

Annual Meeting 9/4/04

Church Pine, Wind and Big lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
September 4, 2004 West Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI

Meeting called to order by John Schulte, Chairman, at 10:13am.

Board members present-Dick Rudolph (Big Lake Rep.), Merle Paulson and Diane Martin (Church Pine Reps.). Absent-Bryan Rivard, Rep. from Wind Lake.

Brad Johnson, Alden Township Board Chair and John Bonneprise, Polk County Commissioner present.

Motion made by Marv Frederick and seconded by Mike Walsh to suspend the reading of the minutes from the spring 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Dick-Treasurer report given. Motion by Ed Bruno and seconded by Dave Olson to accept the report. Motion carried. (see attached)

JOHN-Committee reports:

Nomination-will wait for the election later on this morn for report

Audit-Joel Hazzard-all in perfect order. Other 2 members, Linda Henderson and Dennis Gaffeny will look at the final report this week.

Water Patrol-Joe Collins, Police Chief of Osceola, reports that 30-40 people were contacted with various issues and no further contact was needed after that-most difficulties were with guests of residents.

4th of July-safety concerns on Big Lake when motors were turned off-big water fight Church Pine-70 boats for the parade-good response by participants.

Suggests discussing this event at the spring meeting.

Encourages members to review rules with their guests for on lake use. Remember there are different rules for Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Linda Henderson-Spring survey re. water use-much concern regarding no wake from 7pm to 10am-not enforceable.

Discussion regarding use by various activities during this time- water skiing because waters can be more calm, fishing for same reason, both at same time?

Mike Smith, DNR officer- most ordinances are from court challenges, certain process must be followed, copies of ordinance sent to various parties, ie. water patrol, all wardens with jurisdiction for the lakes involved, the DNR.

States the DNR does not respond to complaints

Mike covers 12 northwestern counties. Will be retiring this year. (Appreciation expressed by the members).

Linda Henderson-possible failing of the survey was asking for too much information- 57% in survey favored enforcing

Ron Fischback, Big Lake-regarding the success of the water patrol, I thought the ideas was to wait and see how it went, if no problem then no regulating needed.

Stu Utgaard-difficulty with the ordinance due to limiting water skiing activity -flat and calm in evening is great time.

Mike Walsh-overwhelming response that people want something done so feels should go forth.

Discussion followed-comments made include-too restrictive rules could affect property values as lake property has become year round now; State law states no wake from sunset

to sunrise; Least amount of regulation the better; review of boating rules read; Church Pine is a small lake with a lot of boat traffic at times; boat traffic should maybe go in one direction for safety issues.

John Schulte-area where state law doesn't work and that's where ordinances helpful such as the direction for boating on the lake; website or newsletter to get information; Joe states there is no ordinance to put up buoys to show where is 100 feet; suggest using courtesy and respect; difficulty balancing residents of the lake and those that are using the Church Pine landing; courtesy sign should be posted at both sites.

Motion made by Mike Walsh that no wake restriction of all 3 lakes be from 7pm to 10am. Discussion continued. Comment made that voting is premature since we only had the boat patrol for one summer.

Call for question by Ed Bruno.

19 Yes for the no wake restriction and 40 No. Show of hands counted by Merle Paulson and Diane Martin.

Motion made by Mike Walsh for the 7pm to 10am No wake on Round (Wind) and Church Pine Lakes. Seconded by Dean Henderson. No's have it.

Kim Kleist-motion made to increase law enforcement and to post courtesy signs and the existing laws at the two boat landings.

Seconded by Mary Hazzard-include the direction of the lake traffic

Approve-47 No-15

DICK RUDOLPH-WEED CONTROL

The Eau Galle Corp. Of Engineering does corral testing-weekly visits-use a pie plate size disc.

Dick-lake temp last Mon. was 62 degrees and it is usually 74 degrees

Lake clarity readings for high spring are-

Church Pine-17' Round-12.5 Big-8'

DNR is fish collecting this week-results not known yet.

Purple loosestrife(brought in a sample of the plant)-Dave Larson and Dick have done spot eradication but not helpful. Would like help when gets beetles in spring- Volunteers are: Ron Starbuck, Roger Needles, Tim Formo, Dick Rudolph and Dave Larson.

Dick-requests received that DNR would like information retrieved to get lake temps from top to bottom and do oxygen contest. Machine needed to obtain this info.

Motion made and seconded to purchase such machine. Approved by members.

JOHN-5000 walleye were purchased-10% into Round Lake, 26% Church and the rest into Big Lake-of course the fish will go wherever. They will be place end of Oct. and when temps are 60 degrees.

-Assessment-recommended \$15,000.00-actual amount might be less- More difficult to raise so would like to leave at this amount.

Motion made by Ed Bruno and seconded by Dave Larson. Motion passed.

JOHN BONNEPRISE-compliment to those more concerned about our environment-part of the assessment went to increase size of bridge culvert since the engineers felt was not necessary. No bidders for the bridge project for 2 years.

Hopefully done in the spring.

Another safety issue is boat landings and a possible liability.
Courtesy should always be promoted.
Gene Peletier -about the bypass and the ongoing study on County Road K.
Question asked if a sign could verbalize that the boating areas are not a public beach.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

One name on the ballot is Doug Thompson, Church Pine.
Ed Bruno expressed to close the nominations and proposed a white ballot.
Doug will replace Diane Martin as the Church Pine Representative.

MERLE-suggests fish cribs be placed as these cribs will enhance the ability of the fish to reproduce in our lakes. Since we are purchasing fish it would be good to help them survive. Crib cost is about \$100.00 a piece, they measure 8'x8' and are placed 5'-10' below surface. Oak logs chained/bolted together and anchored to bottom.
Cedar Lake put 40 in last year-permit states up to 200.
Stu Nelson, Star Prairie, cannot help now since he is helping Cedar Lake.
Crib sites- sandy or gravel bottom preferred.
Permission needed from landowner to enter water for placement.
Merle is a scuba diver and has observed the placement.

JOHN-brief discussion regarding information being available to members in some form.
Because of her computer knowledge Mary Hazzard's name was suggested. She has left before being approached.
Ed Bruno makes motion for adjournment. Seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Martin, Secretary

Hi!

Please let me know of any corrections! It was a very lively meeting with ~~so~~ many words volleying back & forth! Democracy in action - it's a good thing!!

John & Merle - I will try again to send via the E mail & then you can easily correct B14 returning to me.
Thanks!

Diane

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Spring Info Meeting 5/29/04

May 29, 2004 West Immanuel Lutheran Church, Osceola, WI.

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by John Schulte, Chair.

Board members present-Dick Rudolph, Merle Paulson, Bryan Rivard and Diane Martin.

Board Members were introduced to the members present.

Brad Johnson, Alden Township Board Chair, was introduced. He states a representative to the county board will be appointed to the township board.

Mike Walsh made a motion that the minutes from the annual meeting last August be suspended. Seconded and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Dick presented the Financial Report from 8-30-03 to 5-5-04 with a modified report attached. See attached.

Dave Larson -motion made to accept the report. Seconded and approved.

JOHN-asks members to think about volunteering for a 3 member Nomination Committee (those not interested in running for a Board position) and 3 members for the Auditing Committee that will be named today.

BRYAN RIVARD-BRIDGE- the County Road K bridge between Big and Wind Lakes must be done by 11/04 or another permit will be needed. The work is to start the week after July 4th. Duration of 1-3 weeks -bridge will be closed during this time-weather box culvert want to put in-will meet specs-concrete floor

MERLE-WATER PATROL -started working on hiring for this 2/04. 28 officers in the county were approached.

Hired is Joe Collins, Police Chief of Osceola. 200 hours have been budgeted.

Mike Smith-states funding is available to help with this cost -70% possibly covered-apply by 1/05-keep accurate hours.

John-funding for our youth to learn boat/water safety is available. Discussed by members.

Much interest in offering this was expressed.

1982 ordinance that John received from Mork, Big Lake store, was read by Brad Johnson-Brad states a certain format was put together and forwarded to the DNR-it was reviewed for being enforceable-Lower Pine did similar, it was submitted to a lawyer and found to be not valid.

Mike Walsh-states has studied the ordinances and states we have a right to write ordinances-requests from Town Board for permission.

Mike Smith- Town Board works with DNR who is found to be reasonable-states the sheriff as the Water Patrol enforces not the DNR.

Linda Henderson-Lake Survey report done with assistance from Lori Swanson and Mike Walsh. States others members also helped or were consulted with. See attached survey.

States survey showed that there was a strong mandate to enforce and to tighten up.

PWC's especially targeted-esp. from Church Pine survey participants.

Mike-overwhelming number want certain hours of restricted activity.

One member states regular WI rules are already in place.

Member suggests to set up for one year and then look again.

Rene Pelletier-states this morning at 6am on Big Lake 2 fast moving bass boats were on the lake so it is not just the PWC users who are noisy.

Member states would like decreased boat activity at twilight-says common courtesy and common sense needs to be used.

It is suggested by John that the boating rules be checked and that they be posted on dock.

Member states is difficult to always remember to tell guests, esp. friends of teen children

Diane suggests that the Lake Courtesy Code could be copied, laminated and placed on docks for the owners and their guests to be reminded about. Information regarding this was handed out at last year's spring meeting.

DICK-WEED CONTROL-a letter with help from Barr Engineering was sent to Representative Mark Petters asking for his support for the use of lime slurry to improve and protect the aquatic plant life of WI lakes. (see attached)

Per Dr. Wm James-no treating this year-states there is barky straw treatment research

BARLEY

FISH STOCKING –John and Merle-the supplier couldn't supply the quantity requested and then could only get a few-3,300 were stocked(\$1.20/fish-3 1/2" to 8" fingerlings) Distributed 10 walleye /acre -75% into Big Lake, 20% Church and 5% in Wind(Round). Of course, Merle stated, fish go where they want to go. DNR has to give permit and gives a list of suppliers-received the permit from Heath Benecke in Barron who recommends that 10 walleye/acre at cost of \$1.50/fingerling of 5-7 inches long be stocked every year for 3 years. DNR will do a survey this fall by shocking and then counting, a couple people could go along for this; Sandy Anderson, supplier; when teeny walleyes are used there is no survival. Suggests lock boxes at landings to obtain donations from visitors who fish the lake- estimated to do a 3 year project with 5000 fish suggested to be stocked per year.

WATER CLARITY-Dick-checked water clarity this past Tues.-report at Sept. meeting. Rene Pelletier-states there has been what seems to be a snail invasion-this is cyclical.

LOOSESTRIFE –Dick reported sightings to a woman in charge at Polk County. Reminds members if spotted this may be treated by clipping each plant and applying Round Up (or it's water equivalent). John-released beetles 2 years ago for this problem and will check on that out come.

NEW BUSINESS-

Thank You to Chuck Fullmer for the boatlift to be used for the water patrol boat.

Doug Thompson- weed control -states is impressed with use of a new invention called Beach Buddy- a lake rake on wheels-introduced manufacturer rep. from Paumco Products in Maple Lake, MN 55358, phone number 1-866-554-7455, www.paumco.com , machine available at back of hall after meeting-orders taken.

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS:

Audit-Joel Hazzard, Dennis Gaffeny, Linda Henderson.

Nominating-Dean Henderson, Dave Larson, Jill Paulson

ATTENTION-members report that 5 new mail boxes were "smacked" on Big Lake and a Church Pine paddle boat with Dopkins on it is missing.

11:25am Motion made by Ed Bruno for meeting to be adjourned. Seconded and motion passed.

Jane Walsh won the drawing for a one years subscription to Cabin Life that was donated by that magazine. A thank you note will be sent to Jean Russ at jean@cabinlife.com for the subscription and the extra issues that were distributed to members at today's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Martin, Secretary