

Big Blake Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Spring Meeting, May 18, 2013

Lake Commissioners present: Sam Weber, Joanne Maxwell, Sandra Thorn, Jim Filkins,
Tom Borden

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by Sam Weber

Fall Mtg minutes approved - motion made -
seconded - Sue Ogren

Treasurer's Report - Jim Filkins

Savings -	\$	5.00
Checking -	\$	12,217.85
CDs (two)	\$	14,704.85
Money Market	\$	37,088.20
	\$	64,015.90

Approved by Jerry Smith

Seconded by Don Craft

Presentation by Jeremy Williamson - AIS Grant Lake Planning and Core Sampling
Blake Lake has a 2nd Grant to look at historic land use of the lake via sediment
core sampling - reconstructing history of lake from core samples to study
phosphorous levels, plant fossils, plankton etc. Sort of a CSI for lakes.
We are working with the science museum. We'd like to compile a list of addresses
of people who want to reduce run-off - and some day show to DNR. We have 3 yrs to
get people to sign on. DNR will help us if there's enough people interested.
District members join in shoreline restoration - like rain gardens or buffer
zones. The end result - reduce water runoff.
Many volunteer hours needed to accomplish the Grants' needs.

Buoys for the No wake zone - DNR negotiations still underway.
Residents need to inform visiting friends and family members about respecting the
no wake zone.

Vicky Dorner spoke about collecting Email addresses for lake use.

Peggy Lauritsen spoke about CBCW - Handed out laminated maps. Expressed the need
for volunteer hours at both Boat accesses. She has a sign up sheet for working.
Wants to get a list of fishing tournaments on our lake.

APM Coordinator Jim Maxwell reported that Harvey is in the water - no weeds to
date. If you would like weeds dumped in your yard, ask ahead.
In June a wild rice study will be done at South end of lake. If no rice found, we
may be able to cut paths.

Dam discussion - Board needs to check into matters further.
Dan Craft made motion to name new dam (if built) Bob Sherrards' Memorial Dam. Voted
yes - Seconded by Jim Filkins.

Porta Potty will be installed at boat landing again.
Garbage cans at boat landings will be discussed by board - Maybe signage would
work.

2013 July Parade date will be July 4th. No picnic
Meeting adjourned - Tom Borden
seconded Sue Ogren

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Money placement-

Capital Reserve account - for improvements - Talk to WALL about Lake legalities before talking to C"PA.

Harvey storage approved at \$200.00.

Dam talk - Will look into info on where to start - legalities and etc.

Peggy Lauritsen will check into sociological aspect of Grant Info & Education.
Need for 2nd seechi disc - to measure after tournaments.

Blake Lake Blog - Vicky Dorner or Bugle use to get info about pontoon classrooms with Jeremy - Data for volunteer hours - and whatever else is needed.

GPS - Jeremy should talk to GPS person on what he needs put on GPS .
Jim will get cost.

Job descriptions for:

APM Coordinator

Grant Coordinator

CBCW Coordinator

Minutes from Fall 2013 meeting @ Georgetown Hall

Tom Borden called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Spring mtg minutes were motioned to be approved by Jim Thorn and Sue Ogren seconded them.

Jim Filkins presented the Treasurers report and spoke about the need to approve a \$50,000 Capital Reserve account for the Harvester. Something that never was officially approved in the past. Sue Ogren motioned to approve and Peggy Lauritsen seconded.

Jeremy Williamson – Did point intercept surveys on the lake this summer and spoke about gathering extensive data and entering into the mapping program. Curly leaf way behind this year. Native plants are growing in the curly leaf and that's a good thing. Taking chemistry samples at inlet and outlet and using a flow meter to gain critical information. Also doing sediment core samples – working with science museum – doing Geo chemical analysis also and historical land use.

Lessening curly leaf makes us eligible for more grants.

We're getting 3 years worth of detailed data.

Old Business:

Slow – No-wake. DNR needed comments and feedback from residents on the lake who have been impacted by the land erosion and lack of a slow wake zone.

Jack Belisle who doesn't live in the narrows commented on the boaters

Jerry Smith remarked about possibly having an on-line survey for our residents to give feedback regarding the need for a slow-no-wake zone. He thought it might be a danger to boaters to hit the buoy with their boat. He was told that it is the boaters responsibility if he does. This was a quote from Mark Little @ DNR.

Gale Rustad lives in the narrows and has seen riff raff totally washed away and seen people spin their watercraft in narrows.

Peggy Lauritsen has seen a lot of traffic right by their dock. She commented that in her line of work they do surveys on-line often and if you get a 30% response on the survey is good.

Ford Elliott says that 200 feet North of narrows gets hammered with wake. Says buoys are in the water at Balsam. On our lake we would be placing two buoys at each end. They are made of covered foam.

Adam Elliott had a question regarding clarity on what kind of buoy.

Peggy Lauritsen had a question regarding number of comments needed for DNR to be satisfied that a slow no-wake is needed on Big Blake lake.

Sue Ogren says boaters are still coming too close to property. Suggested reminding boaters.

Jerry Belisle has seen boaters going between his float and his shoreline.

Vicky Dorner had a question regarding clarifying the issue regarding no-wake.

Vincent Talber asked about the number of feet from shore and other boaters.

Gale Rustad says people are asking "Where does the no wake zone start and end?" Says they need to see the signs.

Sandy Thorn acting as secretary was too busy taking notes to give a comment at this meeting but has mentioned in past at meetings that their shore line has been getting eroded over time and needs repair in spring and summer. Baby ducks fall into the holes that the erosion has caused – the holes are so deep that the baby ducks need help to get out.

Trash can signage: Tom Borden reported that trash cans rent for \$55 a month and two would be required if we go that route. It was decided – no trash barrels. Signage is better to encourage people to take home their trash and dispose of it properly.

Standing Committee report:

CBCW: Peggy Lauritsen – 42 people signed up this year. Some volunteers put literature at Bait Shops. We should be at landings 400 hours a season. We are not hiring kids to do 'voluntary' hours but we might have to. Our Landing Blitz was mentioned in the Amery Free Press which has a 5000 circulation.

APM: Jim Maxwell says Harvey is running good this year. Took out 6 loads compared to 85 last year. Some Coon tail popped up this year. On 6/30/2013 Jim Maxwell and Jim Filkins met with two fellows from the Council and received permission to expand cutting at the Belisle and Foley properties and near Lyle Sunde's property. Areas that were not permitted in the past. Large mouth bass limits were discussed and it was said that Aaron Cole encouraged us to keep everything the same. Vicky Dorner would like Aaron as a guest at a futuer meeting. The GPS system that was purchased last fall allows the Harvey driver to punch in the coordinates and not cover the same ground he just went over.

EPP Grant (AIS)

Sam Webber says that as we go to the next level of study we qualify for a new grant. Next summer there will be a Pontoon Classroom.

The total for 2 grants is \$80,000.

Motioned to approve made by Jim Thorn
Ford Elliott seconded

New Business:

No update from Polk Cty or from Georgetown.

Annual Budget is 2 yr budget.

Wal Convention: Stevens Point hosts it this year. Ford Elliott strongly recommended that a board member attend. Tom Borden and Peggy Lauritsen will go this year.

The 4th of July falls on a Friday in 2014 – the boat parade will be on that Friday.

Adam Elliott volunteered to be a commission on the board and it was seconded by Jim Filkins. It was announced that the spring meeting in 2014 will be on May 17th, 2014 and the Annual meeting will be on August 16, 2014.

Motion to adjourn made by Ford Elliott
seconded by Sue Ogren.