

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**March 14, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Randy Cook, President; Pat Schwai, Secretary; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Doug Noetzel, Town Board; Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

**Guest:** Bill Ave'Lallemant, Pres. Pike Lake Chain Lakes Association (P.L.C.L.A.)

**Attendees:** Sig & Mary Kaminski, George Rasmussen, Brian Mandt

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of October 11, 2008 approved as printed. Motion: E. Lund Second: D. Mandt

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Randy Cook, President

- W.A.L. convention March 18-20. Randy will attend Thursday session.
- Sent letter of support for Town of Fifield AIS grant application
- Considered S. Kaminski's suggestion of 8:00 a.m. Annual Meeting start time. By-laws allow time change. Motion: D. Mandt; Second: P. Schwai. Approved by Board.
- Will have Pike Lake Fire Dept. Vial of Life materials at next meeting.

Pat Schwai, Secretary

- Directory updates needed immediately. Everyone please verify personal information.
- Notify Pat of your Loon arrival sightings.

Donna Mandt, Treasurer

- The balance of \$4804.84 reflects the special assessment income.
- Solutions to goose population/contamination:
  - Chemical repellants expensive and limited to grassy areas; won't solve boat ramp problem.
  - Discussion ensued on effectiveness of habitat management, physical deterrents, hunting and nest/egg destruction by permit. Further discussion at Annual Meeting.

Doug Noetzel, Town of Fifield Repres.

- Addressed issue of brush back work done along road right of ways.
  - Restitution to be made where warranted.
  - Explained that clearing extends life of roads reducing costly reconstruction.
- F.R. 144/Shady Knoll
  - Stimulus funds may allow for resurfacing from gravel stretch to Hwy. 182
  - Gravel stretch (2 miles) for another year if waiting for funding more prudent
- Cy's Drive work limited to grading/maintaining this year
- Appraisals
  - Explained basis of property appraisals and history of process.
  - Dissatisfaction with Peterson Appraisal expressed by some in attendance.

Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist

- County applied for wetland restoration grants through stimulus package.
- County can provide plan and possible cost-share dollars for shore buffer restoration
- DNR and county working on laws prohibiting transport of any aquatic vegetation.

### **SPECIAL GUEST REPORT – Bill Ave’Lallemant**

- Town of Fifield applied for an AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Grant from State
- Grant used to prevent AIS from spreading to township lakes. All currently AIS-free.
- If receive, P.L.C.L.A. will oversee projects to meet grant objectives
  - Educate lake districts/associations in Fifield Township on AIS
  - Educate boaters through monitoring of landings by paid staff.
  - Surveying and identifying lake plants.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pat Schwai reporting for Frank Sevcik – Fisheries

- No slot sizes approved for 2009
- Shocking to be done June 1, 2009
- Last year’s barbless hook regulations remain in effect

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality

- Weed growth less than last year. No unusual weeds found
- Water clarity excellent during ice fishing season.
- Our 3 regular ice fisherman caught only 4 bass total all winter. Concerns about population.

Brian Mandt – Boat Landing

- Gate locking dates need to be determined at Annual Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. Motion: S. Kaminski; Second: D. Mandt

**NEXT MEETING: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
Saturday, May 23, 2009, 8:00 a.m. PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION  
(Please note time change!)**

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**May 23, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS Present:**

Randy Cook, President; Pat Schwai, Secretary; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Jim Hintz, Town Bd. Rep.  
Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

**Attendees:** 38 residents (representing 21/49 lot owners)

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 8:10 a.m. Pres. Cook led Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion passed to approve Minutes of March 14, 2009 as printed.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Randy Cook, President

- Reported on W.A.L. Convention, threat of AIS and need for education and vigilance
- Vial of Life offered through Pike Lake Chain Firefighters; forms and stickers available
- Acknowledged the invaluable assistance of Don Schmitz with the newsletter mailing

Pat Schwai, Secretary

- No directories printed. Information can be downloaded from website.
- Loon Report: arrived 4/17/09; have abandoned first nest; Pat praised people's cooperation with last year's chicks

Donna Mandt, Treasurer

- Balance of \$4699.12
- 2009-10 budget accepted as printed
- Check for \$150 submitted from sale of Cochran Lake Hats.
- Randy thanked Donna for her service

Jim Hintz, Town of Fifield Representative

- Expressed desire to work for and with us a newly elected Town Board member
- Two mile stretch of Shady Knoll (FR144) to be paved in 2009; prep. work on next stretch may begin in fall 2009
- Our area of township provides 52% of tax valuation
- Fielded concerns about quality of Cy's drive for walking, biking and driving

Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

- County Board passed ordinance in April making it illegal to transport *any* aquatic vegetation
- Cost sharing of 70/30 available for restoring shoreline with native vegetation.
- Brochures on invasive species and shore land zoning provided

Fisheries – Frank Sevcik

- Barbless hook law rescinded for early bass season
- DNR: has not issued slot size for our lake; will shock June 1; managing for bass
- Presented detailed history of fish population based on shocking from 1973-2004.

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt

- Motion passed to lock boat landing from May 1 until November 1 or first measurable snowfall, whichever comes first. Rick Schwai will remove lock.
- Effective May 26, 2009, a new lock with new combination in place. Residents will be notified through Cochran Lake Google Group. N. Sevcik has printed combination cards.

Stan Kmiecik – Lake Plants

- Will conduct submerged weed survey by boat between July 15-25 with Ray Schave.
- Will survey shoreline vegetation changes due to receding water levels.

Don Schmitz – website

- Meeting dates, minutes and other vital information available at:  
[http://in.geocities.com/cochran\\_lake\\_district/](http://in.geocities.com/cochran_lake_district/)

- Send directory updates to Don.

Rick Schwai – Goose population

- 83% of respondents to questionnaire viewed the Canada goose population as a problem that needed to be addressed. Only 33% of residents responded.
- Presented facts on goose life cycles, survival rates, population and legal control measures:
  - Modify habitat: grow shoreline buffers, don't feed, erect barriers
  - Other options: scare/haze, control reproduction
- Scott Craven: be proactive to limit numbers before out of control
- Motion passed to control goose population through natural approaches – natural buffers, barriers and limiting desirable habitat

Sigmund Kaminski – Water Quality

- Highest temperature in 2008 was 79 degrees; water clear at spring test
- Data from 1989-2007 indicates lake holding its chemical structure

Sigmund Kaminski – Kids' Fishing Contest

- Presented storyboard with last year's contestants.
- Thanked all contributors of gifts and cash for prizes.
- Motion to continue contest in 2009 passed. Contest prize donations being sought.

Budget amendment

- Motion passed to amend previously approved 2009-2010 budget providing up to \$200 for Kids' Fishing Contest prizes if needed and to keep tax levy at \$12/lot.

Election

- Mary Hartung nominated Carl Schmelzer for Treasurer. Nomination passed.

Other Business

- Randy Cook, Pres., suggested marking obstructions in lake due to low water levels
- Idea tabled until next year due to concerns about liability and ordinances.

Adjournment

- Motion and second to adjourn passed at 10:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Schwai, Secretary

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2009 9:00 A.M PIKE LAKE FIRE HALL**

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**August 7, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Present:** Randy Cook, President; Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer; Pat Schwai, Secretary;

**Absent:** Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist; Jim Hintz, Town Board Representative  
Members: Sig and Mary Kaminski, Ray and Judy Schave, Mary Hartung, Stan Kmiecik

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

**ADMINISTRATION:**

- Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance
- Motion by C. Schmelzer to approve the May 23, 2009 minutes as printed seconded by Mary Hartung. Motion passed.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer:

- Savings balance: 2995.95; Checking balance: 1724.17
- Checks issued for water monitoring test, new boat landing gate locks and postage

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Water Quality Testing – Sig Kaminski reported:

- Quality remains “good” with clarity to 15 feet
- Water level continues to drop
- July/August temperatures 72/70

Adopt-A-Highway – Ray Schave

- Next organized clean up in spring

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik

- August 1 survey at depth of 4’-6’
- Broad-stemmed pond weed prevalent, especially in NW corner of lake

Website – Randy Cook reporting on behalf of Don Schmitz

- District website at: [http://in.geocities.com/cochran\\_lake\\_district/](http://in.geocities.com/cochran_lake_district/) no longer to be fee-free
- Motion by C. Schmelzer, seconded by J. Schave to authorize up to \$100 for one year fee. Motion passed.

Geese - Pat Schwai reporting on behalf of Rick Schwai

- Rick contacted Ericksons, per annual meeting directive, requesting they not mow boat landing property. Request disregarded.
- Boat landing free of droppings since rope placed across ramp. Geese gathering on islands and sand bar instead.
- Rick recommends testing for E. coli. Motion by S. Kaminski, second by Mary Hartung to authorize up to \$25.00 for test to be done in next few weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: OCT. 24, 2009, 9:00 a.m. PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION**

# COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 24, 2009

## BOARD MEMBERS:

**Present:** Randy Cook, President; Pat Schwai, Secretary; Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer; Jim Hintz,  
Town Board

**Absent:** Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

**Members:** Sig and Mary Kaminski, Frank Sevcik Others present: Dotty Ford

**LOCATION:** Pike Lake Fire Station

## ADMINISTRATION:

Meeting called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes of August 8, 2009, approved as printed. Motion: M. Kaminski Second: Sevcik

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Randy Cook, President

In receipt of Annual Directory update from WI Lakes Partnership. Pat Schwai will complete.

Pat Schwai, Secretary

Kindly notify secretary of any changes in home or email addresses

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

\$2998.45 in savings; \$1680.99 in checking; \$43.18 check for annual website fee

Jim Hintz, Town of Fifield Representative

Town seeking different mower to maintain roadsides

Stimulus dollars through Federal Forest Service used on F.R. 144 and future sign-age

Fifield is seeking cooperation with Eisenstein on F.R. 144 repaving

In response to question, Jim noted Figi Road widening came at request of Park Falls school district. Members expressed displeasure that Cy's Drive not given precedence.

De-stumping past 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge on F.R. 144 in 2010. Re-construct in 2011.

Announcement imminent on new bio-diesel plant at Flambeau River Paper Co.; boost to area economy expected

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Sevcik – Fishery

Slot size limits still awaiting approval of WI Fishing Congress (none in place in 2009)

Proposed that CLD consider participating in Fishing Has No Boundaries, a NFP organization making fishing accessible to the handicapped. Frank has VHS tape on it. Will be discussed at May Membership Meeting.

Boat Landing

Reminder that per vote in May, boat lock will be removed no later than Nov. 1

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality & Kids' Fishing Contest

Clear to bottom

17 entrants in contest; prizes awarded after Nov. 1

**OLD BUSINESS** Goose population/impact (Pat Schwai reporting for Rick Schwai)

Price Co. Health Dept. water sample of 9/1/09 produced reading of 2cfu\*/100 ml, an almost negative reading. (235Cfu/100 ml prompts beach advisory) \*colony forming units

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. Motion by Schmelzer; second by Schwai. Motion carried.

## NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

March 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m. (pending availability of PIKE LAKE FIRE STATION)