

BEAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

MINUTES Annual Meeting

September 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Church at 9:00 AM at the Hazelhurst Town Hall.

Attendance: Commissioners present: Jalinski, Primozych, Church and Klein. Absent: Jensen.

Motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2015 annual meeting made by Patty Klug. Seconded by Bob Borneman. Passed.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Primozych. Motion to approve the report made by Lee Borneman and seconded by Mic Austin. Passed unanimously.

Projects and State of Lake Report

Water quality. The lake was two inches above normal high water mark. There is a beaver dam that has caused high water level. The water clarity is average. An algae bloom occurred recently (usually lasts for a period of 2-3 weeks) and water is a little darker than usual.

Loon report. There are two loons on lake, but no chicks.

Clean boats, clean waters. Mic Austin shared a report 193 boats were on lake. Spoke to 428 people doing the inspections. Wardens do look for weeds hanging off boats/trailers. Bilge water needs to be emptied.

District website update. The website is online. Church reported that the website is up and running at www.bearlakeprd.org. There is a link to the Town of Minocqua website as well. Meeting times and minutes will be posted.

Lake Management Plan. District voted to approve lake management process and consultation. Primozych reported on calendar and status of activities to date. Anecdotally, 26 plants were identified. Consultants collect specimens during summer and analyze data over winter. Once data is identified, it is sent to DNR.

Our consultant scuba dived near boat landing and nine other sites on lake for samples. Also, Riparian and littoral surveys were performed.

Frog and toad survey was completed. Lake users survey was mailed out and results presented by Primozych. Overwhelmingly, surveys showed most property owners support aquatic plant management.

Angler's journal plan is being compiled. Survey responses will be posted on website along with recommendations from consultants/DNR.

Community Advisory Committee. A lake management plan involves a balancing of stakeholder interests, including anglers, property owners and recreational. A floating workshop will be planned for July 2017. The District may enlist a citizen's advisory committee to gather input and balance stakeholders' interests in the review of recommendations/implementation measures.

Election to Fill the Post of Expired term of John Primozych for a Three-Year Term. Mrs. Louise Church nominated Mic Austin. Gary Cira seconded the nomination. There were no other nominees. It passed unanimously.

Budget Hearing and Vote to Approve. Motion to approve budget made by Dick Lemanski and seconded by Mrs. Lemanski. Fish stocking has been on hold through the completion of the lake management plan. Church noted that there are reserved accounts created to show for projects approved by the District. There is also a surplus and \$5,000 will be used to lower property tax assessment in future years. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business.

No old business.

New Business.

Agenda items for the next annual meeting need to be e-mailed to the Chairman a month or so in advance so it can be included in the agenda mailed out in advance of annual meeting.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Cira and seconded by Louise Church. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Klein, Secretary