

Meeting Minutes of the Phelps Town Lakes Committee
June 12, 2012
Phelps Town Hall

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, Cap Pedersen, John Rowe, Dick Ryan, Dan Anderson, Max Hurd, Charley Requa, Ted Ritter & Rollie Alger.

4. Approved Agenda

Agenda was OK.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of September 15, 2011 were reviewed. Moved by Rowe and seconded by Ryan to approve the minutes. Minutes unanimously approved.

6. Public comments: None

7. Discussion and Action Items***

- a) **Roberts** indicated that Kentuck Lake District had passed their resolution to accompany their AIS treatment grant application. First treatment is hoped to be applied in Spring 2013. **Rowe** indicated that AIS treatment was applied on Long Lake May 17 & 18, 2012. 65 acres were treated. The liquid treatment went well. Most of the EWM is located on the south end of the lake. **Anderson** indicated that Big Sand Lake treated about 10 acres this spring. **Pedersen** indicated that 10-12 acres were treated on North Twin Lake with granular chemical in late May. About 14 acres were treated in South Twin Lake with liquid treatment the first week in June. **Ryan** indicated that the Spectacle Lake District had received a \$30K (3-year) lake planning grant last year and is completing their first year expenditure of \$10K. A lake survey has been conducted and no AIS has been identified. **Ritter** provided a brief report on Lac Vieux Desert. He indicated that he has spoken with the Watersmeet invasive species coordinator and both EWM and CLP has been found in the lake. In their Lake Management Plan, it requests that the Vilas County AIS Coordinator (Ritter) assume responsibilities for AIS activities. This is challenging because there are a number of agencies that are involved (Forest Service, GLIFWC, and the Watersmeet Invasive Species Coordinator and local lake association). GLIFWC and the Watersmeet Coordinator will continue to monitor the two invasives while the LVC Lake Association is a very loosely organized group and has done little with this issue. **Hurd** indicated that on Smoky Lake a water level gauge was installed several weeks ago and that there are two individuals doing the lake monitoring for the WI DNR as part of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN). **Alger** indicated that on Imogene lake the DNR conducted a vegetation survey in July of 2011 and found no AIS but did identify a plant species of special interest (a naturally occurring rare species). It was reported that there are two nesting pair of loon on Long Lake and one nesting pair of loons of Imogene Lake. Roberts reported on the activities of the Conservation Congress. He expressed concerns about the efforts to modify present rules and move toward state-wide, one rule covers all, e.g. opening of fishing season would be the same statewide, make fishing licenses available at the same cost for state

and non-state residents. He expressed concerns about the total disregard for the science that has established some of these rules—opening fishing the same day statewide would seriously hurt bass fishing north of HWY 29 since the bass in northern lakes do not spawn until late May/early June.

- b) Ritter reported that we still have AIS challenges and need to continuously monitor.
 - c) Ritter explained the “Angler, Ice Your Catch” program. It is a DNR program that is being piloted in Vilas and Oneida Counties in 2012. Posters were distributed to take to bait shops in the Town of Phelps.
 - d) A request was made by the Kentuck Lake District to utilize some Town of Phelps Lake Committee fund for the purchase of a dissolved oxygen meter. It was moved by Anderson and seconded by Rowe to allocate \$545 from the Town Lake Committee funds to support the purchase of a DO meter for the Kentuck Lake District as part of their Lake Planning Grant. Motion approved unanimously. It was moved by Alger and seconded by Pedersen that the remaining funds (\$545) from the town lakes committee be allocated at our next town lakes committee meeting. There was considerable discussion that if a lake association or district desires some level of funding support from the town lakes committee for lake management planning or AIS treatment, they need to be at our next meeting or the money will be divided among those making such requests who are present at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
 - e) Phelps town board representative input: No representative present
 - f) No action has taken place with the town signage committee toward the “Welcome” signs.
 - g) Alger indicated that he spoke with Steve Waier, Phelps Fire Chief, and the DNR is working on getting a sign for us. When received, the sign will be located either across from the Phelps Convenience Store or by the Library.
 - h) Alger reported that VCLRA will be holding a multi county workshop on Friday, June 15, 2012 at Nicolet College. VCLRA will hold its annual meeting after the workshop.
 - i) WL legislative update: Alger indicated that Wisconsin Lake is soliciting input from lake associations and districts on increasing the level of state AIS treatment support from \$4M to \$10M for the next biennial state budget. Alger will send out a copy of this request from WL to committee members shortly.
 - j) Alger reported that at a joint meeting of the Vilas County Highway and Forestry committees a motion was made and passed to develop a resolution to modify the 2004 resolution that does not permit ATV trails on county lands. This new resolution would make it possible for ATVs to use portions of County Trunk A as an ATV route from the Forest County line to Strong Road in the Town of Phelps.
 - k) The Long Lake regatta is planned for Saturday, July 14th, 10 AM at the Hazen Inn. A picnic lunch will follow the sailboat races. Anderson reported that a flyer went out to all Long Lake property owners
9. Next Meeting: August 14, 2012 at 6 PM in the Town Hall.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hurd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Rollie Alger, Secretary