

Minutes FOR DISTRICT MEETING February 16, 2008

- 1.Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2.A motion was made to accept the minutes that were read from the October 6, 2007 meeting, motion passed. Minutes were approved as read.
3. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's reports for December, 2007 and January 2008 motion passed. Treasurer's reports were approved as read.
4. A presentation was given by Jon Litscher and Paul VanHenkelum from RSV Engineering explaining what they were all about. A motion was made to submit to RSV Engineering a copy of Buffalo Lake's district boundary map, motion passed. RSV will give us their ideas on what they could do to change the District's boundaries. Discussion followed.
5. Bill Lewis said he had spoken to 2 harvesting companies and will speak to a third. The harvesting committee is looking into our needs and what has to be improved.
6. Al said that the water quality committee will start up again once the ice is completely off the lake. County lake group will also start meeting again. Discussion followed.
7. Colleen stated that the Piers & Causeway committee has not been active. It was decided that piers along the Causeway would be a lost cause due to responsibility issues with the County/State and the DNR would not agree to piers along the Causeway. There was concern about trash along the Causeway and a suggestion was made to have signs installed stating "Trash, you bring it in, you bring it out". It was also stated that the Causeway would not be widened. The City of Montello is interested in piers down near the Montello boat landing. This may be a bargaining tool for the Lake District to be able to use the Montello boat landing for harvesting activities. Colleen will contact Gerry Smart.
- 8.John Hunter and Valerie Stabenow gave a very nice presentation on the Grothman water level survey results. It was explained how the surveyors did their job. The 1976 ruling was discussed and it appears that the water level is not where it is supposed to be. The Grothman survey is within one inch of Gerry Smart's survey. The Grothman survey is correct and is on file with the State of Wisconsin. If we follow up with the State on this issue it will start costing money. Al and John will speak to the lake attorney at the Lake Convention on what our next course of action would be. A motion was made to proceed with looking into revising the cutting patterns and to transfer this item to the Harvesting committee, motion passed. The water level committee will meet with the Harvesting committee to turn over their findings. Before we change our cutting patterns it would require the DNR's approval. Discussion followed on current cutting pattern issues and possible recommendations on changing the patterns. Recommendations were made for property owners to rake weeds around their pier, not blow leaves into the lake and not to use fertilizers containing phosphates. Discussion followed.
9. Al said that the County Lake group consists of 16 members. They are working on a grant with Marquette county to provide funding for rain gauges and water level gauges for the lakes. The Gypsy moth was the second item Al discussed. Spraying will be done from the Buffalo Lake campground down to Montello. It is too late for other properties to participate this year. Property owners should get together in order to participate. The cost is \$35 per acre. A motion was made to contact Pat Kilby to find out what areas are affected with Gypsy moths, motion passed. Discussion followed.

10. Colleen stated that the next newsletter would be out approximately in May this year.
11. A motion was made to give the Harvesting crew a .50 cent an hour raise and have the Harvesting committee review the current job descriptions, motion passed.
12. A motion was made to preapprove Jim Sanders to spend \$1000 per decision without District preapproval, motion passed.
13. Rich Brefeld gave a presentation on the rare Lotus plants. He had some discussions with Ted Johnson from the DNR. The DNR would do a no-cost survey on whether or not anything had to be done. A motion was made to appoint Rich Brefeld to be the personal steward for the Lotus beds, motion passed. Discussion followed.
14. Tom Zermal spoke about his observations on runoff from the Bison farm onto other properties and into Buffalo Lake. A motion was made to gather information on Lake pollution, motion passed. Roger Naniot will follow up. Discussion followed.
15. The next regular meeting will be April 26, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.
16. A motion was made to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 12 noon.