

Meeting Minutes of the Phelps Town Lakes Committee
July 14, 2011
Phelps Town Hall
(approved)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM by Dave Roberts.

2. Verification of posting agenda

Meeting was properly posted.

3. Roll Call

Present: Dave Roberts, Claude Johann, Cap Pedersen, John Rowe & Rollie Alger.

4. Approved Agenda

Agenda was OK.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of May 17, 2011 were reviewed. Moved by Johann and seconded by Pedersen to approve the minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.

6. Public comments:

- a) Roberts requested that we send a reminder to representatives from lakes who have not been attending meetings this summer. Each lake should have a primary and an alternate representative.
- b) Alger read a letter that the committee received from Harriet Taylor. Taylor's concern was that there were two beaver dams on Baker Lake. One limited the flow of water from Manuel Lake into Baker Lake. Alger responded to Taylor asking her to contact the Department of Agriculture office and they will take care of the dam. She will need to rally the lake property owners to share the costs, if any.
- c) Roberts reported that there is a possibility of EWM on Kentuck Lake. The DNR is coming to the lake to investigate.

7. Discussion and Action Items

- a. AIS Signage/Reverse Signage: Alger reported that the old signage that was taken off of several boat landings was turned in to Ted Ritter.
- b. No report
- c. Phelps invasive species: No report
- d. Spring 2011 Lakes Meeting: Seventeen individuals attended the Coffee and Conversation held Saturday, June 18, 2011. We discussed how to follow-up and invite more people to our meetings so that more lakes are represented at our committee meetings. There was also some input that the Chamber might want to work with our committee to go together with our Coffee and Conversation and their smelt fry. Rowe will contact Anderson at Lac Vieux Desert and Roberts will contact Goehring from Eleanore Lake.
- e. 2011 Budget status: No change from our last report.
- f. Phelps town board representative input: No report.

- g. Regatta report was given by Rowe. There were 12 sunfish sailboats and two races were conducted. There was also a paddle race. The races were followed by a picnic lunch. About eighty people attended. The town lakes committee had a discussion about the event. The committee will table further action on the event until we get feedback from the Long Lake Lake District on how to proceed and what, if any, will be our involvement in the future.
- h. Alger reported that VCLA held its annual meeting on June 17, 2011. Three individual Blue Heron Shoreland Stewardship Awards were given out and two organizational stewardship awards presented (Northland Discovery Center and Moon Beach Camp). The Vilas County Lakes Association (VCLA) changed its name to Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association (VCLRA).
- i. WAL legislative update: Alger indicated that the effort to delay the implementation of the phosphorus rules was removed from the state budget. The next effort of Wisconsin Lakes will focus on the legislatures attempt to put in-place presumptive permitting. That is, if permit applications to the DNR are not acted on by a deadline, permits will be issued to the applicants automatically.
- j. Status of Phelps town signage committee: Nothing new from last meeting.
- k. A discussion took place concerning the effort to create ATV routes in the Town of Phelps using town roads and county highways. Moved by Rowe and seconded by Pedersen to send a communication to the town board indicating our concern that all town residents have an opportunity to provide their input to the board on the issue. Our further concern is that the present high level of usage of our lakes and rivers by vacationers and tourists in the Town of Phelps is not degraded by the introduction of ATVs as a new recreational activity.

9. Next Meeting: September 15, 2011 at 6 PM in the Town Hall.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Pedersen and seconded by Johann to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Alger, Secretary