

COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 6, 2010

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, George Rasmussen

LOCATION: Pike Lake Fire Hall

ADMINISTRATION:

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Minutes of October 24, 2009, approved as printed. Motion: Schmelzer Second: M. Kaminski

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Randy Cook, President

- Wisconsin Assoc. of Lakes (WAL) dues payable by March 10. Given to Treasurer to pay.
- Fifield P.O. Box rent of \$40 due. Given to Treasurer to pay
- WAL convention 3/30 – 4/1 in Green Bay. Owners encouraged to attend and report back. Pat noted budgeted amount fell far short of actual cost. After discussion, action was placed on agenda for Annual Membership Meeting.
- Seeking articles for annual newsletter. Deadline for submission to Randy is April 15.
- State of Wis. Boundary changes form will be completed and returned by Randy.

Pat Schwai, Secretary

- Directory information is available at our website and is updated as changes are received.
- Due to both the cost of printing directories and the short time frame in which information is accurate, members are asked to download their own copies. Mary Kaminski will print a few copies for those who do not have access to a computer.
- Kindly notify Secretary of any changes in your information prior to May 1.
- Loons/ice out: Pat needs observers to email her with ice out and loon return dates.

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

Savings: \$3724.65 (includes \$720 from annual special assessment) Checking: \$1680.99

Jim Hintz, Town Board Representative

- Lac du Flambeau Tribe plans to resurface Twin Lakes Rd. to F.R. 144 this summer.
- Potential exists for cost sharing between LdF Tribe and Towns of Fifield and Eisenstein to resurface F.R. 144 from Twin Lakes to Hwy. 182 this year. (Original Town of Fifield plan was only to complete F.R. 144 between Fish Trap and Springstead Rd. in 2010.)
- Town needs new roadside mower. Approval to fund purchase by sale of school lots to be sought at Town's Annual Meeting.
- Load limits not yet posted. Jim suggests posting F.R. 144 earlier to protect it.
- Reason for improving Figi Rd. revisited. Mary Kaminski requested an Addendum to the October 24, 2009 minutes in light of new information. Chequamegon School District Superintendent, Mark Luoma, contacted the CLD Secretary noting that contrary to Jim Hintz's report, the school district never requested the improvement. Discussion ensued. It remains unclear who authorized the work.
- Jim encouraged people to send any concerns about Peterson Appraisal to him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sig Kaminski reporting for Frank Sevcik – Fishery

- Daily limit remains at 5 bass, no size limit for 2010
- Uncertain if lake will be shocked this spring
- Ice fishing observations: northerns up in number, crappies down, blue gills bigger

Sig Kaminski – Kids' Fishing Contest

- 18 entrants; \$300 in donations made it self-supporting.
- Donations welcomed for 2010.

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality

- Winter oxygen level appeared good as fish were lively
- First water quality tests to be performed 2 weeks after ice out

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Motion by Schmelzer; second by Sig Kaminski. Motion carried.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, May 29, 2010, 8:00 a.m.

Pike Lake Fire Hall

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Saturday, May 29, 2010, following the Annual Membership Meeting

COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 29, 2010

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

Absent: Jim Hintz, Town Board Rep.; Evan Lund, Price County Conservationist

Ex-Officio: Doug Noetzel, Town Board Chairman for Jim Hintz

Members: 28 residents at large

LOCATION: Pike Lake Fire Hall

ADMINISTRATION:

Meeting called to order at 8:09 a.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Randy Cook, President

- Introduced stipend for attendees to Wisconsin Assoc. of Lakes (WAL) Convention
 - Motion by Jim Krenz and second by Deb Cook to pay up to \$150/day/person maximum of 2 attendees to assist with registration and lodging fees. Motion carried.
 - Scott Craven shared that an economical alternative is the one-day conference focused on northern WI lake issues scheduled for June 18 in Cable, WI.
- Authorized payment of \$10 dues to Price County Waterways Assoc.
- Raised need for protocol on expenditures between annual membership meetings
 - Motion by Scott Craven, second by Ray Schave to allow discretionary spending of up to \$300 per year with two signers per check. Motion carried.
- Acknowledged and thanked Pat Schwai as her 3-year Secretary term ends.

Pat Schwai, Secretary

- Motion by Sig Kaminski, second by George Rasmussen to approve minutes of March 6, 2010 Board Meeting as printed. Motion carried..
- Directories: Limited number printed as information is available on website. Please notify new Secretary of any changes.
- Information sheets new this year. Feedback on their usefulness appreciated.
- Invited Mary Kaminski to speak on need for "Household 911 Emergency Sheets" due to routing of "911" calls made from cell phones.
- Loon Report: Pair nesting near private boat landing. Observe no-wake speed in area.
 - S. Craven suggested posting a "loon nesting" sign at landing. Pat will if nest survives.
 - Pat Krenz questioned need for no-wake rule for Cochran Lake.
 - Frank Sevcik noted new state law expands no-wake speed within 100 ft. of lake shoreline.
 - Motion by Ray Schave, second by Jeff Bauer to retain our voluntary "under 10mph speed limit" rule. Motion carried.

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

- Savings balance: \$3727.72 Checking balance: \$1515.99
- Randy opened discussion on annual District levy amount of \$12.
 - F. Sevcik expressed need to have adequate funds available to meet any Aquatic Invasive Species emergency. Randy will investigate our eligibility for emergency AIS grants.

- Motion by Mary Ann Boschke, second by Sue Houkom to keep levy at \$12 per year. Motion carried.

Town Board Report, Doug Noetzel reporting for Jim Hintz

- Noted inaccuracy of statement recorded in March 6, 2010 minutes that Lac du Flambeau Tribe plans to resurface Twin Lakes Rd. to F.R. 144 this summer
- Paving of FR144 to start in June. Contract completion date of June 30.
- No further work on FR 144 this year. Will seek assistance of LdF Tribe and Forest Service.
- Purchased mower for maintaining roadsides.
- Addressed Figi Rd. improvement: Town Board authorized work; Forest Service authorized wood cutting and clearing.
- Board of Review set for June 3 to adjourn to later date. Talk to Assessor beforehand.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Frank Sevcik – Fishery

- No shocking, no slot sized by DNR this year.
- Voluntary slot size suggested by DNR includes keeping bass up to 14”, releasing bass in the 14”-18” range, and keeping only one 18” or larger bass.
- Large mouth bass numbers good, some small mouth; big bluegills but too many small ones.

Brian Mandt – Boat Landing – Absent; no report

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality

- Lake clear to bottom. Level down 21”
- Little change in water chemistry from 1989 (begun by DNR) to 2009. Link at our website.

Sig Kaminski – Kids' Fishing Contest

- Picture/story board of 18 entrants on display. Prizes covered by donations of \$300-400.
- Donations of cash or fishing related items are needed. All encouraged to support contest.

Ray Schave – Adopt-a-Highway

- Thanked Rasmussen, Sevcik, Korinek, Kaminski, Schwai, and Schmelzer/Ford for assisting in cleaning 8.5 miles of road.
- Fall clean-up TBA; meanwhile, please pick up trash when see it.

StanKmiecik – Lake Plants

- No vehicles are permitted on exposed lake bed.
- Will conduct plant survey in mid-July. Report any questionable plants to Stan.
- Sees need for documenting invasive status of all lakes within 50 mile radius.

Don Schmitz – Website

- All pertinent Lake District information available at website.

ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY

- Motion by Mary Kaminski, seconded by Judy Schave to nominate Pat Krenz. Motion carried and Pat was voted into office.

OLD BUSINESS

- Brief discussion on assessment reductions.

NEW BUSINESS

- (Covered under President's Report)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m. Motion by Don Schmitz; second by Sig Kaminski. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Schwai, Retiring Secretary

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:
9:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug 7, 2010 Pike Lake Fire Hall

Cochran Lake District Meeting
8/7/2010

Present: Randy Cook: President, Pat Krenz: Secretary

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Member Reports:

Randy Cook, President

A guest(Lauren) of someone who lives on the lake contacted Randy and would like to have the stone grill located It will be put to members at the annual meeting.

Lake Management Rapid Response booklets will be sent to Randy and he will report at fall meeting.

Our Wisconsin Lake Assoc membership is valid.

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer on vacation. Balance about same as last time. Cut check for water quality for \$146.00

Budget- to publish or not, voted yes, to be addressed with Carl.

Garbage pick up on Saturday new time: 7-3

Sig reported the lake is 3' down from last year, but up 8 ½"-9" from spring. Visibility 11-12', bubbling, fishing good. No real changes in the water tests. He is also look for donations for the kids fishing contest.

Jim Hintz, Town Rep – will get info from 9/15 invasive species seminar

Talk about putting email out in spring as to what to do when you put your boat in.

Frank stated that the bees at the landing pier were fogged. However, the pier needs to be raised to get at bees.

ANP – propose permit from DNR, Ski 2nd it, motion to carry authorized purchase. (see attached)

New Business: proposal to pay board members, (see attached) will be discussed at the October board meeting. We also will be discussing incentives for attending meetings.

Cochran Lake District Meeting
October 23, 2010

Present: Randy Cook, President, Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer, Pat Krenz, Secretary

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board Member Reports:

Randy Cook, President

Randy contacted DNR for guidelines for grants for invasive species. Found out that the grants are geared to lakes that already have problems. Do we want to form a committee to research so if in an emergency, we are ready. It will be brought up at the next annual meeting. District can spend up to \$300 with no approval, so **door prizes will be given out at annual meeting.**

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

\$3,735.52 in savings account and \$1,256.07 in checking account.

Received new nesting platform.

Will work up a budget for next year.

Committee Chair reports

Frank Sevcik –

Fishery, bass are better than ever, crappies not so good, Blue gill big, lots of Northern 27- 28”, small mouth good, perch are hiding.

Sig Kaminski –

Water Quality. Kids Fishing contest there are 16 entries. 15’ visibility.

May need 8’ section for pier if lake comes up more, Ray Schave approved motion, Frank Sevcik 2nd it.

Next meeting: 3/26/2011 and annual meeting 5/28/2011