

Meeting Minutes
Pickerel/Crane Lake P & R District Spring Meeting
August 31, 2013 – 9:30 a.m.
Nashville Town Hall

Official meeting was called to order by Chariman Chuck Sleeter. Commissioners present for roll call were Chuck Sleeter, Rod Sternhagen, Kathy Kupfer, Dan Vosters, Duanne Marshall, Lauren Freston. Also in attendance was Forest County Rep., Jim Stormer, David Solin, Langlade County Rep 54 property owners were present.

Spring Meeting minutes were read. Motion made to accept minutes, seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Kupfer read the Treasurer's Report. Closing balance of \$146,542.53. Current closing balance to date was \$149,883.50. Motion to accept by Phil Holman, seconded. All accepted the report passed.

Old Business: Molly McKay /Shoreland Restoration presentation was moved up on agenda. All approved: Gave report on the types of plants, trees, and shrubs that will attract wildlife and provide shoreland buffers. She also explained the difference between passive and active buffers or a combination of both. She is available for anyone who wishes to check into a restoration project at 715-627-6206 or email at mmckay@co.langlade.wi.us.

Aeration Report: Phil Holman gave the report. He said that John Laird who is on the north side of the lake as offered to help this winter as Phil is stepping down. [Addendum / Mr. Laird is unable to do this for medical reason per email from Chuck Sleeter dated 11/11/13] They are ready to go for the winter.

They may need a couple of spools of rope. The purpose of the aeration system is to prevent fish kill. It has been working.

Aquatic Plant Harvesting for 2013: Keith Verhagen reported that 36 loads have been removed from the lake. There were mechanical problems while they were on Crane Lake and six loads were taken out of Crane. They continue to need volunteers. There will be a volunteer party on 9/26 at Firelight. A dock was purchased for the harvester to help in safety.

Jim Stormer reported that Lake Tomahawk used an old pontoon to pump up Eurasian Milfoil. They used divers and a suction system. This is a DNR approved system that is an alternative to chemically treating these weeds. There was a discussion as to the effectiveness of this method on large areas. There will be a need for volunteers to do this which is always a challenge. Motion was made to look into this as a possible way to fight our Eurasian Milfoil problem on our lake. All approved.

New Donation Boxes: Dan Vosters was unable to locate a source for the metal donation boxes. A request was made for someone to make them, or should they be purchased. Len will look into it? Should we anchor it into the ground?

Fish Stocking 2013: Brad Kupfer reported that Greg Matzke is encouraging us to fill the void from the bullhead removal and put more walleye into the lake. 2,800 were put in in 2012 which was 700 short, so we can put more in. At the end of September, Mr. Matzke will do a survey in preparation for a bullhead removal in Pickerel Lake. We were asked to step up the plan and start to put walleye into Pickerel. He believes this will balance the bass population with the introduction of walleye into the lake.

Clean Water Clean Boats: Joan Sternhagen has been monitoring on Crane Lake during the fishing season. The

response has been good. There were nine volunteers that have been actively working at the boat landings monitoring the boats.

Power Loading Holes: Permits have been received to fix the holes. Joe Sanderfoot will be doing the work. It was recommended to not fill in with stone, but to just push back the original material. Stones might hurt the props on the boats being launched.

Signs: The No Power Loading signs are still on Crane Lake; the North and South side signs are missing on Pickerel Lake.

New Business:

Bullhead Removal Pickerel Lake: Motion made to allow this project to move ahead. Joan Sternhagen moved to approve, seconded by Ted Corona. Motion Passed.

Crane Lake Fall Walleye Survey: Done before September and then stock 4,500 walleyes.

Elections: Kathy Kupfer, Dan Vosters, and Chuck Sleeter were all reelected.

Budget Hearing: Amended budget added \$3,000 for walleye restoration. Commissioner's Meeting amended the 2013 budget on July 28, 2013. 2014 Budget – Printing and ads changed for the new category of Web Page/Newsletter. These are communication items that are required by the Lake District plan. The postage costs are up. Boat Landings amount is higher to improve the boat landings. Aeration is anticipating \$500 in repairs. Weed Harvesting will also need an increase. Capital Purchases is now being funded for a potential new truck for the harvester. The Lake Management Plan is now complete and does not need anymore funding. The Walleye project reflects the

extra cost for the DNR donation to help in the bullhead reduction. There is no new tax levy included in the 2014 budget. Motion was made to approve. Seconded and all approved.

Port-a-Potty: Due to abuse of the rental equipment, this program has been discontinued.

Public Comment: Jim Stormer reported that there is an upcoming problem with homeowners who have trees within 30 feet of their buildings according to the program called Fire Wise.

Chuck Sleeter is now the Animal Control Officer for the township.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and passed. Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauren Freston