Rivard-Wind(Round)

John Schulte-Big Lake

Dale Selzer-Wind(Round)

Stu Utgard-Church Pine

**DIANE**-information shared and handouts available re. purple loosestrife and chiggers. Any volunteers interested in "growing" beetles to fight the loosestrife should contact her.

-volunteers also are needed to clean boat landing on Church Pine-sign up sheet on table or call

Respectfully submitted, Diane Martin