

# TOWN OF SAINT GERMAN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair - Ted Ritter

Vice Chair -

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

The meeting of the Town of Saint German Lakes Committee was called to order by Chair Ted Ritter at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, April 13, 2005 in the Red Brick School House, in the Town of St. Germain, State of Wisconsin.

## **Roll Call:**

**Committee Members Present:** Chair Ted Ritter, Ken Beier, Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Tom Best, Ken Stofflet and John Pfister.

**Committee Members Absent:** Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Chuck Thier, Dick Kloepfer, Jim D'Amico and Bob Wissing.

**Others Present:** Larry Acker and Patrick Goggin

**Approval of the Agenda:** A motion was made by Mike Deets to approve the agenda as presented and posted. Seconded by Tom Best, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes:** A motion was made by Ken Stofflet to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Best and passed unanimously.

**Financial Review:** Dave Zielinski gave a report on the financial status of the Lakes Committee Account. There is \$19,875.18 available as of 4/12/05.

## **Discussion/Action Items:**

**Watercraft Inspection Program:** Tom Best reported that he met with Ron Hutts and Ron agreed to be the Watercraft Inspection Coordinator. Ron will be representing two clubs, the Sayner/ St. German Fish and Wildlife Club and St. German Lions Club. He intends to split the \$2,500 that he will receive for doing this project between the two clubs.

It was felt that it would be in very good interest to have Ron Hutts attend the Clean Boats Clean waters program. There was a motion by Tom Best to have Ron Hutts attend the Clean Boats Clean Waters program paid for by the Lakes Committee. The motion was seconded by John Pfister and the motion passed unanimously.

**April community informational meetings:** In preparation for the up coming meetings on April 20 & 23 2005 it was agreed that we need see how many people express an interest in either the watercraft inspection or lake monitoring.

At the meetings Ken Stofflet will give a talk on the Lake Fair, Tom Best will explain the watercraft inspection duties and Ted Ritter will speak on what will be expected on the lake monitoring. Sign up sheets and clip boards will be made available at the meetings.

**Lakes Fair Update:** Ken Stofflet reported that everything for the upcoming Lakes Fair is on schedule. A small scale lake planning grant has been applied for and it appears it has been approved but nothing official yet. The grant would be for \$3,000 with a 25% match that can be in-kind. The Lakes Fair will have pontoon boat rides this year on Little St. German and Found Lakes.

**Lakes Study update:** Ted advised the committee that Tim Hoyman is working on the lake maps and anticipates that they will be completed in the next few weeks. A sample of the lake maps was shown. The plant survey needs to be completed yet on Lake Content and Fawn Lake.

Ted Ritter informed the committee Tom Hoyman has left NES. NES has asked for a release in the contract with the town on the aquatic plant survey project. However, Tim Hoyman has started a new company called Onterra and will take over the contract with the town completing the project. All of the records from NES were given to Tim Hoyman. Tim will be completing the survey of the town lakes.

**Participating in Vilas County AIS Planning Partnership:** Ted advised the committee that the several towns that are looking at forming Lake Committees like St. German's. Lac du Flambeau has already formed a lakes committee and they have grants in place.

Ted stated that St. Germain is well recognized as a leader for establishing the first lakes committee in the area.

**Committee Concerns:** After some discussion on options of ways to get the message out on spreading of exotics into our lakes, John Pfister suggested a ruler with the Lakes Committee name. It could be placed in boats with an informational message on it.

There was some thought on making up a packet to be given to boaters at the landings with educational materials.

**Citizen Concerns:** Larry Acker suggested getting stickers with the Clean Boats Clean Waters Logo on it. The stickers could be used as mailing labels by resorts, businesses and the chamber. Larry said he talked to some businesses and the chamber with the idea and they agreed to use the labels if they were made up. The chamber agreed to make up the labels for the cost of an ink cartridge. Larry suggested putting the labels on bait buckets and other items where it would get the public's attention.

A motion was made by Mike Deets to give Larry Acker the authority to use up to \$100.00 for the purpose of having the chamber print the labels for the clean boats clean waters message. John Pfister seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Time and Date of next meeting:** May 10, 2005 @ 7:00 PM in the Red Brick School House, St. German, Wisconsin

**Adjourn:** With no other business there was motion by Mike Deets to adjourn, seconded by John Pfister. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Beier, Secretary