

Minutes – Saturday, August 31, 2019

**Alma/Moon Lake Protection and 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
Sue Zauner, Secretary
Ron Kressin, Vilas County Representative

Keynote speaker – Ted Rulseh

Ted Rulseh is the author of a new book, [A Lakeside Companion](#) and he writes the “The Lake Where You Live” column for the Lakeland Times. Ted is also active in lake-advocacy organizations, including the Wisconsin Citizen Lake Monitoring Network as well as the editor and publisher of several books on the Great Lakes Region and he is the author of [On the Pond: Lake Michigan Reflections](#). He lives on Birch Lake at Harshaw in Oneida County.

Business meeting:

I. Roll Call:

31 members present

II. Call to order:

Chairman Waisbrot called the meeting to order at 1:21 PM

III. Approval of September 29, 2018 Annual meeting minutes as written.

IV. Treasurer’s Report:

Dave Zielinski gave the treasurer’s report, which is available in detail as a separate document.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Fish Stocking and Habitat:

On July 1st the WDNR stocked Alma & Moon with 6,500 small walleye fingerlings as part of the Lake District's effort to continue to work with the DNR in order to maintain a quality fishery on our lakes.

B. Water Quality/Level:

Water levels continue to be high and less clarity as a result. The first test of water phosphorous level was done on May 1, after ice-out. Secchi disc readings were 12' on Moon and 10' on Alma. Specific information can be found on the website at www.almamoonlake.org or google Wisconsin citizens lakes website to check water clarity information.

Milt Klingsporn reported that the water level measurement that has been done from a post next to the Platner's pier was not able to be located. A new post will be located on Len Larson's pier for future measurements.

Due to the high water, please remember to pull back items on the shoreline in the fall. There was a canoe found in the channel in the spring and various pier sections have been floating around.

C. Website:

Milt Klingsporn reported that the website has been updated with meeting minutes, newsletters and other information from the DNR, etc.

D. Town of St. Germain (Tom Christensen)/Vilas County Representative (Ron Kressin):

Tom Christensen, Town Chairman, was not able to make the meeting.

Ronald Kressin, Vilas County Representative, lives in Eagle River. He provided the following updates.

- We have contracted with Onterra to perform a lake survey. Please take the time to complete when you receive.
- Ron is a member of the Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee. Please call the non-emergency number at the Sherriff's office to report violations. Any information that can be provided on the situation and the boat involved is helpful.
- Slow No Wake near shorelines is important now due to the high water we are experiencing.

- Town of St. Germain is in the process of updating their ordinances in order to make them better able to be enforced.

E. Report from WI Lakes Partnership Convention:

Clyde and Joyce Owens attended the 2019 meeting in Stevens Point. There are funds available for registration, banquet and lodging for those who wish to attend. Joyce reported that the convention covered good stewards & preservation vs. restoration of our lakes.

VI. New Business:

A. Approval of 2019-2020 Budget:

Dave Zielinski reviewed the proposed budget. Motion by Joyce Owens, second by Mike Zauner to accept the budget. Motion carried.

B. Onterra reassessment of aquatic plant communities, water quality, watershed and shorelands.

None found at this time, over the next year the study will be completed, the same as was done in 2010. Green Arum has been identified in Engle Lake. Be careful going into Engle Lake with large boats and watch for the loons.

C. Election of Two Commissioners for the Term of 2019-2022.

Incumbent commissioners, Sue Zauner and Dave Zielinski have indicated a willingness to serve again. A call was made for nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations from the floor, the Chairman requested unanimous approval of the nominees. A motion was made by Ann Waisbrot and seconded by Terrie Beier. Motion carried.

VII. Comments from Lake District Residents:

- Tony Waisbrot reminded everyone that information about the lake survey will be coming soon.
- Karla Gern thanked the commissioners for their work.
- Bob Rogers shared that paper lanterns are not a good idea to use near our shorelines. They become a fire hazard with so many dead trees.
- Mary Platner is concerned with all of the dead trees in the channel, due to high water levels. The commissioners will discuss further

at their next meeting. DNR approval to remove dead trees is not needed if they are a hazard.

VIII. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Sue Zauner, Secretary
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