

**Lower Long Lake Rehabilitation and Protection District (LLLRPD)
Board Meeting Minutes – Sampson Town Hall, April 8th, 2005, 6:30 PM**

Present: Wayne Sauls, Darlene Glass, Jim Dahl, Marcia Loofboro, and Pat Andress.

President Wayne Sauls called the meeting to order at 6:25 PM.

President Wayne Saul welcomed Marcia Loofboro to the board. Town of Sampson is now represented by Marcia. Wayne briefly explained the district organization and gave Marcia a packet of written information. He also suggested that the website would be helpful for learning about the district through newsletters and other articles.

Minutes of the August 9 meeting were approved. Motion by Jim. Second by Darlene.

Brett Zacho brought an issue of aquatic plants to the attention of the board at the last meeting on August 9. The board asked for advice from DNR specialists. Deb Konkel responded with an email to Wayne, 8/10/04, and Wayne shared her email with the board.

Deb Konkel, Buzz Sorge, and Darlene visited the sites on the water in August. The larger area is near property formerly Clark's Resort, and the smaller area is south along the shoreline. Deb identified the plants as fine-leaf pondweeds, native species. She also stated in the email that Long Lake has "one fine-leaf pondweed that is a 'species of special concern', a species being studied and considered for listing as an endangered or threatened species."

These plants are long and stringy, interfering with boating and swimming. The following advice is from Deb's email 8/10/04:

"The Elodea of fine-leaf pondweeds can be raked, pulled, etc. from around docks without a permit if they are hindering use of the lake. As long as the width of the area a person is clearing is less than 30' wide, being cleared without the aid of a motor or other power device and includes the area next to the dock, a lake resident can clear the area without a permit. The only stipulation is that the plants are removed from the water and not left in the lake to float around and decompose."

The 2004 LLLPRD Membership Survey results were reviewed, and results will be in the newsletter and on the website. There were 79 responses. Of special note was the importance of "peace and tranquility" on the lake. Jim also noted comments about public access points, and the boat landings were discussed. This survey will be especially useful for developing a lake management plan. Wayne told about the DNR Lake Management Plan Grant Application. He asked Marcia for a letter of support from the Town of Sampson that would be included in the application. And this small-scale grant would be used for a lake management plan.

The proposed 2005-2006 budget was discussed, and the annual meeting date was set for Saturday, July 30, 2005, 9 AM, Sampson Town Hall. The next LLLPRD board meeting: Monday, June 13, 2005, 6:30 PM, Sampson Town Hall.

The Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance (CVORA) activities were discussed, and the budget reflected the \$50.00 donation to this organization which was requested by Len Seyberth at the annual meeting. Len has been the district representative. The district is now seeking a replacement for Len, at his request, as he has served for several years.

Pat will attend the Wisconsin Lakes Convention, Green Bay, WI, April 28-30, 2005. Pat was authorized to cast 3 (three) votes on behalf of LLLPRD for the six proposed directors and the proposed President and the proposed Vice President. Motion by Jim. Second by Wayne.

Pat told about the Northwestern Lakes Conference now held at Telemark, Cable, WI, how attendance has increased every year so that about 300 people are expected this year, June 23-24. The conference includes a variety of topics, presenters, and exhibits of interest to lake residents. WAL, UWEX, and DNR are involved with this conference, and presently it is proposed that there be a similar one day conference in the West Central region. The possibility was discussed with several topics suggested.

The Conservation Congress hearings, held throughout the state in all counties on April 11, 2005, were discussed. Jim has attended these hearings in the past, and he related how resolutions are proposed, discussed, and acted upon. If approved, the resolutions are then likely to be presented to the Natural Resources Board. Pat told of WAL offering the following resolution: uniform 200 foot slow-no-wake. And the board discussed a uniform 200 foot from shore slow-no-wake rule. The hearing in Chippewa County is at the Chippewa Falls Middle School, 7 PM, Monday, April 11, 2005. Pat will not be able to attend this hearing.

Wayne shared the LLLPRD newsletter that is soon to be in the mail.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. Motion by Jim. Second by Pat.

Submitted by Pat Andress