

Meeting Minutes of the Phelps Town Lakes Committee
May 14, 2013
Phelps Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Dave Roberts.

2. Verification of posting agenda

Meeting was properly posted.

3. Roll Call

Present: Dave Roberts (Kentuck Lake), Cap Pedersen(N/S Twin lakes, Dan Anderson (Long Lake), Max Hurd (Smoky Lake), Dick Ryan (Spectacle Lake), Rollie Alger (Imogene Lake) and Steve Waier from the town board.

4. Approved Agenda

Agenda was OK.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of August 14, 2012 were reviewed. Moved by Hurd and seconded by Ryan to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

6. Public comments: none

7. Discussion and Action Items

a. Lake Reports;

- Long Lake: Anderson indicated that Long Lake was successful in receiving a 5-year grant. They will be doing some treatment this spring and will also be doing some hand pulling. The lake district stocks fish every other year, alternating with the DNR. This year the lake district will stock 6K lake trout (spring), 8K 6"-8" walleye (fall), and 200 12" musky. Anderson also reported that the district received a grant for CBCW.
- No report from Big Sand Lake.
- N/S Twin Lakes, Pedersen reported they will be treating about 12 acres this year. They will also be doing some hand pulling this fall.
- Roberts reported that Kentuck Lake has received a Rapid Response grant. They will be doing CWCB inspections this summer and are working on a lake planning grant.
- Ryan reported that Spectacle Lake is in the third year of a five year grant and will be continuing with their lake planning and monitoring this summer.
- Alger reported that the DNR did a plant inventory last summer on Imogene Lake and one plant of special interest was found (Littorella).
- No report from Lac Vieux Desert.
- Hurd reported that Smoky Lake is up 2"-3" but is down about 40" over the past ten years.

b. 2013 Budget status: \$6,000 is in the budget.

c. Alger reported that the Membership List is as up to date as it will get. Roberts asked Alger to update the list and send a copy out to the members.

d. Roberts reminded those present that two letters requesting funds from the lakes committee budget have been received (Long Lake and Kentuck Lake). Alger indicated that he heard that Big Sand was not going to treat this year. Roberts said that at our next meeting we would allocate the funds based upon the requests we receive.

e. Alger reported that the Big Sand Lake petition effort was not successful.

f. Long Lake Initiative. Anderson reported that he has spoken with Shawn Demming who is building a new car wash in Phelps. They were going to enter into a 2-year program whereby boat wash tokens will be given out by the CBCW inspectors at the Long Lake landing. Shawn will track how many were used and he will be reimbursed a yet to be determined sum for each token used. Anderson also mentioned that they are considering putting a sign on the car wash –

- “Wash your boat here!” Waiver suggested that Anderson contact the First National Bank and he might be able to get a free banner. The plan is for about 250 tokens per summer.
- g. Alger reviewed a proposal that he requested from Onterra to conduct an AIS survey and a plant inventory on 22 lakes in the Town of Phelps that do not have either a lake association or lake district. He indicated that it was part of the mission of the town lakes committee to advocate for those lakes that have no organized group to do so. There was considerable discussion about the 4-year plan presented by Onterra for a cost of \$41,550. Questions about do the property owners on these lakes want this to be done? Should the tax payers pay for these surveys if there is no interest on the part of the property owners? Alger indicated that the benefit of these surveys is 1) determine if there is AIS present and 2) create a baseline on what plants and their densities presently exist in each lake. This information can be used as a basis for comparison in the future. While the cost estimates were considered very reasonable, it was decided that property owners on several lakes should be consulted as to their feelings about having their lake surveyed and inventoried. Alger will talk with several property owners on Sugar Maple Lake, Afterglow Lake and Manual Lake. Alger also indicated that a decision would need to be made concerning the lake committees position on having the surveys and inventories conducted on lakes with no private land owners.
 - h. Steve Waier from the town board shared with us information about the “Kids Don’t Float” program by the DNR. Life Jackets will be made available free for use by boaters. A jacket storage shed/display is being constructed by the shop class at the Phelps School and a donation of \$250 was made by the Phelps Lions Club to help defray the cost of this project.
 - i. Alger distributed a flyer with the agenda for the VCLRA Celebrating Lakes and Rivers Day on June 14th at Conserve School.
 - j. No report on legislative activities.
 - k. No one volunteered for the VP position so Alger asked that it be rolled into the Secretary position since the VP does very little anyway. Moved by Pedersen and seconded by Roberts to appoint Alger as VP. Motion passed.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 at 6 PM in the Town Hall.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Hurd and seconded by Pedersen to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Alger, Secretary