

Cochran Lake District Meeting
April 14, 2012

Present: Mark Luoma, President, Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer, Pat Krenz, Secretary

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Reports:

Mark Luoma, President

Boat landing fireplace issue will be brought to vote at annual meeting. Mark received 21 replies from the survey, 16 sell and 4 stay as is.

Next meeting is May 26, 2012, 8 a.m.

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

\$3,763.67 in savings account and \$1,881.53 in checking account.

Committee Chair reports

Frank Sevcik – Fishery. The lake will not be shocked this year.

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality. 2 weeks after the ice went out on 3/19, visibility was at 14’.

Sig Kaminski – Kids Fishing Contest. Mark will ask St. Croix for donation. Anybody can make donations at the upcoming annual meeting.

Ray Schave – Adopt a Highway. 8 ½ miles is cleaned up. There will be another clean up in the fall.

Motion to adjourn – Frank Sevcik, Carl Schmeizer second.

Cochran Lake District Annual Meeting
May 26, 2012

Present: Mark Luoma, President; Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer; Pat Krenz, Secretary

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Reports:

Pat Krenz, Secretary

Motion to approve April 14, 2012 minutes by Carl Schmelzer, second by Scott Craven.
Motion approved.

Carl Schmelzer, Treasurer

\$3,765.22 in savings account and \$1,745.95 in checking account. Accounts are up to date and audited by Ray Schave. Next year's budget is complete and copies were handed out. WAL convention budget cost was raised. Motion to approve by Ray Schave, second by Mary Anne Boschke.

Jim Hintz, Town Representative Report

Jim worked with the town and Eisenstein to get hot mix for the Shady Knoll Road project. This saved the town of Fifield \$30,000. The project should be completed soon. There are cheaper ways other than hot mix, but they are not as durable. Fifield is in good financial shape. Might need of a new grader next year.

Evan Lund, Price County Land Conservationist Report

Movrich Park has new swings and some shoreline restoration. Call zoning department for building questions. Free, on site inspection. Shorelines should not be mowed or cut 35' from shoreline. Can have up to a 30' viewing corridor, or up to 20% of property width. Reporting of shoreline cutting can be anonymous.

Committee Chair reports

Ray Schave – Adopt-A-Highway. Had pickup 4/12/12. Will have another in fall. Will email lake owners with that date. If you see something along the roadway, pick it up.

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality. Ice went out 3/19/12. Water quality was tested 2 weeks after that. Don't have results back yet. On 4/2/12 water temperature was 42 to 48 degrees. Now it is around 65 degrees. Visibility is 15 to 15 ½ feet. Northeast corner of the lake is the deepest. Water quality hasn't changed in the last 3 ½ years. Foam on lake comes from the wind and a "natural" detergent in lake. Should break down within a day or so. If not, we have a problem. There is not a Blue/Green Algae test in our lake plan.

Frank Sevcik – Fisheries. Frank was absent, but Sig Kaminski reported for him. Perch are about 5” and not growing as fast as we would like. Large Mouth Bass are down about 75% in the last few years’ DNR shockings. The DNR won’t put a slot size on them. Larger bass are spawning at this time. Crappies are becoming more numerous. We are seeing some bigger bluegills up to 8 ½”. A few walleyes were reportedly caught and released last year. The lake’s bluegill population has skyrocketed. The DNR will not allow us to purchase tiger muskies for planting. Walleye planting may be a possibility in a few years.

Lake covenants and regulations will be posted on the web site.

Stan Kmiecik – Lake Plants. Stan would like volunteers and a pontoon to help him rake up plant samples. This will be done the first or third week in July. Rick Schwai volunteered to help. Lake plants are healthy. We have some broad leaf cabbage. There are several submerged logs that boaters need to be aware of.

Brian Mandt -- Boat Landing. Absent. Keep boat landing gate locked.

Don Schmitz -- District Website. Absent. Has updated directory. A directory change sheet was passed out at the beginning of the meeting. All changes from this sheet will be passed on to Don so that he can make further updates.

Additional Reports

Sig Kaminski – Kids’ Fishing Contest. Last year 21 children participated. Participants can be any child, age 4 to 15 years old who fishes on the lake. Cost of the contest is running \$350-\$450. Looking for donations. A donation container was passed during the meeting.

Pat Schwai – Loon Watch. We again have a pair of loons on lake. No nest as of yet. Please to stay 100” away from them. There is a big loon that is very curious. It will swim under your boat while you fish. All you can do is stop fishing. Loon platforms are located on the east side of second island and between the peninsula and the island on the west side of the lake.

Mary Rieder-Wisconsin Association of Lakes. Absent. Did not attend WAL Conference.

Donna Janes-Lake History. Would like a link on website for pictures.

Old Business

Letter by Randy Cook was read. Motion by Scott Craven, second by Gary Buntrock. to sell old stone barbeque at the boat landing to Loren Davis for \$500. Loren would like to see the money used to fund future Kids’ Fishing Contests. 20 voted yes, 1 opposed. We will request copies of any pictures that Loren has of the lake when his family camped on the lake in the 60’s and 70’s.

New Business

Ray Schave nominated Judy Schave for lake district treasurer. Second by Pat Krenz. No other nominations were made. A unanimous vote for Judy was recorded.

Mike Buckna motioned to conduct another Kids' Fishing Contest this year. Second by Carl Schmelzer. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Buckna, second Carl Schmeizer.

**COCHRAN LAKE DISTRICT MEETING
PIKE LAKE FIRE HALL
AUGUST 18, 2012 AT 9:00 A.M.**

Present: Mark Luoma, President, Judy Schave, Treasurer, Mary Kaminski, for Pat Krenz, Secretary

Mark Luoma called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Reports

Secretary's Report - Approved with a minor name change noted by Rick Schwai.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Schave – We have a total of \$5,286.04 in checking and savings. Payouts - \$228.93. (\$160.00 Water Testing & \$68.93 Web Site)

OLD BUSINESS: Boat Landing Fireplace removal.

Mark Luoma reported the check was in the mail from Loren Davis, to be here by 8/30. Moving it Labor Day weekend as of 8/1/12.

Carry In Landing: Mark Luoma reported four wheelers drove into carry in landing. He contacted Bob Hennes from the U.S. Forest Service. Bob Hennes said to report license numbers to him if we can get them. You can only drive ATV's on roads that are specifically marked for ATV's. The Forest Service placed two no ATV signs on the path leading from the carry-in parking area to the lake.

Boat Landing: Frank reported the realtor has a prospective buyer and asked to move the gate down past the driveway. Question brought up who pays for moving the gate. The realtor was to contact Mark Luoma, but has not as of yet. It was mentioned we could probably physically move the gate. Mark will check with the realtor and mail to the Cochran Lake District his findings and suggestions.

Frank Sevcik – Fisheries – Fish seem to be moving around the lake, and he is seeing new fish at his pier. He caught and put back a 19-1/2 and a 22 inch

smallmouth bass. Shocking should be done again in spring of 2013. The plan is every other year for shocking. Black spots appear to be less on the fish this year. Some crappies put back were 14”.

Sig Kaminski – Water Quality- No real changes, Clarity is good. Water temperature now 70 degrees, and on July 3rd was 88 degrees. Pat Schwai had clumps of algae samples taken to the Trout Lake DNR.

Fishing Contest - \$228.00 Collected. St. Croix gave us 30% off select rods and reels. Mark Luoma will check and see if he can improve this deal.

Ray Schave – Adopt a Highway – We will have another pick up after the road sides are mowed. The next scheduled pick up will be near the end of September.

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik. Rick Schwai reported for Stan that they reported the fewest weeds in 5-6 years in their yearly weed check on 7-10 or 7-11 and no new species.

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt (absent)

It was reported some boats are being launched at the boat landing in the early morning and then later taken out of the lake. There is a concern that they might be driven to other lakes and then brought back to our lake. We need to make sure the boats are cleaned to avoid invasive species in our lake.

It was brought up that some logs have been moved in the lake. Frank Sevcik reported the logs could be moved, but not taken out.

Mark Luoma adjourned the meeting after a motion from Frank Sevcik and second by Judy Schave.

Next Meeting will be scheduled for December 1, 2012, at 9 a.m. at the Pike Lake fire hall.

Cochran Lake District Meeting
December 1, 2012

Present: Mark Luoma, President, Pat Krenz, Secretary

Location: Pike Lake Fire Hall

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

Board Member Reports

August 18 meeting minutes- motion to approve Rick Schwai, 2nd Donna Mandt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report -- \$3,772.82 in savings account and \$2,041.02 in checking account. – Motion to approve Mary Kaminski, 2nd Donna Mandt. Motion carried.

Old Business

Boat Landing Fireplace – Loren Davis was unable to move the fireplace this fall and will probably move it in the spring.

Boat Landing Gate – Moving the gate will be put on the next annual meeting's agenda.

Carry-in Landing Road ATV Usage – “No ATV” signs are up on the path leading to the lake. Conflicting sources as to whether road leading to carry in landing parking lot is a trail or not. The road past the parking lot will be bermed in spring after logging in the national forest is complete.

Committee Chair Reports

Fishery -- Frank Sevcik was absent.

Water Quality -- Sig Kaminski reported that water clarity was good at 13-14' on the final test of the year. Report sent in 11/10/2012. Results should be up on the web by the first of the year. Discussion took place on blue/green algae that was discovered in the lake this summer. Rick Schwai sent a sample to the DNR who confirmed that it was blue/green algae.

Kids' Fishing Contest – Sig Kaminski reported that 22 prizes were awarded at a cost of \$411.18; \$228.00 was received from annual meeting donations. The rest came in other cash donations.

Adopt A Highway -- Ray Schave was absent.

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik was absent.

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt discussed the possibility of moving the gate during the new business part of the agenda.

Adjournment – Motion by Sig Kaminski, second by Rick Schwai.