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ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: August 19, 2017

FINAL 4-29-18

The BLPRD Annual Meeting at Georgetown Lutheran Church was called to order by Co-Chair Sam Rivers Weber at 9:13 am. Board Members present: Sam Rivers Weber/Co-Chair, Shelley Rodriguez/ Commissioner, Jen Wistrucill/Treasurer, and Peggy Lauritsen/Secretary, Communications. Adam Elliott/Co-Chair not present.

Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Rivers Weber expressed thanks to the Georgetown Lutheran Church for offering the use of the site at no charge. We are confirmed for future meetings at this site. Donations to the church welcomed. After board introductions, the agenda was approved with flexibility unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Spring Meeting were printed in the Bugle newsletter, mailed to members and are also located on our website. Copies of the minutes were also available for view at the meeting. A motion was made to approve minutes by Warren Pannkuk, second by Paul Rodriguez. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Jen Wistrucill/Sam Rivers Weber reported account balances as of 17-August-2017 as follows: Big Blake Lake (BBL) checking \$10,789.97, Dam checking \$2,216.02, BBL Money Market \$88,570.32, Savings \$5.00. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report by Jim Filkins, second by Vince Teuber. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

Committee Reports

1.Dam Update (Rivers Weber) — Reviewed historical images of when dam went out and gave background stating that we are obligated by the DNR to replace the dam and/or remove existing dam. Currently, we are approved and preparing to apply for a potential grant. Currently there is 5 million for dam grant funds in the Wisconsin state budget, which is still pending approval. If approved, we will work with Larry Gotham, dam engineer, to apply for the grant. The grant would pay up to 50% of the dam expense. We will know by late fall if dam grant funds at the state level would be approved. In early 2018 we would be know if awarded the grant.

2.Lake Management Plan (LPM) (Rodriguez) — The new 5-year plan was approved by DNR in February 2017. Reviewed plan goals and current progress. Looking for volunteers to help with any projects. See full presentation on www.blakelake.org/records.

3.Healthy Lakes Program (Lauritsen) — Healthy Lakes applies to lake plan goals #1, #4, #6 and #7. Reviewed 5 practices covered. 13 properties participating in the current grant for 2017-2018. We are planning on applying for a second HL grant. Requesting budget funds to have district pay for a portion of the of the projects at \$3000.00 See full presentation on www.blakelake.org/records (Presentations).

4.AIS/Clean Boats Clean Waters (Lauritsen) — Thanks to all volunteers. Requesting a new grant share where district pays 25% and 75% paid by DNR. Requesting \$1200.00 for approved funds in 2018 budget for hiring boat landing inspectors (400 hours for 2018 season). If we don't fund the 25% we do not get the 75%. There is an

increased threat concerning zebra mussels. Tom Borden installed zebra mussel traps at the landings and gave information about their purpose and use. Early detection of new invasive species is a top priority in Polk County. She recommended the district return to our previous practice of hiring a biologist to monitor for early detection of new invasives. Requesting \$1500 increase in the budget to cover costs. See full presentation on [www.blakelake.org/records\(Presentations\)](http://www.blakelake.org/records(Presentations)).

5.APM Harvey Report (Maxwell) — Harvesting started May 8th. By June 8th, 155 loads last year and this year 246 loads of weeds. Since June 8th only 14 hours on the harvester for coontail weeds. This season, we have completed 1421 hours on the harvester since we started harvesting. All equipment running well. Reviewed map (part of slide set) on where weeds are coming from. See full presentation on www.blakelake.org/records (Presentations).

6.Grants Update/Overview (Rivers Weber) — Reviewed history with grants and our success on our lake. Lake district formed in 1976. Early 2000's a group started getting together to address lake concerns. The District exists to protect the lake. Reviewed examples of what "Lake Monitoring" is. Example shown where biologists take water and plant samples in 276 spots in the lake every 2 weeks. Reviewed the results of the Core Grant study of the sediment in the lake. Our lake can get healthier and has gotten better since the 1960s. See full presentation on www.blakelake.org/records (Presentations).

7.WI Lakes Partnership Convention 2018 (Lauritsen) — There is an opportunity to send district members to attend the annual convention, expenses are paid by the district. Dates for 2018 are April 18-20. Contact a board member if interested.

8.Communications (added agenda item) (Lauritsen) — Communications are a key part of our lake plan Goal #3 and #4. Reviewed current ways we are communicating via website, Facebook, newsletters 2X year, 7-10 emails per year, and Lake Fair at meetings. Reviewed updates made to the website.

New Business

1.Polk County Updates — none

2.Georgetown Updates (Rodriguez) — Update from Georgetown that the request to remove the buoys from BBL has gone through their formal meeting process.

3.July Boat Parade Date — Discussion and informal vote around 4th of July boat parade for 2018. Low participation last year, many want to change the date when the 4th falls mid-week. It was voted that the date for 2018 is Saturday June 30th, 2018. Jerry Belisle discussed ideas around the boat parade for 2018 for consideration; go back to starting point being at Sherrards, hand out numbers for boats getting in line, and have prizes for the boats. "Return the boat parade to what it was". Looking for a volunteer to coordinate the parade.

Annual Business

1.Approval of 2018 annual budget and review of audit results (Wistrill). Reviewed Treasury Annual Report 2016 and proposed budget for 2018. Sam Rivers Weber reviewed that the lake plan budget item is \$300.00 more after review with Polk County Land and Water Resources. The proposed budget for 2018 is \$27,700.00.

2.Elections-Vote: Election of 2 new commissioners – 3-year term currently held by Sam Rivers Weber and Peggy Lauritsen. No write ins. Jim Maxwell nominated by Vicki Dorner, nomination declined. Unanimous vote for Lauritsen and Rivers Weber for 3-year terms.

2018 Annual Budget:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Aquatic Plant Mngmt Coord/labor	\$2500
WI Lakes Partnership Convention	\$1500
Dues	\$475
Harvey(harvestor) Labor/Exp	\$8500
Insurance	\$4500
Administration	\$4525
Lake Plan Mngmt	\$5700
TOTAL	\$27,700

Motion for approval of new budget at \$27,700 by Jim Mitchell, 2nd by Warren Pankuk. Unanimous

Announcements

May 19, 2018 Spring Meeting, 8:30 am-11:00 (3rd Saturday in May)
August 18, 2018 Annual Meeting, 8:00am to 11:00, (3rd Saturday in August)
June 30, 2018 Boat Parade (July 4th is on Wednesday), 4:00 pm

Other

Vote: the resolutions for the board to continue to apply for grant funding for the following: municipal dam grant, CBCW, Healthy Lakes, and lake management planning purposes. Unanimously approved by a 52 yay/ 0 nay vote. All attending members received a copy of the resolutions: Municipal Dam Grant Resolution #17-DG001, AIS CBCW Resolution #17-CBCW001 and Surface Water. Lake Protection Resolution #17-LP001.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Filkins, 2nd by Vicki Dorner. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

A total of 58 attended the Annual Meeting, 52 legal voting members.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Wistrcill, Treasurer and Peggy Lauritsen, Secretary.