

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District
P O Box 123, King WI 54946

Annual Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2017, 9 am
Marden Memorial Center
Wisconsin Veterans Home, King WI

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Present were: Bob Ellis, John Hebring, Caroline Murphy and Jerry Murphy. Absent were: Bob Dixon, Rick Hammen and Cathy Raynor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Statement

It was moved from the floor to approve the agenda, seconded and passed by the membership.

It was moved from the floor to approve the August 6, 2016 annual meeting minutes, seconded and passed by the membership.

Audit Report: Ellis announced that Jed DeYoung will perform the yearly audit.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Adoption: Ellis presented the proposed 2018 budget including the funds needed for the Lake Management Plan. A motion was made from the floor to approve the Lake District tax increase of approximately 20%. It was seconded and approved unanimously by the membership. Attached is the budget.

Election of Commissioners for a Three-Year Term: Bob Ellis was re-elected for a three-year term with 37 votes.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters: Ellis announced that Caden Pahl had been hired by the District to inspect boats at the Taylor Lake boat landing from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

2017 Survey: Ellis stated that there were over 400 survey returns. He thanked those who volunteered to record the survey results, Bob Dixon, Kay Ellis, John Hebring, and Bill and Cathy Raynor.

Aquatic Invasive Species Update – Ellis reported that he had received several phone calls regarding plant growth in Chain waters and had visited several sites where predominately native milfoil was thriving.

Lake Management Plan - Tim Hoyman, Onterra, LLC, reviewed the proposed Lake District's Implementation Plan, a copy of which is attached. Because of all the spring rains, Hoyman said Wisconsin lakes had more plant growth this year than in many past years. Point intercept surveys were done in every lake of the Chain. Hoyman stated that although CLP was found in most lakes, it is not a current problem. He reviewed the whole-lake treatments done in Dake, Miner and Otter Lakes that achieved positive results. While there was some impact on water lilies, they are expected to return. Native plants have cycles. Selected areas of Columbia were successfully treated also. In 2018 Round Lake may be treated for nuisance control, but it will not be a whole lake treatment. In Taylor Lake hand harvesting may be used. It was requested that the areas around Becker Marine and Clear Water Harbor be inspected for possible treatment also.

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Hoyman explained that marl is a positive aspect of the Chain as it pulls phosphorous to the bottom of lakes and increases their clarity. However, the marl can handle only so much. He stressed that the Chain lakes are highly disturbed due to shoreland development, the biggest negative factor. Chain property owners need to expand native shorelines and increase coarse wood habitats.

Department of Natural Resources - Ted Johnson answered several questions regarding control and treatment of invasives. He stated that any type of potential control or treatment first must go to the Chain's Lake District board for discussion and possible recommendation and then to the DNR for review and possible permitting. He answered many questions regarding plant growth, shoreline development and boat traffic.

Public Input: There were many questions regarding the Chain lakes answered by Johnson and Hoyman.

2018 Annual Meeting Date: Saturday, August 11, 9 am, Marden Memorial Center

Next Board Meeting: It will follow the Annual Meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ellis
Acting Secretary

Approved: August 11, 2018