

Cochran Lake District Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2015
Pike Lake Fire Hall

Present: Mark Luoma, President; Judy Schave, Treasurer; Sue Houkom, Secretary. In addition, 8 people; in all representing a total of 10 lots.

President Mark Luoma called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Member Reports

Secretary's Report – Sue Houkom

Motion to approve the December 6, 2014 minutes, Donna Mandt; second, Sig Kaminski; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Schave

Total bank balance as of February 7, 2014 was \$4,133.66. Payments to the Postmaster and the Wisconsin Lakes Association will be made later this month, and revenues from the lot assessments will be deposited when received, which is usually around the middle of the month. Motion to approve, Frank Sevcik; second, Mary Kaminski; motion carried.

Each of the 64 lots on the lake is assessed the current \$25 fee even if two are combined.

Old Business -- None

New Business

Fishing Contest Options For 2015: Sig Kaminski will draw up plans for changes to the fishing contest and present them at the annual meeting in May.

Suggestions for Newsletter Articles

- Fish size limits, fish planted last year could be approaching legal size of 15"
- Fishing contest
- Algae
- Bats
- Lake history
- Loon Poster
- Request contact information for new owners

Articles are due to Mark Luoma by April 15.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Conference will be held from Thursday, April 23rd through Saturday, April 25th at Steven's Point. If anyone would like to represent the district, please contact Mark Luoma. Registration and one night's lodging would be

covered by the lake district.

Some lake owners have not been receiving copies of the publication, *Lake Tides*. The suggestion was made to send a current directory with the Wisconsin Lakes dues. This should ensure that all owners, including those who are new, will receive the publication.

Loon Poster: Rick Schwai has created a 20"x14" poster with Mark Luoma's photos of the Cochran Lake loon chick covering the time from its earliest days on the lake until it flew away last fall. It will be available for purchase at the annual meeting in May for about \$15.

Reports

Algae Committee: Rick Schwai -- Nothing to report.

Fishery: Frank Sevcik -- According to Skip Sommerfeldt of the DNR, Cochran Lake will be shocked this spring probably at end of May. It will be easier to recommend whether or not to stock more walleyes after the shocking has been done.

Water Quality: Sig Kaminski -- The normal surface test will be completed 2 weeks after ice out. Because of the presence of algae in the lake, Jim Kreitlow of the DNR suggests that we also utilize a deep-water test that yields 2 samples, including an additional phosphorus test and an algae test. Sig will call Jim in March to see when that test should be taken.

Fishing Contest: Sig Kaminski -- To be discussed at the annual meeting

Adopt A Highway: Ray Schave -- Will be scheduled when the snow is gone. Usually it is done in April. Watch for an email announcement.

Boat Landing Brian Mandt -- Plans are to water proof the dock at the boat landing this summer.

Adjournment -- *Motion to adjourn at 9:32, Donna Mandt; second, Sig Kaminski; motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Houkom, Secretary

Cochran Lake District Annual Meeting
Minutes May 23, 2015
8 a.m.
Pike Lake Fire Hall

Attending: Mark Luoma, president; Judy Schave, treasurer; Sue Houkom, secretary; plus 30 people, representing 27 lots

President Mark Luoma called the meeting to order at 8:01a.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report – Sue Houkom

Mark LeGrand moved to approve the February 7, 2015 meeting minutes; George Rasmussen seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Schave

Actual expenditures totaled \$1,601.14 for the year. The budget for the same time was \$1,878.00, for a difference of \$276.86 under budget. The balance of district funds as of May 23, 2015 was \$5,229.33. Motion to approve treasurer's report, Donna Mandt; seconded by Ev Houkom; motion carried.

Town Representative Report – Jim Hintz

ATV Ordinance Change: Discussions are underway to change the current ATV regulations to bring uniformity with neighboring townships and also alignment with state rules. Proposed changes will be posted on the township website (<http://www.tn.fifield.wi.gov/>) when passed and include:

- Open most of county roads to ATVs. This would distribute use among more routes, limiting the impact on any one route
- Set minimum age for driving ATV on town roads (under discussion)
- Determine speed limit (under discussion)

Culverts Failing: Culverts throughout the town are failing and are costly to replace. The town is seeking cooperation from the U.S. Forest Service to help pay for those that lie within federal lands, but is also seeking other funding sources.

Highway Department: The department is now running in the black with appropriate application forms for funding support submitted to proper agencies.

Stumpage Fees – Currently, stumpage fees are 3 times what they have been in the past.

Cy's Drive – Once the culverts have been replaced, Cy's Drive should be at or near the top of the list of roads slated for paving.

Price County Land Conservationist Report -- Evan Lund (not present)

Committee Chair Reports

Adopt-A-Highway Program – Ray Schave

Thanks to those that picked up trash along our roadsides this spring: George and Letty Rasmussen, Sig and Mary Kaminski, Ray and Diane Korinek, Brian and Donna Mandt, Mark and Myra LeGrand, Carl Schmelzer and Dotty Ford, and Ray and Judy Schave. There will be another pick up in the fall.

Water Quality – Sig Kaminski

Algae: Although there are 36 different types of algae in our lake, most of them are standard on every lake and non-toxic to people and pets. The alga that has been so unsightly in the last two years is deteriorating. Its origin probably was the dry period when the sand bar was exposed. Bacteria from all kinds of sources, some natural and some man-supplied was deposited on the sand. Then, when the water rose it was submerged and fed the algae which flourished. Now, however, the algae is running out of food, is on its way out, and the lake is in great shape.

Temp and visibility: 58 degrees (May 23, 2015) & 15 ft. Last year's highest temperature was 82 degrees and the visibility averaged 11 ft.

A Test: We requested a more comprehensive test for water quality this year, which includes 6 additional results. Sig sampled the water 2 weeks after ice out and will get the results in mid-June.

Fisheries – Frank Sevcik

Shocking: The DNR will shock the lake June 3.

Fishing Regulation Change: State fishing regulations now lengthened the time that large-mouth bass may be caught and kept, but lake owners are reminded that taking a fish full of eggs from the lake prevents those eggs from hatching, so we ask that you think carefully about the impact your catch has on the future of the fishery.

Walleye Planting: The Lake District has planted approximately 1200 walleyes in the last two years. This was done to cut down on the blue gill population.

Lake Plants – Stan Kmiecik (not present)

Boat Landing – Brian Mandt

The boat landing is ready for use.

Algae Committee – Rick Schwai

See Water Quality Report above.

District Website – Don Schmitz

Send any changes in email, address or phone to DonSchmitz (Dons@surgery.wisc.edu)

Additional Reports

2014 Kids' Fishing Contest – Sig Kaminski

6 kids participated, so prize money was used for significant and meaningful prizes for these 6 children

Lake History – Donna Janes

Mark Luoma created a poster of the pictures he received from Loren Davis, which depict scenes from throughout the lake's history, including one of the old fireplace, and how Mr. Davis has reconstructed it using the original stones, which he purchased from the Lake District.

Terry Ides, who worked as a caretaker at the lake as a young man, will attend our next meeting to tell of his experiences.

Old Business (none)

New Business

2015 Lot Assessment

Scott Craven moved that the 2015 lot assessment remain at \$25/lot: seconded by Mary Kaminski; motion carried.

2014-15 Budget

Water testing increased by \$60 which was not known at the time the 2015 budget was created, so that Water Testing line item will increase to \$220. Mike Rieder moved to accept the budget as amended; seconded by Donna Mandt; motion carried.

Fish Stocking Permit

Ray Schave moved that the application be submitted; seconded by Rick Dittberner ; motion carried.

2015 Kids' Fishing Contest

This fishing contest will be replaced the fishing tournament below.

2015 Fishing Catch and Release Tournament

Scott Craven moved to hold contest on July 4th, seconded by Mary Anne Boschke; motion carried. For more details, contact Sig Kaminski (N16496 Springstead Rd., Park Falls, WI 54552; 715-762-1823; or marynsig@gmail.com.

- July 4
- Registration by June 21st
- 7-10 a.m. (Registration 6:15-6:45 a.m., deadline to measure fish 10:30, lunch 11a.m.-noon, prizes 11:30
- \$5/child 10 and under, \$10 for others

Loon Posters: To order, contact Rick Schwai ((715) 762-3199).

Election of Lake District President

Mike Buckna moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Scott Craven to fill out the remaining two years of the current three-year term for president; seconded by Donna Mandt; motion carried.

Election of Lake District Treasurer

Pat Schwai moved to cast a unanimous ballot for Donna Mandt as treasurer; seconded by Deb Cook; motion carried.

Dead Eagles

There has been no news about what caused the death of two bald eagles found on lake properties last year.

Ray Schave moved to adjourn; seconded by Myra LeGrand; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Houkom
Secretary

Cochran Lake District
Meeting Minutes Sept 19, 2015

9 a.m.

Pike Lake Fire Hall

Attending: Scott Craven, president; Donna Mandt, treasurer; plus 15 people representing 9 lots

President Scott Craven called the meeting to order at 9 a.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance

Secretary's Report – Scott Craven presented for Sue Houkom. Frank Sevcik moved to accept the 5/23/15 meeting minutes; Ray Schave seconded. Motioned carried.

Treasurer's Report- Donna Mandt presented. Expenditures since last meeting \$215.49, interest earned \$1.54, balance as of 8/31/15 \$5015.38. Mark Louma motioned to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Ray Schave. Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Adopt-A-Highway: Ray Schave reports fall cleanup is in progress and should be finished in the next week or so.

Water Quality and Fishing Contest: Sig Kaminski reports the water temperature was 69° and the clarity is good down to the bottom of the lake. He also reports there was a great turnout for the 7/4/15 fishing contest. 40 people, 37 bass caught, 1 walleye, 2 big crappies, some northerns and bluegills. Lots of positive feedback.

Fisheries: Frank Sevcik reports he's received the DNR ok. We are expecting 550-600 7-9" walleyes to be delivered around 10/16/15. Sig suggested we do walleye count again right after the ice goes out.

Lake Plants: Stan Kmiecik reports they appear abundantly healthy.

Boat Landing: The lock is broken and will need to be replaced for next spring.

Algae Committee: Algae still present in the lake although how bad it is depends on which way the wind blows and where it congregates on the shore. Still a "wait and see" situation.

No old business.

New Business:

Reminder that Figi Rd access from Cy's Dr is a private road.

Discussion on the recent CUP application and how to avoid this situation in the future. Discussed how to make the covenants more defined, too much is vague. Motion by Mark Louma, seconded by Mary Anne Boschke to have Scott contact Attorney Greg Harrold from Harrold, Scrobell & Danner, S.C. in Minocqua to address our best next step to proactively protect our lake from situations that could compromise the integrity of our lake and properties.

The next meeting was scheduled tentatively for December 5th, 2015.

Terry Ides was a guest speaker from 9:30-10:00. He worked at the lodge on the lake in the mid to late 60's, early 70's. Very interesting.

Ray Schave moved to adjourn, Sharon Kmiecik seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Mandt

(Standing in for Sue Houkoum)

Cochran Lake District Meeting
Phone Conference
December 19, 2015

Attending: Scott Craven, President; Donna Mandt, Treasurer; Sue Houkom, Secretary; 6 others representing 8 lots

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Secretary's Report: No action taken

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 11/30/15 is \$3,900.20. Most tax revenues will be received in February. That will bring the balance up to approximately \$5,500. Motion to approve, Mark Luoma; second, Mary Kaminski. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Fishery: Frank Sevcik

Fish stocking occurred on October 16, 2015. All fish planted were alive and well. This completes the 3-year cycle of fish stocking, so according to the discussion at the annual meeting in May 2015, we will wait to see the results of this program before stocking again. Thus, no walleyes will be planted in 2016.

Water Quality: Sig Kaminski

At this time, the lake is only 30-40% iced over. Caution should be used this winter on area lakes since ice depths may vary greatly.

New Business

Conditional Use Permit/Covenants:

A committee will be formed to meet with Attorney Greg Harrold to discuss the language in the covenants and the possibility of including provisions to help clarify the District's position on conditional use permits and vacation rentals. Prior to this meeting, the committee will draw up a list of questions or issues they would like addressed. These meetings will take place in middle of February. Any changes would be presented to the District membership at the annual meeting in May for a vote. Suggestions for committee members include the current board members, Sig and/or Mary Kaminski, Mark Luoma, Ray Schave, and Don Schmitz.

Several people reported that realtors are including the covenants in the paperwork for property sales on the lake. It was suggested that we follow up with new owners to see if they have any questions on the covenants. A copy of the covenants is located on the District website (cochranlake.org) under the "Info" tab.

Newsletter

The newsletter will be compiled to be sent out prior to the annual meeting. Scott Craven will contact the people who have contributed articles in the past to see if they will do so again on recurring items of interest. In addition, these topics will be included:

Terry Ides presentation on the history of the lake – Scott Craven

Wildlife Update, including the radio-collared wolves occupying territory near the lake – Scott Craven

4th of July Fishing Contest – Sig Kaminski. Sig has volunteered to hold the contest again in 2016.

Notice of vote on covenant changes should the committee determine that changes should be made.

People are invited to submit photos of lake, wildlife, and events.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Houkom, Secretary