

**SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mitch Vogel, John Manthe, and Don Solberg

LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Solberg, Art Wisniewski, Adam Wisniewski, Frank Arndorfer, Kim Early, Ken Connon, Mark Brickner, Nancy Brickner, Kathy Sadowski, Ken Sadowski, Bill Schaak, and Vic Herbert.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Mitch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mitch asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the last annual meeting. Don made the Motion and John seconded it. Motion carried.

3. RESPONSE TO NOISE AND SPEED COMPLAINTS. Don invited a representative from the Sheriff's Department and a DNR warden to attend this meeting so that they could provide information on what response was available for complaints. Mitch moved the order of the meeting so that they could leave after their portion of the meeting. The Sheriff's deputy advised that if there is a violation of a Town ordinance that the Sheriff's Department would respond and enforce the ordinance. They have no records of anyone from the lake calling and making any complaints. If you see any violations on the lake, any time of year, the first agency to call should be the Sheriff's Department. If any DNR warden is needed, the Sheriff can call him. The Sheriff's non-emergency phone number is 262-548-7122. The DNR warden, Steve Sanidas, agreed with the Sheriff's Deputy. He recommended that we post the DNR Tip Line number 800-847-9367 on the web site, as well as his name and phone number, 262-574-2183. Don summarized the complaints that he was hearing from the residents. In response to the complaints on the operation of the jet skis, Warden Sanidas advised that it was illegal for them to operate within 100 feet of each other. If they are jumping over each other or operating within 100 feet, call him. Sanidas advised that he was aware of who was operating these jet skis and will be keep an eye out for this operation. Kathy Sadowski had a question about operation of snowmobiles on the roadway and accessing the lake from Town of Ottawa road right-away. Warden Sanidas advised that it was a violation to operate a snowmobile on the improved portion of the road-way. He also clarified that the DNR has no authority over the operation of motor cycles on the ice. The DNR regulates boats, ATV's, and snowmobiles. This would have to be covered under a Town ordinance. There is no current ordinance, so this would have to be brought to the attention of the Town. Warden Sanidas had experience with Muskego who created a speed ordinance to restrict speed on the lake in the winter. Mark Brickner questioned what enforcement power the Lake District had. The District has no ordinance or enforcement power. The Town has this power and their ordinances are not up to-date to cover our complaints. Don questioned if there were any restrictions on the use of lights and generators on the boats used for carp shooting. There are no means for the DNR to enforce the "light pollution" issue. They have been doing educational presentations to educate the carp shooters on the negative impact that they have with the lake residents. The Sheriff's deputy recommended that we contact them when this becomes a problem. If anyone has a question, feel free to call the Sheriff's non-emergency number. Mark asked about the restrictions for goose hunting in the bay near the road. They have to be at least 50 feet from the center-line of the road, and no closer than 100 yards to a house. If there is a problem call the DNR Hot-Line and the closest warden will be dispatched. Try to get a boat registration number or vehicle license plate. They will contact them even if they are no longer on the lake. Don will put the DNR and Sheriff's phone numbers on the boat landing sign and on the web site.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT - John reported that the checking balance is \$1,474.98 and the savings balance is \$39,169.17, for a total of \$40,644.15. All bills and payroll are current. The only outstanding payment that is due is to the IRS for Social Security and Medicare for the 4th quarter. John provided copies of the budget vs. actual expenditures that is up-to-date. We have gone over the harvester maintenance budget by \$2,000. Mitch said that there would also be an additional expense this year for track replacement. John got a check

back for \$258 from Workman's Compensation. We are actually \$14, 660 ahead of budget. Payroll expenses this year were low because the weeds didn't need as much harvesting this year, and also due to harvester break-downs. Don made a motion that we approve the Treasurer's report. Mitch seconded. The motion carried.

a. Presentation and approval of 2016 budget - The proposed budget that was mailed out did not have the cost of the truck liability insurance. John has since received the quote from Horton. The budget now has a line item for \$922 for liability insurance for the truck. The general liability cost has decreased from \$2,850 to \$2,836. John is not going to start the insurance coverage until next season. John also is going to shop around to see if we can get a better price for insurance. The harvester maintenance has been increased this year. The payroll line item has been reduced from \$7,500 to \$6,000. We are maintaining the \$25K surplus that was agreed upon, so the budget is working out. The consultant/attorney line item has been added as we are going to have to do something to firm up a permanent disposal site. That is going to involve attorneys and real-estate consultation. 2016 is the year that we are going to have to do something. John advised that the disposal site property may be coming up for sale. Don advised that the Board has recommended that we obtain either a permanent easement or that we own our disposal site. Don also advised that he has been talking with the County and the DNR and that there are plans in the next three or four years for a winter drawdown. We will also need consultant's help for this. Marc asked if the County might have any interest in the dump site property. Don advised that the County was surprised that they did not have a deeded access to their land. Ken asked if there was enough land on the County's property for a dump site. There is not. Mitch said that if we do a draw down that property owners could do their own shoreline improvements. Bill spoke about problems that he had seen in the past when we did draw-downs. Don advised that there would most likely have to be a draw-down, at least a partial one, for the replacement of the boat landing and maintenance on the dam. The County is going to put in a concrete boat landing. There is a new line item in the budget for a Lake District web site that will be hosted by Godaddy. Marc asked if there were any other outstanding maintenance issues on the harvester. Mitch advised the motor is running about as well as it has in recent years and that we are still planning on replacing the injector. Marc also questioned the money for the new truck. We have not spent this money so it will stay a segregated capital asset in the savings account. Don questioned if there was money in the budget for an informational sign at the Elsa Ave access. There is not but after discussion it was felt that we had unused budget in payroll that could be re-allocated for the construction of a sign. Don said that there was additional funding for the WAL conference and encouraged anyone who hasn't gone, should consider going. John said that he might be interested. John said that the fee for Wisconsin Lake's has increased by \$75. There were no additional questions on the budget. Don motioned to accept the 2016 budget including the above changes. Mitch seconded. Motion carried. There were no objections.

4. LAKE MANAGEMENT & PROTECTION

a. Discussion of harvester repairs & maintenance – This discussion was held as a part of the budget discussion, so there was no further discussion.

b. General lake conditions – Mitch said that the weeds this year got a slow start, so the labor costs were down. The lake was in pretty good shape. Art said that they had cut until there were very few weeds to cut, so they stopped cutting for a week. When they resumed the harvester broke down. Mitch said that the load content was down about 30%. Kathy agreed the lake was in pretty good shape but they were having problems with the grass like weed around their pier.

c. Potential future projects:

- (1) Land acquisition for a disposal site (discussed with the budget)
- (2) Winter lake draw down for Eurasian Milfoil control (discussed with the budget)

5. COUNTY REPORT – None

6. TOWN REPORT - None. Don brought up that the Town Ordinance is out-dated and still has a provision for no motor boating after dark. (This was put in at our request during the Lake dredging). Mitch advised that this has been brought up with the Town in the past. The board will bring this up to the Town Board

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Revision of district by-laws to bring them into compliance with State law.** Don had been told by Kathy when he took over as secretary that we needed to update our by-laws. This was addressed in the SEWRPC lake plan for our lake. Don distributed copies of the revisions that he had made to the by-laws. We had been referencing specific State statues in Chapter 33 that were no longer correct. Don removed all references to specific State statues and instead reference Chapter 33 and that it took precedence over our by-laws. He also updated the by-laws so that they were current. Chapter 33 requires a vote with an approval of 60% of the attendees at the annual meeting. Don also advised that the old by-laws were not in compliance with Chapter 33 in how we selected Board officers. Chapter 33 requires that the voters elect Board members and then the Board selects the officers: Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary. Starting with the Board member election today, we will be following that requirement. This is one of the requirements for by-laws when he attended the WALC conference. Kathy and Nancy found some minor grammar and/or spelling that need to be corrected. Don will make these changes. Kathy made a motion that we approve the by-laws as revised by Don, with the edits from Kathy. Nina seconded and the motion. There were no objections and the motion carried.
- b. Update, on Web Site, Email, and Newsletter.** Don provided the background on why we had to do postings instead of mailings for Board meetings. Other methods will be used to provide more frequent information to the district. This includes a Website, informational signs, and a newsletter.
- c. Nomination/Election of Lake District Commissioner for 3 year term.** Mitch handed over the meeting to John for the nomination and election of a commissioner to replace Mitch's term. John said that the Board has already placed Mitch's name in nomination and asked for other nominations or volunteers from the floor. There were no further nominations from the floor. Don made a motion to close the nominations. Ken seconded. There was no opposition and the motion carried. Since there is only one nomination, John asked for a motion to appoint Mitch to the board. Adam made a motion to appoint Mitch to the board. It was seconded by John and there were no objections.
- d. Setting date for 2016 annual meeting.** The data for the 2016 annual will be held on October 26, 2016.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT - Don motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Mitch seconded. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DON SOLBERG, SECRETARY SSLMD