



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Annual Meeting July 19, 2008
Unity School Auditorium, Balsam Lake

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The 32nd annual meeting of the BLPRD was called to order by chairman Milt Stanze at 9:07 a.m.
- Milt Stanze Introduced of Commissioner Howard Seim, Dave Evans, Carl Holmgren, John Close, Patrick Struve, and Tom Miller.
- Market Place Foods was thanked for donating the pastries.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ron Ward and seconded by Rolf Nelson. Approved.

3. APPROVE MINUTES of JULY 21, 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

- A motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2007 annual meeting was made by Debbie Irestone and seconded by Al Dornfeld. Approved.

4. ELECTION – ELECT TWO COMMISSIONERS

- Chairman Milt Stanze introduced the four candidates Karen Aubin, Jim London, Rolf Nelson, and David Wagner nominated by the BLPRD board. Tellers Ron Ward, Steve Rediske, and Al Dornfield were appointed and a secret ballot was taken. First results ended with David Wagner first, and a tie for Karen Aubin and Rolf Nelson. A second election was held and tallied and resulted in a Karen Aubin being elected. Final result was that David Wagner and Karen Aubin each being elected to a three-year term.
- Noted that many agenda items were reported on out of order due to the time required for elections.

5. GUEST SPEAKER – Frank Koshere from WDNR

John Close introduced guest speaker. Franks Koshere presentation focused on Balsam Lake and his and WDNR involvement. Stressing that since statehood that waterways are a public resource, treasure, and public interest is 1st priority. Several comments were made and a copy of presentation was made available for the BLPRD files. Highlights Included:

- Importance of an up to date and approved an Aquatic Plant Management (APM) plan was made and to work with the WDNR to include what is required.

- Noted that an approved plan does not necessarily mean that a treatment is approved. Each treatment requires WDNR approval. This includes both Lake District and Lakeshore Owner.
- Curly Leaf Pond Weed and is present on Balsam Lake as determined with visits in both 2007 and 2008 (has been around for 30+ years). This needs early treatment as in mid July they lay down out of sight.
- Strategies need to be proposed for the seasons to include an Early Spring, Mid Summer and also a Late Season. All options supported by research are available depending on the quality of the lake itself. Herbicide and Harvesting or a combination of the two may be used.
- Noted that travel lanes on the lake need to be redesigned.
- Stated that the Southern Lakes in Wisconsin is in a “Rehabilitative” mode while the Northern lakes are in a “Protective” . Current states include 400 lakes in southern Wisconsin have Eurasian Water Milfoil while only 84 lakes in the north have it.
- Manual Harvesting is always available for a private homeowner. Also noted that this was a start of new businesses doing this work.
- Noted that the ‘Rules have Changed’. What was used before is not approved anymore.
- Stressed the importance of the BLPRD and its programs; CBCW, Lake Monitoring , WRP.
- Several questions regarding doing the thing by spraying properties and companies with oversight by WDNR. Not the case and illustrations of its affect was noted by Frank.
- Asked how many lakes he was responsible for the response was 18 counties and there are a lot of lakes. Stressed the importance of a qualified 3rd party to work with the BLPRD and WDNR.

6. REPORTS

- **Chair – Milt Stanze**
 - The Idlewild Boardwalk Pier decision is due this summer from the courts.
 - Provided update on Aquatic Plant Management efforts. Nothing done this year at all and nothing proposed.
 - Noted that long time lake resident Clem Nelson had passed away.
- **Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) – Carl Holmgren**
 - Report provided with update and statistics from both 2007 and 2008.
 - Noted support received from Unity High student volunteers. They earn both volunteer hours for graduation and pay for half of the hours worked.
 - Reaffirmed our goal was to Educate Boaters, Inspect for Invasives, and Collect Data. All data is entered into the state WDNR database.
 - Provided invitation for homeowners to also volunteer for a shift or partial shift to experience the CBCW process. The more lake home owners get involved then it becomes standard procedure to understand the importance of CBCW and keeping the invasives out of the lake.

- **Secchi Disk Measurement and other tests – Milt Stanze**
 - Secchi tests for clarity are continuing this year at three sites on Balsam Lake They are Little Balsam, Main Basin and East Balsam We have started new tests this year for temperature, dissolved oxygen and chlorophyll at the Main Basin and East Balsam The DNR has furnished all of the test equipment and gave hands on instructions to Milt Stanze and Gordy Hanson. Milt and Gordy do these together and it takes about three hours to complete them with the paper work involved These will be done four times a season The results will be posted on the DNR website.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Waterfront Runoff Program (WRP)** – Howard Seim introduced Cheryl Clemens (Harmony Environmental and Breanna Drexler (BLPRD WRP Intern) and their involvement with the WRP program. Howard noted that we are in the process of receiving a WDNR grant that will provide us the resources to assist lake home owners with technical assistance. Cheryl and Breanna gave a presentation noting the steps that will be performed with the program and value of good WRP practices.
- **Conservancies** – Milt Stanze reported that the BLPRD is still trying to gain conservancies on sensitive properties or purchase them outright.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- **By-Laws Update and Approval:** Carl Holmgren distributed updated copies of the BLPRD By-Laws and noted the changes being made. These changes were required to better align with State Statute definitions. Following the presentation a motion was made by Debbie Irestone and seconded by Terri Wagner to approve. Ray Swanson made a motion to amend by deleting the last paragraph on page 4 of Section 6. After clarification and lack of a second, he withdrew his motion. The original motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. **TREASURERS REPORT – Presented by Howard Seim**

- **2009 Budget Approval** - There was a discussion of the items included and noted that:
 - The levy amount was reduced to \$50,000 from \$100,000.
 - Increased expense amounts for Weed Control, CBCW, and new program WRP. Motion made to approve the 2009 Budget by Rolf Nelson and seconded by Al Dornfield. Approved.
- **Audit Report:** Howard seim noted that the letter from the auditor was included with the mailing sent to all BLPRD members. No problems were noted.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Howard Seim presented award plaques to both Milton Stanze and John Close for their involvement with the board.

11. **ADJOURN:**

- Motion made to adjourn at 11:48 a.m. by Ray Voss and seconded by Jay Olson. Approved.