

Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Meeting minutes, 07/20/2023

- 1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:02AM
- 2. Confirm meeting posting: Agenda was posted on 07/13/2023 in accordance with Town Board procedures
- **3. Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Chairman Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual attendance option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Joe Koschnik, Roy Seidl, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, Dave Zielinski, Eric Eade, Bob Schell, Ed Kindlarski and Ted Ritter. Len Larsen attended virtually.
- 4. Public comments (other than agenda topics): Schell reported that a recent serious boating incident occurred on Found Lake, involving multiple boating safety violations and an overturned boat. Although there were no injuries, the incident was reported to the WDNR TIP hotline. Due to the ongoing shortage of DNR wardens, several days passed before the DNR followed up on the incident. By that time the offending parties involved had completed their vacation and had departed the area. No citations were issued. Schell also reported that a shuffling of area warden assignments has occurred resulting in the vacancy created by Warden Sealander's retirement now being filled by Warden Tim Price. Warden Price has confirmed that delays in warden responses will likely continue as the staffing shortage remains.

5. Discussion/action topics:

- **a. Approve minutes of June 15, 2023, meeting:** Motion Eade, second Steinhilber to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- **b. Update on wakes issues:** Schell reported that this is still a very active topic across the state. However, there are no updates to share at this time.
- c. Status update providing watercraft rental businesses with a summary of WI Boating Laws: The non-PWC boating safety key tags have been printed and are being distributed.
- d. Individual lake organization updates regarding comprehensive management plans:
 - Little St. Germain Lake District will distribute an overview of its comprehensive management plan at the upcoming annual elector meeting.
 - Found Lake will share updates to the plant management plan at the upcoming annual elector meeting (EWM has been found again).
 - Lost Lake District will share pending updates to the plant management plan at the upcoming annual elector meeting.
 - Alma/Moon District will share updates to its shoreline initiative at the 07/26 annual elector meeting.
- e. Reconsider how the annual allotment of room tax revenues from the Town Board to the Lakes Committee can be used: Ritter explained the past usage of these dollars being to partially reimburse invasive species management costs. Since those programs have been severely curtailed by the State, perhaps other uses such as purchasing a dissolved oxygen meter for multiple lake use or perhaps expanding CBCW programs could be considered. This topic will be included on a future agenda.
- f. Update from Fisheries Management Team: None
- **g. Facebook page update:** Eade reported there are now 195 followers. Eade continues to post updates on a variety of topics.
- h. Approve lakes improvement spending requests: None
- I. Committee concerns for future agenda: CBCW coaster usage
- 6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Ritter at 11:07. Next meeting 10:00AM, Thursday, August 17, 2023

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter