

WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES

July 14, 2011

The July 14th, 2011 Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District board meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Morris at 6:02 PM, board members present were Jim Felland, Rich Charts, Andy Wojdula, appointed member Brad Corson, Norm Pruesner Town Representative and Jerry Grant County Representative.

Absent: None

Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests: Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Widner, Jim Harmon, Dave Cleven, Hagan Kaczmarek, Ernest Roy, Dan Dern, Chuck Chamberlain, and Larry Brady

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes from the June 9th, 2011 board meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Rich, seconded by Jerry. Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chemical: Rich reported no action and no updates. The next activity will be a water monitoring survey in September. There has been no feedback that weeds are out of control. Dave Cleven mentioned he does have some unidentifiable weeds at his location but has not caused any boating problems. Brian reported that Tom Potrykus and Tom Ganfield had meetings with Lakes and Ponds, the DNR, and several lake associations regarding the 900 point lake survey Lakes and Ponds suggested we have done. Their decision was that it is not worth spending \$7000 for this survey. Brian motioned we accept the committees' views and that we wait until it is a requirement on our next weed harvesting plan. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Our present harvesting permit expires in 2014.

Bog – Brian had nothing to report except some floaters have been noticed.

Weed Harvesting - Andy reported we are in our 3rd week of harvesting averaging one day a week using two units, plus a Saturday pickup. A truck load of weeds has been the result. Harvesting will continue to be on a week to week basis as weeds appear.

Equipment – Jim reported the DNR site was beautifully cleaned up and recognition was given to Jeff. Discussion on the outboard motor was next. Jeff said there was an interested party coming over the weekend to look at the motor, price being \$6200. Another thought was to approach the town and see if they would be interested in trading their old safety boat motor for our newer one, we would then put their motor up for sale. Rich motioned we have Jim pursue the motor exchange with the town and Jeff. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Fish Stocking – No report at this time

Goose Depredation - Dave reported there was a successful round-up on 6-28-11. The boards intent was again reiterated " We are attempting to control not eliminate the geese population".

Survey Committee

The Whitewater Lake Enactment Committee was formed by Rich Charts comprised of Stan Vesely, Dan Dern, and Earnest Roy who worked together to further research lake boating ordinances. They were in touch with the DNR, and Walworth county Lakes Association. The committee is recommending that the Town of Whitewater and Town of Richmond adopt the ordinance currently being used by Thiensville/Mequon with the exception of booms.

Section 90-5 Prohibited Equipment

1, Booms, being any device which extends laterally beyond the gunwales for the purpose of aiding water skiing are prohibited.

2. Any device, including water sacks, ballast or submersible wing, which is being used to cause a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or to increase or enhance a boat's wake.

Section 90-75

No person may operate a boat in an artificially bow-high manner, in order to increase or enhance the boat's wake. Such prohibited operation shall include wake enhancement by use of ballast, mechanical hydrofoils, uneven loading or operation at transition speed. Transition speed means the speed at which the boat is operating at greater than slow-no wake speed, but fast enough so that the boat is planing.

Rich motioned we ask the citizens committee to make this presentation to the annual membership with the support of the board and the outcome then would be to work with the townships to get the correct wording in the ordinance that would pass. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried , 6 in favor, 1 abstaining.

Annual Meeting – Brian announced, Larry Brady, Charlie Chamberlain, Brad Corson and Ernie Roy are the candidates running for election to the board. Three positions are open. He thanked the present board for all their efforts and thanked the incumbents for agreeing to run at this election. Susie asked for the board's approval for the Whitewater Lioness's to have available coffee and sweets to serve between 8 and 9 am prior to the meeting. Monies collected will enhance their treasury to help the needy family the club adopts each year in which they provide school supplies, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Dinner / gifts, and also Easter Dinner and Baskets for the family. Rich motioned the board invites the Lioness's to have coffee and sweets. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Articles for the newsletter will be submitted to the printer Monday July 18th, 2011 and in the mail July 25, 2011.

General

Rich - Gloria Navarre, Association president was mistakenly approached by a local vendor to offer insurance. She forwarded the request to Brian Morris. We will request the vendor and our current vendor to provide presentations at the September meeting.

Rich has received laminated poster notices from the county and asked the board's approval to post them at the boat landings informing owners of boats and trailers where they can have their equipment washed. This information will be useful to help prevent the spread of invasive species in our lakes.

Rich asked board member Jim Felland to do a fly over Tamarack Island. The island is moving depending on the prevailing winds and before and after pictures will be helpful when in the future this issue needs to be addressed.

Financial

Rich spoke that Brad Corson being our audit chairman, hopes he will be supported by the property owners to be elected to the board. Brad has helped prepare a proposed summary operations and capital fund reserve 2012 budget. After the handouts were reviewed and discussed, Brad made a motion that we accept both the presentation formats of the two budgets, operation budget and capital fund budget and content as presented. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Rich presented the board members with a handout of an Equipment Service Plan showing goals and budgets over a ten year period of time. The handout was discussed and Jim motioned we present this spreadsheet of a 10 year Equipment Service Plan at the annual meeting. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Brian asked for further comments from the board and there were none. He closed by saying to the incumbents that we work together as a board for the betterment of Whitewater /Rice Lakes.

There will not be a board meeting August 11, 2011. Annual Meeting will be August 27, 2011 9:00 AM. at Lakeview School.

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Susie Speerbrecher

Clerk

