

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT MEETING**  
**March 1, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Don Schmitz, President; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Pat Schwai, Secretary;  
Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist

**Absent:** Town Board Representative (D. Noetzel/J. Wierzba)

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- A motion to approve the Nov. 3, 2007 minutes by Carl Schmelzer and seconded by George Rasmussen carried.
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**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Don Schmitz, President reported:

- Failure of the Post Office to inform Don of an expired mail forwarding address resulted in Don getting a backlog of mail and undeliverable items.
- Notify Don of current addresses for Gary Cooper and Jim & Steve Coffee.

Donna Mandt, Treasurer reported:

- Bank Balance \$4182.66

Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist reported:

- New to position as of 1/7/08
- Noted that DNR offers rapid response grants to lakes found to have invasive species
- Can be contacted at [lcd@price.co.wi.us](mailto:lcd@price.co.wi.us)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fisheries – Frank Sevcik reported:

- A reminder that bait used in one lake may not be transported to another lake for use but must be disposed of.
- Fish cannot be transported between lakes. Fish leaving a lake must be dead or on ice.
- Sig noted that only barbless hooks can be used for fishing bass until the season opens

Youth fishing contest – Sig Kaminski reported:

- Frank and Sig are organizers/contact people
- Open Cochran Lake youth ages 4 – 14
- Fish must be caught on Cochran Lake
- Deliver pictures, information/short story to either Frank or Sig
- All entrants will be included in the prize drawing. Winner to be announced Nov. 1, 2008

- Donations of cash or new fishing related items are welcome. Contact Sig/Frank for suggested items.
- Additional funding by Lake District available.

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt reported:

- Few concerns registered on difficulty removing boats in fall
- Extension of boat launch pad would require permits.
- Will revisit after spring thaw if needed.

Water Quality – George Rasmussen reported

- After serving in this capacity for 8 – 9 years, George announced his “retirement”
- Sig Kaminski volunteered to take over the monitoring duties

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik reported

- Plants removed during ice fishing are still green near base

Website – Don Schmitz reported:

- Updates to the printed directory are available on the website

Town Board Meetings – Carl Schmelzer reported:

- Town getting bids for paving F.R. 144/Shady Knoll
- Newly paved area will end south of swamp
- Forest Service unable to provide monies for repairing that portion

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Don requested that Committee Chairs and others send him articles for the Annual Newsletter.
- Sig suggested that directory updates indicate permanent residents
- *Land Stewardship Conference* sponsored by Price & Taylor County’s UW- Extension to be held April 5, 2008, Prentice High School. For information call: 715.339-2555  
Register at: [www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/price](http://www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/price)
- *WAL (Wi. Assoc. of Lakes) Annual Convention* April 17-19 in Green Bay. Contact Don if interested in attending.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn, made by Carl Schmelzer and seconded by Diane Korinek. carried.
- Meeting ended at 9:46 a.m.

**ANNUAL MEETING: MAY 24, 2008 9:00 am PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION**

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING**  
**May 24, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS:Present:** Don Schmitz, President; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Pat Schwai, Secretary; Jack Wierzba, Town of Fifield Rep.  
**Absent:** Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. with welcome from President Schmitz
- Motion by Carl Schmelzer, seconded by Rick Schwai to approve the March 1, 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Cochran Lake hats can be purchased from Mary Kaminski for \$10.00.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:**

**Donna Mandt, Treasurer reported:**

- Total expenditures 6/01/07 - 5/31/08: \$455.41
- Total income: \$787.51 includes \$12/ lot special charge on tax bills
- New Balance of \$4239.91
- Budgeted expenditures from 06/01/08 - 05/31/09: \$379.00
- Motion by Rick Dittberner and seconded by Mary Hartung to accept budget as presented. Motion carried.

**Pat Schwai, Secretary reported:**

- 2007 directories are available. 2008 updates are posted on the Cochran Lake website at [http://in.geocities.com/cochran\\_lake\\_district](http://in.geocities.com/cochran_lake_district)
- Continue to send any directory corrections/changes to Don Schmitz
- Loon Report -Pat monitors loons for LoonWatch. Your observations needed.
  - “Get the Lead Out”: anglers are encouraged to replace toxic lead jigs and sinkers with non-lead alternatives. Pat has suppliers’ list.
  - Keeping distance from islands and no-wake speeds during nesting time (through 7/4/08) are critical to successful hatch/fledge.

**Jack Wierzba, Town of Fifield Representative reported:**

- Paving should be done by end of June on F.R. 144/Shady Knoll from Hwy. 70 to top of hill south of marsh.
- Forest Service responsible for completing work over marsh
- Preliminary work on 144 from Moose Jaw to Fish Trap to begin in Aug./Sept
- Township is developing Comprehensive Plan
  - 6 people on Plan Commission; 1 more member needed

Residents raised concerns about Cy’s Drive:

- Large size of gravel makes walking and biking difficult/unsafe
- Road dust an issue. Jack will put consideration of chemical application on Town Agenda
- R. Cook requested that the Town place Cy’s Dr. on long-range plan to pave.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Fishery** - Frank Sevcik reported:

- Shocking scheduled for May 29. Data will be used to establish slot size/limits for bass

**Boat Landing** - Brian Mandt reported:

- Motion to close gate at start of spring fishing season passed.

**Water Quality** - George Rasmussen reported:

- George's replacement, Sig Kaminski, has been trained on testing procedures
- Our website has a link to DNR website for water quality and history
- George was presented with a gift in appreciation for his 8+ years of service

**Adopt a Highway** - Greg Yorton reported:

- Annual clean up took place first week of May. Thank you to the volunteers! (Schmelzer/Ford, Kaminski, Schave, Rasmussen, Yorton)
- Thanks to all who pick up trash as they see it throughout the year.

**Lake Plants** - Stan Kmiecik reported:

- Waiting for lake to warm up and plants to grow

**President's Report** - Don Schmitz reported:

- Share any new website ideas with Don
- Google-group is a way to stay connected to lake news without making your email address public. Sign up through Don.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- Dotty Ford shared information on wildfire precautions and non-native plant species  
More information available from Price Co. Ext. Service 715.339-2555 and Nat'l. Forest Service at 715.762-5199
- A Fire Danger sign was erected at the Pike Lake Fire Station
- **Kids' Fishing Tournament**
  - Sig Kaminski provided details and registration sheets
  - Contest open to 4-15 year old relatives and visitors of Cochran Lake owners
  - Prizes will be awarded by drawing after Nov. 1
  - **Donations of new items or gift cards/\$\$ to purchase items appreciated.**
- Rick Schwai reported that pier service will install manually and not with boat.
- Don reminded us to use phosphorus-free household cleaners and lawn fertilizers.
- Sharon Kmiecik reported that the bears are active and bold.

## **Election of New Board Member**

- Don Schmitz has completed his 3-year term.
- Rick Schwai nominated Randy Cook. Greg Yorton seconded the nomination. A voice vote was unanimous.

Don Schmitz was thanked for a job well done and presented with a gift in appreciation of his service as President the past three years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Schwai and seconded by Doreen Dittberner. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13a.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, August 16, 2008, 9:00 a.m. Pike Lake Fire Station**

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 16, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Randy Cook, President; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Pat Schwai, Secretary;  
Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist; Town Board Representative Jack  
Wierzba

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.
- A motion to approve the May 24, 2008 minutes by Rick Schwai and seconded by Mike Buckna carried.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Randy Cook, President reported:

- Attempt to electronically send out agenda/notice of this meeting several days ago failed. Pat sent out last minute reminder. Situation will be resolved.
- Goal is to make personal contact with each resident before next May.
- Will attend Aug. 19 seminar on lake management and AIS
- Will attend WAL (Wis. Assn. of Lakes) Convention in April.

Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist reported:

Re: Canada Goose problem

- String a line 6" above ground at entrance points
- Apply non-toxic repellent spray

Re: Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

- Monitor and/or lock boat landing
- Restrictive ordinance preventing transportation of all aquatic plants being developed

Re: Shore land restoration

- 70/30 cost share available to lake owners. Contact Randy Cook.

Donna Mandt, Treasurer:

- Report was approved as read. Motion by M. Buckna. Second by R. Schwai

Pat Schwai, Secretary and LoonWatch monitor:

- Minutes of May 24, 2008 Annual Meeting were approved as written. Motion by R. Schwai. Second by M. Buckna
- Loon update: 2 chicks are 4 ½ weeks old. Shared information. Fielded questions.

Jack Wierzba, Town of Fifield Representative

- Town crew will grind blacktop from Moose Jaw Resort to Fish Trap Rapids Rd. this fall. (S. Kaminski sited safety concerns of present condition; requested road be swept)
- Upon completion of this section in 2009, Township road program will be placed on hold for 2-3 years due to Town's costs already incurred repairing Forest Service roads.
- Painting lines on roads cost prohibitive.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fisheries – Frank Sevcik absent – Sig Kaminski reported:

- Fishing is good. Decent bass. Perch population improving.
- Refrain from returning snagged weeds to lake as they interfere with top water fishing and can re-root.
- Frank awaiting fish shocking report. 2009 size limit still uncertain.

Youth fishing contest – Sig Kaminski reported:

- Entry forms with pictures and stories are being submitted.
- Additional donations welcome – fishing related items or cash.

Water Quality Testing – Sig Kaminski reported:

- Quality remains “good” with clarity to 14 feet and no sensitivity to acid rain
- Water levels still low

Adopt-A-Highway – Greg Yorton

- Residents are picking up refuse as they see it. Thanks.
- Next organized clean up in spring

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt reported:

- Goose droppings are only current issue.

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik absent

Website – Don Schmitz absent

- [http://in.geocities.com/cochran\\_lake\\_district/](http://in.geocities.com/cochran_lake_district/)

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Randy presented for consideration a stipend for Brian Mandt’s mowing of boat launch area. Brian declined offer preferring to donate his time to the district.
- Donna will research goose repellent noted above and report back. Consensus of members will precede any implementation.
- Locking boat landing is number one defense against AIS. Combination will be changed in future.
- Discussion ensued on ways to easily identify that boats belong to Cochran Lake residents and their visitors. Decal? Flag? To be discussed further.
- Randy asked if there would be any interest for a July 4<sup>th</sup> boat parade.
- Randy brought up concerns regarding the condition of Cy’s Dr. Wants to seek resident input. R. Schwai pointed out that since road concerns do not fall under the jurisdiction of the lake district, discussion on this matter should be held after the meeting is adjourned.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- A motion to adjourn, made by Rick Schwai and seconded by Sig Kaminski carried.
- Meeting ended at 10:44 a.m.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: OCT. 11, 2008 9:00 am PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION**

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**October 11, 2008**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Randy Cook, President; Pat Schwai, Secretary; Jack Wierzba, Town Board

**Absent:** Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- Minutes of August 18, 2008 approved as printed. Motion: Wierzba Second: Cook.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Frank Sevcik – Fisheries, Kids' Fishing Contest, Water Quality (for Sig Kaminski)

- May shocking report indicated increase in perch numbers; bass in 18" range.
- Other species: northern, bluegill, pumpkin seed, black crappy
- Two bass size limits being considered by DNR:
  - 5 bass/day including 4 less than 14" and 1 greater than 14"
  - 1 greater than 18"
- Have enough prizes for all 15 entrants in kids' contest; drawing Nov. 1
- October clarity to 15", May to Oct. was 14'

Stan Kmiecik – Aquatic Plants

- July bloom resembling blue green algae scum observed in SW bay
- Plant growth 4-5' below surface, fewer plants and blooms all attributed to cool spring
- Please do not return weeds pulled up on boat props and fishing lines to water
- Lake plant survey scheduled for summer 2009; looking for any invasive species

Pat Schwai – Loon Report

- Both juveniles made flying attempts by 9 weeks of age; sustained flight at 10 ½ weeks
- At 11 weeks, both left lake during day with parent. Last sighting: October 2

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Jack Wierzba – Town Representative

- 144 to be paved in June, 2009
- Former Town Treasurer Linda Dragovich sentenced
- Concerns noted over early removal of Round Lake dock

Pat Schwai – Secretary

- Meeting dates posted on website
- Notify Pat or Don Schmitz of any address/information changes

Randy Cook, President reported:

- Has reviewed CLD materials on watershed and district boundaries
- Will revisit insuring Board Members at annual meeting in May, 2009
- Is seeking everyone's input on what long range goals they'd like the district to consider

**OTHER CONCERNS/ISSUES**

- Stan Kmiecik questioned what rules govern use of the four state-owned islands

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. Motion: P. Schwai; Second: Sharon Kmiecik

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:**

**March 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m. pending availability of PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION**