

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair - Ted Ritter

Vice Chair - Jim Wendt

<u>Alma-Moon</u>	<u>Big St. Germain</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Little St. Germain</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Chamber</u>
K. Beier	M. Deets	R. Gawrys	T. Best	J. D'Amico	R. Watson
D. Zielinski	J. Penkalski	C. Thier/ D. Kloepfer	K. Stofflet	B. Wissing	

LAKES COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 23, 2004

Meeting was called to order in the St. Germain Community Center @ 3:00 P.M. by Chair Ted Ritter

• Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Ken Beier, Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Dick Kloepfer, Tom Best, Ken Stofflet, Jim D'Amico, Bob Wissing, Jim Wendt & Ted Ritter

Committee Members Absent:

Chuck Thier & Rich Watson

Others Present:

Tim Hoyman, NES Ecological Services & Patrick Goggins Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department, Larry Acker Town Lakes Fair Committee Member, Terrie Beier Resident.

• Approval of agenda

Motion by Dick Kloepfer to approve the agenda as posted and revised seconded by Dave Zielinski. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

• Approval of minutes

Motion by Mike Deets to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2004 meeting as amended to read that it should be noted that the Big St. Germain Lake Association contributed \$2,689 towards the lake's full plant aquatic survey project being conducted this summer by NES Ecological Services. Motion was seconded by Ron Gawrys and was approved unanimously

1. Aquatic plant inventory project / Approve N.E.S. contract

Ted Ritter reported that he has received official approval from the D.N.R. and that he was exercising the option of the grant to receive 75% of the money prior to completion to project. He has received three checks from the D.N.R. totaling \$12,835.13 that will be deposited into the lakes account for this project.

Ted Ritter reported that there appeared to be a discrepancy on the total amount remaining in the Lakes Committee account. Dave Zielinski will contact the town treasurer for clarification on the

discrepancy. The Lakes Committee records reflect there should be \$26,959.46 in the account.

Tim Hoyman explained how the project will progress and how the lakes should respond through the upcoming months. Tim stated that not only plants but any other noteworthy facts about the lake will be documented on the survey.

Tim Hoyman prepared a contract with NES and the Town of St. Germain. Tim explained that the grant does not show that NES should get the money for services. So NES is asking for the contract to reflect how NES will be compensated for their services.

There was discussion on the contract with NES and there was a motion by Ron Gawrys to postpone the signing of the contract until the town board had the opportunity to review it at the upcoming Town Board Meeting in June. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Tim Hoyman provided a handout explaining the importance of providing a effective management plan for each of the participating lakes. He stated that he will be furnishing the technical information but is asking for the sociological information from the lakes. From these sources a action plan for the lakes will be structured.

The committee thanked Tim Hoyman for his attendance, participation and input into this meeting.

2. Lakes Fair update

Dick Kloepfer reported that booths for the Town Lake's Fair are being organized. Pamphlets have been finalized and they will be going to the printer in the near future. Gifts for the silent auction are starting to come in and it appears that everything should be ready on time.

There was a request that the Lakes Committee have a booth at the Lakes Fair. Ken Stofflet volunteered his services to coordinate a booth to provide public awareness to the Lakes Committee. Dick Kloepfer announced that he would assist Ken Stofflet with the development of a committee booth..

Ken Stofflet reported that he has not received any information back on the progress of the grant application for the Lakes Fair. This grant has been submitted to the Department of Tourism.

3. Participation in Clean Boats - Clean Waters program

There was discussion on the need for committee members to participate in the Clean Boats and Clean Waters program put on by Wisconsin DNR. There will be a training session on this program taking place on July 15, 2004 in Eagle River. Ted Ritter emphasized the level of commitment to this program may have an impact on future grant applications and it may be a requirement for acceptance to a grant. Registration to this program is limited to 25 persons per session . Committee members that are interested in attending the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program are : Tom Best, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys & Dave Zielinski.

There was a motion by Jim D'Amico that the Lakes Committee should reimburse the participants their costs for registration to the Clean Boats Clean Waters program upon

completion of the program. The motion was seconded by Dick Kloepfer and received an unanimous approval.

4. Consideration of public education efforts (i.e. coasters and place mats)

Larry Acker reported that he had contacted several restaurants regarding the use of place mats and or coasters for public awareness of spread of exotic species to town lakes. Several restaurants were in favor and some were not in favor of using such items.

There was discussion on what type of materials could or should be used for awareness and if the committee should proceed ahead with this type of project as a grant application for education and how to keep town lakes clean. Ted Ritter reported that if the committee elected to proceed with such a project he would write the grant application.

Jim Penkalski made a motion that the committee should proceed ahead with the grant application for public education but it may not exceed \$3,000 of the Town Committee matched funds, coming from the Lakes Fair profits.

The motion was seconded by Jim D'Amico and voted on and approved unanimously.

5. Approval of reimbursement to Little St. Germain Lake District for exotic species management expenses

Ted Ritter reported that Little St. Germain Lake District received a bill for \$29,100.60 for services for the treatment of exotics on that lake. On behalf of the Little St. Germain Lake District he was asking for the \$12,000 from the Lakes Committee, previously approved for reimbursement.

A motion by Tom Best to reimburse the Little St. Germain Lake District the \$12,000 for services already paid by the district for treatment of exotics. The motion was seconded by Ken Stofflet. There was no discussion on the motion and it passed unanimously.

• Committee Concerns

Dave Zielinski requested the committee use a form that he created for distribution of Lake Committee funds. The form would be completed and submitted to the town treasurer for distribution of funds.

Patrick Goggin gave a report on projects going on with the Vilas County Land & Waters Conservation Department. One such project is the Beach Monitoring Program taking place June 4-5, 2004. There will be training sessions on the awareness safe swimming areas in lakes. The Lakes Committee supports this program and asks that committee members share this information with their individual lake groups.

• Citizen Concerns

None

- **Time and Date of next meeting**

The next meeting for the Town Lakes Committee meeting was set for Tuesday, July 20, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M. at the Red Brick Building, Town of St. Germain

- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourn at 4::50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth F. Beier, Recording Secretary