

BLAKE LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes 2019

Meeting Date: August 17, 2019

The BLPRD Annual Meeting at Georgetown Lutheran Church was called to order by Chair Sam Rivers Weber at 9:07 am. Board Members present: Sam Rivers Weber, Chair and acting Treasurer, Shelley Rodriguez, Commissioner, and Peggy Lauritsen, Secretary.

Announcement: The 2020 Spring Meeting location is changing to Luke's Sunny Saloon (formerly Sherrard's Resort, at the north end of the lake) and format is changing from a formal meeting to an informal gathering of district members to kick off the season. Motion to change location and format of the Spring Meeting by Jack Beslisle, 2nd by Sherry Jerry. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the Annual Meeting agenda by Roxanne Smith, 2nd by Scott Myland. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to approve the August 2018 Annual Meeting minutes by John Youngberg, 2nd by Mike Rogge. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report (Sam Rivers Weber, acting Treasurer):

As of 8-16-2019 the following balances were reported: Checking account of \$22,898.67; Money Market Capital balance of \$52,091.63; Rapid Response/AIS balance \$3,005.00; Total of \$77,995.30.

Old Business: none.

Committee Reports

Dam Update (Sam Rivers Weber): The dam reconstruction was complete 11-9-2018. All bills are paid. The grant payment request has been filed with the DNR. We expect payment by 8-30-19.

Lake Plan Update (Shelly Rodriguez):

Loon signs have been created by Paul Rodriguez and posted at 2 landings. We have 7 goals with 20 objectives. So far, we have acted on all goals including 13 objectives. Volunteer opportunities were reviewed. Blake Lake Bingo will be ongoing and Sandy Randall has donated a prize of a 30 minute tour of Blake Lake area in her sea plane to the winner. Members participate in lake projects and volunteer hours to win a prize at the 2020 annual meeting.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) /Clean Boats, Clean Waters (Peggy Lauritsen)

We have a DNR grant that pays 75% of the cost for 400 paid hours for staff at the landings. So far this season, we have performed 236 paid hours and 171 volunteer hours. We have 7 paid workers (college and high school students) at the landings. Over the summer and continuing through September they have been working to educate boaters about invasive species and the importance of "clean, drain, dry and never move." They have inspected 143 boats, which exceeds the total number of boats inspected for the past 3 years combined. They have contacted 167 people at the landings this year compared to 81 people in previous years.

Healthy Lakes Program (Peggy Lauritsen)

Since 2015 we have focused on a new DNR grant initiative, Healthy Lakes Program, aimed at reducing phosphorus that causes algae blooms on our lake. Healthy Lakes Program is a way for property owners to manage runoff water on their property and add shoreline buffers that improve water quality. Over 4 years we have completed 16 projects, planted 3,248 native plants, restored 300 feet of shoreline and performed 33 free site visits.

Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Harvey Report (Jim Maxwell)

June 3 we started harvesting. We completed 32 loads by June 23. On July 3 we started harvesting coontail weeds. We have done 66 loads YTD. We have completed 1550 hours of harvesting. We replace parts on the harvester such as hydraulic pump and 2 new seals. There seems to be less algae on the lake this year.

Grants Update/Overview (Sam Rivers Weber)

Current grants that are active are: CBCW and Healthy Lakes grant #2. The DNR Dam Grant is closed.

New Business

Georgetown Update (Ron Ogren's report given by Sam Rivers Weber)

The road work (blacktop) on the east side of Blake Lake was scheduled for August completion, but due to the tornado damage in July, it will be done after the National Guard leave the area. They are using heavy equipment to clear debris in the area.

Water Levels

The dam was completed in November 2018. The water level was set to the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHM) by the DNR using good historical data collected before the dam went out. Upon completion of the dam, we received the Dam Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Plan (IOMP) for managing the dam. See document at <https://blakelake.org/records/>. 2019 is the first year with our new dam and water levels have been very high due to persisting heavy rains. We have been consulting with DNR and Polk County about water levels. We have 4 removable stop logs in the dam design to adjust water levels. One of the logs is out now. If water levels are higher than the OHW mark, the District can remove stop logs to let more water out of the lake, until the OHW mark is achieved. There was much discussion about high water, shoreline damage, removing more of the stop logs more often and doing what we can to lower water levels. Jamie Goulet motioned to take out 3 stop logs and leave them out, Scott Myland 2nd motion. Discussion. Gerry Smith asked for a friendly amendment to Jamie's motion, to manage the water levels by committee. More discussion. Theresa Goulet called the question. The motion: take out three stop logs and manage water levels by committee. Motion passed unanimously. Deb Sevelius offered to organize and coordinate the new dam management committee and suggested attendees interested in being on the committee meet after the meeting to sign up and set their first meeting date.

Recover Diver Funding

There was general discussion about sunken boats, docks, debris or other hazards from the July 19 tornado. Do we need divers to inspect? Since there were no "known hazards" presented, no action was taken.

Treasurer for BLPRD

We are operating without a treasurer. There was an open request for a volunteer to join the Board by nominating themselves or someone else. None were presented.

Annual Business (Sam Rivers Weber)

2020 Proposed Budget: Motion by Ken Knutson to approve the 2020 budget and 2nd by John Youngren.

Unanimous, motion carries.

<u>Aquatic Plant Management</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>WI Lakes Convention</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<u>Dues</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>475</u>
<u>Harvey/weed harvesting</u>		<u>8,500</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,500</u>
<u>Admin.</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,525</u>
<u>Lake Management Plan</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>5,700</u>
<u>Dam Mgmt & Maintenance</u>		<u>3,500</u>
<u>TOTAL =</u>		<u>\$31,200</u>

Elections: We had no nominees to elect to the board this year.

The board circled back to the “Treasurer for BLPRD” issue and asked the body to consider the possibility of hiring outside help for treasury duties as our 3-person board is currently stretched quite thin. District member Andy Aplikowski volunteered to help with bookkeeping on a trial basis if needed to provide passive support but not active support. Motion to approve looking outside of the BLPRD commissioner positions for treasury help as needed by Andy Aplikowski, 2nd by Jim Filkins. Motion carried unanimously. The board will consider Mr. Aplikowski’s kind offer to help as they look toward handling the treasury needs of the District.

Announcements

- August 17, 2019, BLPRD Board Meeting to follow at Georgetown Lutheran Church
- Spring Meeting, May 16, 2020, 9:00-11:00am, Luke’s Sunny Saloon (Sherrard’s)
- July 4th, 2020, Boat Parade 4:00 pm.
- Saturday August 15th, 2020 Annual Meeting, 8:00-11:00am, Georgetown Lutheran Church

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jack Beslisle, motion seconded by Gail Rustad. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 am. A total of 68 people attended the Annual Meeting.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Peggy Lauritsen, Acting Secretary.

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