

**Meeting Minutes
Buffalo Lake
P &R Regular Meeting
April 10, 2010**

In Attendance: Don Schroechert, Frank Breitenbach, Jane Tofari, Bill Lewis and Carol Deer

Meeting was called to order at 9 am by Bill Lewis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the February 6th meeting were read and a motion was made by Frank to approve the minutes. Motion was passed.

Treasurer's reports for February and March were presented by Jane and a motion was made by Frank to approve the report. Motion was passed.

Committee Reports:

Lotus Project:

Rich Brefeld report that he has received approval from the DNR and Game warden for signage that will alert boaters to the protected areas of Lotus beds. The sign will be made by Badger Enterprises at a cost of \$150 to \$200 dollars and will be placed at the boat landing. Buoys will be placed at the bed sites. There is no restriction on fishing into the beds but boaters will not be allowed to boat through the beds.

Water Level:

In need of volunteers due to people having moved. It was noted that this is true of all committees at this time.

Marquette County lake Group:

No news to report at this time. They will be having a meeting before our June meeting.

Harvesting:

Maintenance is to begin on the 12th with the crew working 4 days a week.

New harvester is due to arrive on April 20th. The second half of the grant money for the harvester will come in June.

The old harvester was sold to a MN lake district for \$22,000.

The new pattern of cutting that was used last summer will be used again this year.

Tech/Newsletter

No news to report

Old Business:

Dredge Bank:

The DNR has completed its proposal to reconstruct the dam, access road, boat landing and fishing piers and have requested funding from the state to complete an engineering study to determine which of the proposed solutions would be best. The funding request will be voted on at the end of April. The lake districts attorney is spearheading this effort and keeping us updated on the status of the project.

Water Plant:

There is currently a bill before the legislature to revise existing laws to protect the state ground waters. A copy of this bill is available on the Lake District's website.

District Database Update:

Still working on getting information to develop a new database for the district.

New Business:

We received a request from the Rotary Club for a donation for the 4th of July fireworks. That request was turned down as our bylaws prohibit us from making donations to other groups.

Board member stipends have been paid.

The money in the Gypsy Moth fund has been returned to those who contributed as there was not enough interest to do the spraying.

A new Safety deposit box was acquired as there was only one key available to the old one.

We are still looking for someone to do an audit as there are no local CPAs that do audits

4 Lotus Buoys will be purchased for \$95 each. Questions were raised on who will place the buoys. Rich also noted that he has obtained permits for seed collection.

It was brought to our attention that the Slow/ No Wake buoys have been illegally placed in the past and that a new permit will be needed.

There was more discussion on the proposed Dredge Bank Project. If approved the results from the engineering study must be given to the legislature by September to make it into the next 2 year budget. The goal is to start the repairs by 2012. Bill explained the process on how the work on the proposal should proceed and that local support will increase the chance of the project being funded.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 5th at 9 AM at the Packwaukee Town Hall

Jane motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Carol Deer