

Minutes – Saturday, September 3, 2016

Alma-Moon Lake Protection Rehabilitation District (LPRD) Annual Meeting

Moon Beach Lodge, St. Germain, WI
www.almamoonlake.org

Commissioners Present:

Tony Waisbrot, chairman
Dave Zielinski, treasurer
Milt Klingsporn, commissioner
Corliss Tischer, commissioner

Keynote speaker - Leon "Buckshot" Anderson

Our Keynote Speaker "Buckshot" Anderson is a great storyteller and told us some of his stories about fishing and his 62 years as a guide in the Northwoods and St. Germain area. He was inducted into the Fishing Hall of Fame as a "Legendary Guide" in 2001. He gave us a bit of the history of the area, starting 15,000 years ago in the ice age. The Chicago fire in 1871 created a need for lumber, and by 1920 the hardwoods were gone so tourism began as a primary business in the north woods. You also can read his articles in the "Lakeland Times" or read one of his many books that are available at local retailers.

I. Roll Call:

32 members present

II. Call to order:

Chairman Waisbrot called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

III. Approval of June 20, 2015 Annual meeting minutes:

Motion to approve by Corliss Tischer, second by Ann Waisbrot. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Dave Zielinski reported the various aspects of the budget report of fiscal year 2015/2016. There were no questions on the treasurer's report at this time. Mr. Zielinski stated that the budget for 2016/2017 would be discussed latter in the meeting.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Fish Stocking and Habitat

Walleyes were stocked in Moon and Alma Lakes last year. Muskies will be stocked in both our lakes this fall by the DNR. Walleyes and muskies are stocked in alternate years.

B. Water Quality/Level

Mary Platner stated that the water level was 2.2 feet above the top of the official elevation monument in May and June. In July the water level was 2.4 feet. Mary also commented on the changes to the County Shoreland Wetlands laws and regulations. The changes could have a negative effect on water clarity. At this time, Moon and Alma Lake water quality remains very good with clarity readings that exceed most lakes in Wisconsin.

Clyde Owens and Ken Beier have been doing our secchi disc and DO (dissolved oxygen) readings. Copies are available. The secchi readings for Alma have been in the 10-foot range. Moon Lake's readings have been around 22 feet, normally around 17 feet. Our water quality remains good.

Terrie Beier provided information on the nesting loon pair. She also provided information on loon watch and asked if anyone was interested assisting in providing information on the nesting loons. Terrie also cautioned people to stay away from nesting loons to reduce stress and the possibility of nest abandonment.

Commissioner Klingsporn reported that the past winter presented unusual dates for ice-on and ice off. Moon Lake iced over on November 29th, and then iced off on December 16th. It iced over again on December 28th and ice was gone on April 18th.

C. Web Site:

Commissioner Milt Klingsporn stated a program called Word Fence had been added to the web site. This does not affect your viewing of the web site pages, but blocks out malicious attempts to take over or hi-jack our web site.

D. Town of St Germain (John Vojta) / Vilas County(Ron Kressin) Updates:

John Vojta brought us up-to-date on some of the things happening in Saint Germain. At the September Town Board meeting is expected to commission an engineering study on the red brick schoolhouse and community building. He mentioned several town road projects being worked on. Changes to the Chamber of Commerce's building have been put on hold at the moment. The WisDOT has pushed off a paving project that was slated for 2017 to 2019-2022. There was no report from our Vilas County representative.

VI. Old Business:

A. Review of the no wake signage on Alma and Moon Lakes:

The no-wake and hours for skiing signs had been replaced in 2015.

B. Crib Brushing Project Completion:

The project was completed and the cribs seem to be holding up well. The cribs will be inspected in seven years. We hope they will last ten years.

VII. New Business:

A. Approval of the 2015/2016 Budget:

Treasurer Dave Zielinski presented the Budget document for discussion and approval. This budget uses the carry over surplus of \$1000.00 to reduce the tax levy. We had \$1,296 left over this year as no one attended the Lakes Convention. Mary Platner made a motion to unanimously approve the budget. Second by Joyce Owens. The motion passed.

B. Election of New Commissioners for the term 2016-2019:

Dave Zielinski and Dean Marquardt hold the positions up for election. Dave has accepted a nomination for re-election; Dean is not running for re-election. Chairman Waisbrot requested nominations from the floor. Sue Zauner was nominated by Ron Tischer. Seconded by Corliss Tischer. Hearing no other nominations, the Chairman requested a unanimous approval of the nominees. Motion made by Clyde Owens with a second from Ron Tischer. The motion passed.

VIII. Comments from Lake District Residents:

Mary Platner as if lake residents could get and subscribe to "Lake Tides". She also thanked Corliss Tischer for her work on publishing our newsletter "The North Star". Dave Zielinski said he would investigate.

Mary Schenian told us she was startled by a loon that swam under her dock. It had red and green bands on its leg.

Social Events for 2015 summer are planned for August 22 at 4:00 pm at the New Twilight Bar & Grill, and a breakfast in July.

IX. Adjourn Annual Meeting:

A motion to adjourn the annual meeting was made, seconded and carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:
Milt Klingsporn, commissioner
September 3, 2016