

September 25, 2009

Chairman Jim Michels called the quarterly meeting of the District of Powers Lake to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call. Judy Jooss, Colleen Keating, Brooke Jensen, Nancy Michael, Ken Mangold, and Jim Michels. Neal Kuhn was absent. Ken Mangold presented Jim with a cake in honor of his retirement.
2. Approval of minutes. The minutes of the June 19th meeting were read. Nancy Michael made a motion to approve the minutes. Judy Jooss seconded. Motion carried. The minutes of the Annual meeting minutes were read. No motion was needed. The organizational minutes of August 7th were read. A motion by Brooke Jensen to approve the minutes. Judy Jooss seconded. Motion carried.
3. Citizen Comments. Nancy Crabtree – questioned who were the members of the executive committee. Jim, Nancy and Neal. She suggested publishing in the newsletter the criteria for those eligible to vote.
4. Treasurer's Report. Brooke Jensen reported there is \$37,034.71 in the checking account, \$40,933.00 in the wetland account and \$10,637.92 in a CD. Nancy Michael made a motion to transfer money from the contingency fund to the administration fund. Judy Jooss seconded. Motion carried. Nancy Michael made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Judy Jooss seconded. Motion carried.
5. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Lake Protection Plan. Jeff Thorton reported 294 surveys were sent out. As of this week only 93 have been returned or a 30% response. It is not too late to return these surveys. SEWRPC will start getting the data entered on a spreadsheet and will analyze it over the winter. They also completed a plant survey. Thirteen different plants were found, 4 of which were pondweed. This is good for fish habitat. Two surveys were done one using the transept method and the other a grid system. Both had similar results. A boat census was taken 974 watercrafts were found, 150 were jet skis. They also did a recreational use survey. Weekday mornings and afternoons there were about 21 watercraft on the lake each time. On the weekend morning there were 20 – 25 and in the afternoon about 40.
6. Powers Lake Outlet. Jim Michels would like to investigate the outlet of the lake. Old beaver dams or other debris affecting the water flow might be blocking the stream. He requested permission to get a proposal from Hey and Associates to come up with some recommendations. If acceptable a more formal proposal could come back to the Board to take to the Annual meeting. It was questioned if this would affect the lake level of Lake Tombeau. A motion by Ken Mangold to authorize Jim Michels to contact Hey & Assoc to get a proposal for the January meeting. Colleen Keating seconded. Motion carried.
7. Wetland Management and/or Acquisition. Dr. Kozie is getting ready to sell the rest of the wetlands he owns. There is some property that was purchased and developed across from Jim's house that extends into wetlands also. Jim asked for authorization to contact both of these property owners to see if it would be appropriate to purchase either or both of these.

8. DNR and/or other Grants. An e-mail was read from Neal Kuhn regarding Northern Environmental to apply for a grant application from the DNR to treat for milfoil next year.
9. Aquatic Plant Management. Another e-mail from Neal Kuhn was read stating the DNR will approve treatment based the plant survey. The results of treating the milfoil this year was very good. A different applicator was used and the results were outstanding.
10. Water Quality Management. Nancy Michael took over doing the water sampling from Gil Kroll. Five samples were taken each week in different parts of the lake. The samples are taken to the water treatment plant in Burlington for processing. The Knolls beach was closed two times this summer do to high e-coli count.
11. Adopt-A-Lake Program. Nothing to report.
12. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting was originally set up on Friday so as not to interfere with the boat races and yard work on Saturday. Possibly doing things differently was discussed. Usually the program isn't decided on until later but next year Jeff Thornton will provide the program. The Board will wait for the survey to come back before any changes are made regarding the day.
13. DPL By-Laws. Currently the By-Laws don't reflect the election procedure. A committee has been set up headed by Colleen to investigate the election procedure and bring that and the By-Laws into compliance. Nancy, Charlie and Phyllis will be part of that committee.
14. Randall Tw./Kenosha Co. Issues. Ken reported the Town is reviewing Chapter 20. No action will be taken until after receiving the survey results. The Lake Benedict Lake District has asked the board to establish a benchmark just for that lake. The beach was closed two times and we think it is from the geese. The Town is going to treat the beach area with Rejex. It a spray that geese don't like. Hopefully this will take care of the problem. Judy Jooss reported that she went on a conservation tour around Lake Geneva. Natural shoreline plants are working well for some property owners on that lake. A resolution and letter was sent to Jim Kreuser and some County Board members expressing support for Judy to continue as the representative to the District.
15. Newsletter.
16. DPL Website. Mary and Don were thanked for their work on the website. Some changes and new information has been added, Milfoil treatment, Clean Boats, Clean Water, a Calendar and DNR link. Nancy Crabtree questioned if the newsletter would be done away with since it was on the website.
17. Citizen Comments. Paul DeMichele – questioned why there was a check made out to Walworth County Lakes Association. The district has joined that association. Jim Michels – Next year will be the 25th anniversary of the District of Powers Lake. Ken Mangold – Good job on the Milfoil treatment. When he was out on the boat he saw very little Milfoil. He stated everyone needs to consider everyone else when they send something to the web site and let the Board do their job.
18. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Phyllis Kaskin

