

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

		Chair - Ted Ritter		Vice Chair Todd Wiese	
<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	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 7:02 PM on Tuesday, August 9, 2005 in the Red Brick School House, in the Town of St. Germain, State of Wisconsin.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Chair: Ted Ritter, Vice Chair: Todd Wiese, Ken Beier, Mike Deets, Dick Kloepfer, Chuck Thier, Jim D' Amico and John Pfister

Committee Members Absent: Dave Zielinski, Tom Best, Ken Stofflet, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys and Bob Wissing

Others Present: Larry Acker and Ron Hutts

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 Chuck Thier to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2005 meeting as corrected to read on the second page first paragraph "**Five hundred** floating key holders will be handed out" *not* "One thousand" . The motion was seconded by Mike Deets and passed unanimously.

Financial Review: With the absence of Dave Zielinski there was no financial report. A handout prepared by Dave showed that \$34,838.72 was available as of 08/03/05

Ted Ritter announced that he was recently contacted by Dave and Dave informed him that he is resigning as the financial recorder. It was suggested because of Dave's outstanding recording records that someone talk to Dave about staying on with this position. A motion was made by Mike Deets to table this matter until Dave can be contacted. Seconded by Chuck Thier The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion / action items

1. Watercraft inspection program update - grant report: Ted Ritter thanked Ron Hutts for his dedication and effort that he put into this project and then turned the floor over to Ron. Ron Hutts announced that he has 424 hours and 15 minutes already served at the boat landings on the watercraft inspection.

Ron said that there has been no negative response by any of the boaters on the watercraft inspection. There was one watercraft that came from Paul's Rentals that has suspicious looking plants on the trailer. This was at the Little St. Germain Boat Landing.

Ron asked that the money that he is suppose to receive for doing this project be given as follows: \$1000.00 to the Sayner / St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club, \$1000.00 to the St. Germain Fire Department and \$500.00 to the St. Germain Lions Club

2. Lake monitoring training review; Ted Ritter announced that two new lakes in Vilas County have been identified with Eurasian Watermilfoil. They are Arrowhead in the Arbor Vitae area and Silver Lake.

There were three plant samples that were collected on the town lakes. They were taken in for evaluation and they were all native plants to the lakes.

3. Plant survey / plant management plan project: Ted announced as far as he knew Fawn and Content Lakes plant survey project. has not been completed. If they were completed it has not been confirmed by Tim Hoyman.

There was some concern about plant identification projects taking place on some of the lakes. It was learned that various universities have been researching some of the lakes with out the knowledge of the lake associations or lake districts. It was felt that it would helpful to know these activities are taking place and it would be a good idea to work with these study groups to find out what they are learning from the lakes.

4. Lakes Fair review - plans 2006: Chuck Thier presented a hand out on the 2005 Lakes Fair. It was stated that Ken Stofflet will finish the grant report for the Lakes Fair.

The hand out reflected 18 participants did the water tours. There were five seminars and 41 attended. The DNR button machine had 140 buttons made by children and some adults. There were 86 kids that participated in the casting contest. About 100 businesses and individuals that donated items and cash for the silent auction. The proceeds from the silent auction was \$2206.00.

It was the committees recommendation that the Lakes Fair continue on a every other year schedule. New ideas for the event were recommended which would require new people to get involved. Even though attendance was down it was felt the Lakes Fair was successful.

5. AIS public education / awareness efforts/budget: Larry Acker displayed a bag that was printed with the AIS message, Clean Boats Clean Waters. The bags are being distributed at Camp's Grocery Store in St. Germain.

Larry also showed a bait container that had an AIS message on the lid. He recommended doing something like this. It would be easier for the retailers to have the containers preprinted instead of using the labels that the retailer needs to put on.

Ted recommended that a budget should be created for the AIS public awareness. He asked Larry to present the committee with a budget on his ideas.

Committee concerns: Ted Ritter suggested that maybe it is time for each lake look at getting new representatives for the Lakes Committee. Maybe a restructuring of the committee would get new ideas. The committee members were asked to take this idea back to the respective lakes.

Citizen Concerns: None

Time and date of next meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2005 @ 7:00 PM in the Red Brick School House.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mike Deets to adjourn the motion was seconded by John Pfister. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Beier, Secretary