

Cochran Lake District Annual Meeting 5/27/2017

8:00 AM @ Pike Lake Fire Station

Attendees: Rich Halfpap, Ann Halfpap, Ray Schave, Judy Schave, Mike Rieder, Ray Korinek, Diane Korinek, Deb Cook, Randy Cook, Dave Smith, Sharon Smith, Tom Murrin, Stan Kmiecik, Donna Mandt, Sig Kaminski, Mary Kaminski, Maggie Jungwirth, Alan Jungwirth, Rick Schwai, Carl Schmelzer, Dottie Ford, Ev Houkom, Sue Houkom, Dan Moldenhauer, Mark Luoma, Frank Sevcik, John Nierode, Mark LeGrand, Jeff Bauer, Carlene Bauer, Rick Dittberner, Doreen Dittberner, Chuck Arndt, Warren Johnson, Jack Wierzba (Town Board Member)

Announcement of new members – Alan and Maggie Jungwirth (Lot 57 58 59.5), Mel and Diana Pulver (Lot 37), Dan and Susan Ulman (Lot 21) and Randy and Janet Nelson (Lot 38).

Secretary's Report - Rich Halfpap - The 2016 annual meeting minutes were circulated and approved – Motion to approve as written by Mark Luoma, seconded by Warren Johnson

Treasurer's Report - Donna Mandt - Hard copy of Treasurer's report submitted. Typical expenses were the same as other years except for the \$620.83 spent on Algae research and mitigation materials, well below the \$1000 budgeted.

Town and County Representative Report: Jack Wierzba the Town Board Member was present. See comments below.

Scott Craven distributed selected pages Lake Management District summary sheets from "People of the Lakes" DNR publication for the attendees to read at their leisure.

The topics covered include Lake Associations, Unincorporated Lake Associations and Lake Districts.

Committee Chair Reports:

Adopt-A-Highway - Ray Schave – The Spring road litter clean-up is completed, First time issue with asphalt tape, maybe 1,000 lbs. The Town Chairperson has been informed. Also see "Town Board Member" below.

Ray thanked the Lake District members who participated in the pick-up. They are: Sig and Mary Kaminski, Ev and Sue Houkom, Ray and Diane Korinek, Warren Johnson and Sandy Dickinson, Rick and Pat Schwai and Ray and Judy Schave.

Water Quality - Sig Kaminski – Sample taken May 25th clarity to 9 feet of depth, temperature 60 degrees. Clarity was the lowest ever, probably due to the excessive runoff created by the heavy rains this spring.

Fisheries with walleye update – Frank Sevcik – Our DNR fish biologist retired without being replaced. No shocking this year. Rick Schwai asked if it was practical to set up our own shocking equipment. Since the equipment used is expensive and the electrical equipment presents a significant safety issue no action will be taken in that regard.

Lake Plants - Stan Kmiecik – Cold weather resulted in low weed growth to date. High water likely to affect plant growth too. No knowledge of any invasive species in our lake.

Boat Landing - See new business.

District Website – Don Schmitz – Don was not at the meeting. Mary Kaminski commented that he is to be notified for additions and/or changes.

Fishing Contest 2017– Sig Kaminsky – Date set July 3, 2017. \$10 per person. You don't have to fish to participate. 7 AM to 10 AM register fish at 10:30 at Sig's (lot 1). If you are attending please contact Sig and Mary at least a week early so he and Mary have enough time to prepare. If you intend to bring a dish please inform Mary and preferably do so via Google Groups so that it is broadcast to all and hopefully eliminate overload of any items.

Algae Committee – Rick Schwai – Rick thanked the committee members, Mike Buckna, Mark Luoma, Rich Halfpap and Warren Johnson as well as Ray Schave who helped with implementation (affixing barely straw bags to piers and posts). This year April 8th was the ice out date and implementation started April 12th. All one hundred bags were in place May 4th. There were 32 Piers, and 19 water installations. Thanks to all who allowed us to place the bags on your lakefront.

The expenses were well below the budget (see above Treasurers report).

The committee is now disbanded.

Old Business:

2016 Efforts with Cochran Lake Management District Documents – Lake District Structure/Responsibilities – Scott Craven – See above.

Walleye Report and discussion – No stocking was done in 2016 so going forward we can determine if the walleye population can sustain itself. We will do our best to document the walleye population without the benefit of a shocking. A form was circulated with the purpose of logging walleyes caught in 2017 to have a data base to be reviewed annually. The forms are to be turned in to Frank, Scott or Sig not later than Sept 9, 2017. The form asks that you keep records of caught walleye for the fall, winter and spring of 2018 to be collected next spring.

Frank commented that the primary purpose was to reduce the bluegill population.

Sig made a comment promoting catch and release.

Other old business – Judy Schave – Asked to review the usage of the private boat landing with the concern being preventing invasive species from entering our lake.

Scott commented - Be sure to clean your boat off thoroughly before launch if you have used your boat on another lake. Stan suggests we have a list of local lakes that have invasive species so those in the District who fish those lakes are fully aware.

New Business:

Water Quality issues/proposal for permanent committee. – Rick Schwai – Mike Buckna has been a promoting establishment of a permanent committee pertaining to the water quality of Cochran Lake. Two organizations that deal with lake water documentation have been identified. UW Stevens Point and the DNR's CLM program in particular.

CLM (Certified Lake Management) the DNR program that has been established with other participating lakes, would have us periodically record five items along with the sending of water samples to a state lab for analysis.

The resultant data are logged by the DNR with the intent of having a sustained database for our lake as well as comparison to other Wisconsin lakes participating in the program. Recorded data includes a Secchi measurement (water clarity depth disc), water temperature, ice on/off date, weeds reporting. Instruments like the state calibrated water thermometer are available from the DNR in office in Boulder Junction for use, free of charge.

The entire program is free of charge.

Early in May, Mike Buckna arranged for training of 7 Lake District members by Sandy Wichman of the DNR.

We would like to create a water quality committee with these seven members as the base and Mike Buckna has agreed to chair the committee.

The committee would be responsible for data collection, trend analysis, coordination with outside resources, run water quality experiments like the barley straw project and education of the lake district.

Proposed budget would be \$1,000 one time with yearly review.

Motion by Scott Craven to form a water quality committee consisting of the currently CLM trained people with a budget of \$1000, with Mike Buckna as chair. Seconded by Donna Mandt. Unanimous approval.

Rick reminded us of the 35 foot buffer rules of the DNR. Additionally, Price county allows only a 30 foot viewing corridor. Please leave the plant life near the lake be natural, let it grow.

Rich Halfpap commented that during the algae investigation we learned that forests create a lot of phosphorous that is best kept out of the lake. The plant growth just prior

to the water will act to consume a significant portion of the phosphorous and therefore not be a nutrient to the algae.

New Business Continued - The new owners on the north side of the private landing have asked to move the gate right to the landing itself.

Sig said the only need for the fire department is to be able to turn around and moving the gate would not be objectionable to the fire department.

Discussion followed. Comments included:

- We all own 1/64 th of the launch property.
- The gate has not been closed as of this date.
- Concern over the potential of invasive species may be introduced if the gate is moved.

There was no formal proposal from the owner. An advisory vote was taken and all were in favor of leaving the gate where it is.

Randy Cook asked that the President meet with the new people and discuss the situation.

2017-18 Lot Assessment (currently \$25) Ray Schave moved that we accept the budget and the \$25 assessment remain as is Frank Sevcik seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

2017- 2018 Budget includes the \$1000 for the water quality committee. \$1600 per year is the total tax levy collected on the basis of \$25 per lot.

Proposed Welcome/Membership Committee - Secretary to be responsible to redo the welcoming letter and present to new members. Ray Schave and potentially Terry Murren (as suggested by husband Tom) will be the committee members.

Elections – Warren Johnson will fulfill the last year of the Treasurer Position.

Scott Craven will continue one more year as President.

Town Board

Jack Wryzba town board member attended. He said that there are no plans for paving Cys drive.

Mark Luoma requested that the Springstead Road sign at Shady Knoll road be corrected as it now reads Spring Stead (two words instead of one)

Ray Schave made Jack aware of the asphalt paper issue from the Adopt a Highway program (see above). He was not aware of this problem.

Deb Cook asked again for pavement on Cy's Dr. She commented that a five year plan was mentioned in the past and it has been more than five years.

Motion to adjourn by Ann Halfpap Seconded by Ev Houkom

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Halfpap

Secretary Cochran Lake Management District

District President, Secretary and Treasurers (outgoing and incoming) held a meeting afterward to review any other open issues. There were none.

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4PM @ Scott Craven's Residence

Attendees: Ray Schave, Scott Craven, Mark Luoma, Warren Johnson, Rich Halfpap

Scott reported the fish shocking equipment is not the DNR's rather the Forest Service so we may be able to have the lake shocked next year.

A few walleyes have been caught. Short discussion on stocking again in the future, not this year rather 2018. This will be a topic for the 2018 annual meeting.

Removal of the barley straw will be handled by the Water Quality Committee.

Welcome committee is formed and available for future new residents (Ray Schave)

Treasurer's Report – Warren \$3327.30 (Account 1)+ \$2010.83 (Account 2) -121.85
outstanding due for launch gravel = \$5,216.28.

Motion to adjourn Ray, Seconded by Rich

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Halfpap

Secretary Cochran Lake Management District