

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

<u>Alma- Moon</u>	<u>Big St. Germain</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Chair - Ted Ritter</u>	<u>Little St. Germain</u>	<u>Vice Chair Todd Wiese</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Chamber</u>
K. Beier	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 7:04 PM on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 in the Red Brick School House, in the Town of St. Germain, State of Wisconsin.

Ted Ritter introduced and welcomed the new Vice Chair to the committee Todd Wiese.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Chair Ted Ritter, Vice Chair Todd Wiese, Ken Beier, Mike Deets, Tom Best, Ken Stofflet Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Bob Wissing and Chuck Thier.

Committee Members Absent: Dave Zielinski , Dick Kloepfer Jim D' Amico and John Pfister

Others Present: Larry Acker

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

Approval of the minutes: A motion was made by Ken Stofflet to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Wissing and passed unanimously.

Financial Review: There was no financial report given because Dave Zielinski was not present for this meeting.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. Review results of April community informational meetings:

Ted Ritter reported the Wed. meeting had 15 people attendance and the Sat. meeting only had 3 people. There were very few volunteers that signed up to do watercraft inspections, lake monitoring or lakes fair help.

Ted stated that we do not have enough people yet to make this program effective. There was discussion on how to get more help at the boat landings and what action may be taken at the boat landings It was suggested that a one on one approach should be our next effort.

2. Watercraft Inspection program update

Ken Stofflet stated it would be helpful to get a list of volunteers from Ron Hutts, so the committee would know who to approach for addition help.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to have a list of infected lakes in the area. The list of lakes would be good information at landings when talking to people.

There was some discussion on out of pocket expenses that Ron Hutts may have while doing the watercraft inspection program.

There was a motion by Jim Penkalski to have the Lakes Committee pay Ron Hutts for any out of pocket

expenses he may have for the watercraft inspection program. Ron should submit receipts to the Lakes Committee for reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Tom Best. The motion passed unanimously.

Ted Ritter stated he recently learned the University of Notre Dame has a research center in northern Vilas County. The students there are studying exotics that are invading our wetlands. Ted said he is meeting with people from the research center on Wed, May 25th and any one else is welcomed to attend with him. He will investigate if any of the students would be interested in helping with our project

It was also suggested to contact the High Schools in the area to see if there are any youth groups that would be willing to do public service work during the summer. Chuck Thier said he will contact Northland Pines H.S. to see if any students would be interested in helping.

Ted Ritter explained what the Three Lakes Chain Association has been doing to protect their lakes and showed the committee a packet that will be distributed to boaters this summer. The packet included a plastic bag with informational materials, a boater's key float, pencil and paper.. They will be asking boaters to collect any suspicious plants and turn them into the local bait shop, where the plants will be collected to be analyzed.

Larry Acker announced that he researched the cost of key chain floats. He also thought it would be a good idea to include them in a packet for our project. The floats could have a clean boats clean waters message along with the Lakes Committee name on it.

A motion was made by Chuck Thier to have Larry Acker order 1,000 key chain floats to be placed in packets to be given to boaters at the landings. Also to be included in the packets will be informational materials with exotic identifiers and a adhesive DNR type fish ruler. The packets are to be made up by committee members.

Motion was seconded by Ron Gawrys and passed unanimously.

3. Lakes study/lakes monitoring update

Ted Ritter distributed copies of a letter he received from Tim Hoyman from Onterra. The letter announced the training date for the lake plant monitoring training. The date for the training will be on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. The training should take a half of a day. Volunteers are to meet at the Community Center.

4. Lakes Fair update

Larry gave an update on the progress of the Lakes Fair planning. He informed the committee that he has been researching different ways to get the clean boats clean waters message out. He displayed the stickers that are being placed on minnow buckets and bait containers at the local sport shops. He said he is getting good cooperation from the businesses.

Larry also showed an envelope he created with a message of clean boats clean waters information on it. He felt that resorts and chamber could use the envelopes to do their business and get the message out with their mailings. There was some discussion how this would benefit the project and what impact it would have on it.

Larry expressed concern on the funds available to take care of expenses to do the upcoming Lakes Fair. Larry felt the funds generated for the Lakes Fair should be available only to the Lakes Fair committee as long as there is a fair.

Ted made a motion that the funds that have been generated by the past and future Lakes Fairs can be used by the discretion of the Lakes Fair committee for the promotion of the Lakes Fair activities.

Chuck seconded the motion:

There was discussion and concerns if the motion kept these funds solely to the Lakes Fair or if the Lakes Committee could use money generated by the Lakes Fair.

The motion failed with one committee member voting for and all other members against.

After the failed motion the Lakes committee agreed that this years Lakes Fair should be able to use the \$4,500 for the operation costs for this years fair.

Committee Concerns:

Tom Best announced that he will be doing a Clean Boats Clean Waters program at the year's boater safety class.

Time and Date for next meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2005 @ 7:00 PM, in the Red Brick School House, in the Town of St. Germain, State of Wisconsin.

Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Deets seconded by Bob Wissing. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Beier, Secretary