

**Lower Long Lake Rehabilitation and Protection District (LLRPD)  
Annual Meeting Minutes – Sampson Town Hall, July 30th, 2005, 9:00 AM**

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

The meeting was called to order by chair Wayne Sauls at 9:05 AM.

Wayne welcomed the 34 constituents.

Reading of the minutes from the previous annual meeting was suspended by a motion. Motion by Diane Dahl. Second by Harlyn Misfeldt. Minutes were accepted as written in the fall 2004 newsletter.

#### Fish and Water Quality Report

Lou Frase, chair of the water quality committee, gave the report. He also stated that he has a written report for anyone upon request. Lou reviewed the history of monitoring that began locally in 1989. Only Secchi depth was monitored until 2001 when regular chemistry studies began to further clarify the lake status.

Lou explained that of all the measurements, the phosphorous level is the most important because it is a factor in algae growth. And phosphorous enters the lake in one of three main ways: soil erosion, sewage, and fertilizers.

Long Lake remains in a desirable mesotrophic range, but if phosphorous levels increase, undesirable water quality may result and restoration is costly.

Ways to keep the lake healthy were suggested by Lou. The measures include:

- Limit soil erosion by silt fences during construction
- Provide for proper storm water runoff
- Minimize soil disturbances at the shoreline
- Preserve or restore buffer zones
- Use only non-phosphorous containing fertilizers
- Ensure well functioning sewage systems

The fishery was briefly discussed. With more abundant aquatic plants, the fishery is generally improved.

Motion to accept the report by Jim Dahl. Second by Marcia Loofboro.

Joe Kurz, DNR fisheries biologist, and Scott Bowe, DNR Conservation Warden, gave presentations. Joe gave disturbing news that recently Eurasian water milfoil was found in Lake Wissota. That news led to discussion of the need for boaters to use proper procedures when cleaning watercraft. It was noted that the “Clean Boats, Clean Waters” volunteer watercraft inspection training is on the regional lake workshop program in Rice Lake, August 12, 2005.

Joe also reviewed positive changes for the fish population in Long Lake since the 1970s. He promoted the practice of leaving fallen trees in the water at the shoreline. He reviewed the Rusty crayfish situation and encouraged continued assessment.

Scott Bove told about problems with recent timber harvesting, violations, and the following remediation efforts on land for the proposed Chippewa Preserve Development. Scott described steep terrain and problems related to proposed roads in the possible development.

Scott Bove reported on few boating violations and encouraged lake residents to report possible violations to him. Scott also stressed the proper disposal of gray water; that it is illegal to do otherwise. Scott reinforced the need for education regarding proper cleaning of watercraft to prevent spreading of exotic aquatic species.

Interest in stopping the spread of exotic species prompted suggestions for more educational efforts. A specific suggestion was to place educational materials at establishments in the area.

### Publicity

Lesley Sauls gave the publicity report with comments about the next newsletter. Lesley was also prepared with welcome bags for new people on the lake. Several friends and neighbors volunteered to deliver these gestures of hospitality. Lesley also reminded the group of the annual picnic on Saturday, August 13 at Morris Erickson County Park with Margaret Hagen organizing the event.

A postcard reminder will be sent with more details, including a reminder of the regional lake workshop on August 12 in Rice Lake.

### Conferences

After a short break, the meeting continued with a report on conferences by Pat Andress. Pat attended the three-day lakes conference hosted by the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership which includes UW Extension, Wisconsin DNR, and the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL). The conference was held at the KI Convention Center, Green Bay, WI on April 28-30, 2005.

The theme of the conference was "Water in Our Veins", celebrating lake volunteers. Pat said the state perspective at this conference is valuable, causing one to greatly appreciate the people and resources in this district, the LLLPRD.

The 2005 Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Public Service category was presented to our lakes specialist Buzz Sorge. There were fine words spoken about Buzz, and this district is aware of his care and concern for people and lakes.

A more detailed report is on the LLLPRD website, as well as a report on the Thursday event at the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference at Telemark Resort and Convention Center, Cable, WI, June 23 and 24, 2005. The Thursday event was a pontoon classroom on Lake Namekagon with six topics presented at different parts of the lake with special presenters for each topic. The demonstrations and on-the-site experiences were meaningful, along with enjoyment of pleasant camaraderie on a beautiful lake. Marcia was enthusiastic about the Friday event at Telemark, and she encourages attendance at the Rice Lake workshop.

### Long Lake Foundation

Wayne presented the names of Don Granger and Steve Johnson for foundation directors, and they were unanimously elected. Wayne said that the foundation is considering property that adjoins existing foundation property, the Playter donation. The property being considered includes part of Cedar Creek. Application for a grant would be necessary. The foundation is also considering management of conservation easements on privately held land as a means of expanding the mission.

#### Budget Hearing

In the absence of Darlene Glass, Wayne presented the treasurer's report. He presented the annual budget, explaining two increases. One was for an increase in liability insurance from \$949.00 to \$1019.00. The other increase was for the publicity committee with a \$50.00 increase related to the website. Wayne explained John Scheppke's buoy concerns. John recommended that the buoys be replaced because they are inadequate. John agreed to properly replace the buoys at a cost of \$911.00. John's motion to amend the proposed 2005-2006 budget reflected the buoy expenses, proposing the total budget to be \$3955.00 rather than \$3044.00. Motion by John Scheppke, seconded by Don Granger to amend and approve the budget passed unanimously.

Wayne recommended a levy of \$3000.00 to the board and constituents and that also passed with all in favor.

#### Recognition: Wayne Sauls

Wayne Sauls served two terms as a LLLPRD commissioner, and he was presented with a certificate of appreciation for service. A \$25.00 check was presented by the district to the Long Lake Foundation in Wayne's name.

#### Election: New Commissioner

Wayne asked for nominations from the floor for a new commissioner to serve a three-year term. Diane Dahl nominated Harlan Misfeldt. Second by Don Granger.

Harlyn was unanimously elected.

#### Old Business

Constituents have expressed concern about native aquatic plants that interfere with boating, swimming, and fishing. Wayne reviewed the response from Deb Konkel, DNR aquatic plant specialist, as reported in the minutes, April 8, 2005. Deb will report again on the issue later in August.

#### New Business

Herde Lake is popular for a variety of water craft activities and fishing, sometimes conflicting activities. Wally Schulenberg suggested a slow-no-wake ordinance for the lake. A thoughtful discussion followed. Sensitive areas on the lake were considered. Since the narrows are slow-no-wake, it was suggested that a sign to that effect be posted on property owned in part by Ann Dickerson. Motion by Ann Dickerson. Second by Gail Misfeldt. Passed.

Along with the sign there were suggestions for more educational materials and more publicity related to boating and personal watercraft (PWC) regulations. Complaints about PWC operator behaviors also called for rules to be outlined in the LLLPRD newsletter and at Morris Erickson County Park boat landing. Courtesy was encouraged for managing conflicts. Lenny Seyberth also proposed that a Loon Watch sign be posted.

#### CVORA Volunteer

Lenny continued with an explanation about the Chippewa Valley Outdoor Resource Alliance (CVORA) and participation by LLLPRD. Lenny agreed to contact Ty Bernicke who may be interested in replacing him. Lenny represented the district for about seven years.

#### North Boat Landing

Marjorie Ling's concern about the boat landing was discussed. She is the property owner adjacent to the boat landing. There is limited space for parking at this landing. Parking and other activities cause problems for Marjorie. There continues to be an issue with the property lines. It was suggested that use of the nearby Morris Erickson County Park boat landing be encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:50 AM.

Motion by Don Granger. Second by Gail Misfeldt.

Following the adjournment the proposed Chippewa Preserve Development was informally discussed, and Marcia Loofboro gave pertinent information. She encouraged LLLPRD constituents to attend town meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia I. Andress

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