

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair - Ted Ritter

Vice Chair - Todd Wiese

Alma/Moon

R. Hutts
D. Zielinski

Big St. Germain

M. Deets
J. Harold

Found

C. Thier
D. Kloepfer

Little St. Germain

T. Best
K. Stofflet
L. Mirek (alt)

Lost

J. Heeler
B. Wissing
J. Peil (alt)

Chamber

J. Pfister

The meeting of the Town of Saint German Lakes Committee was called to order by Chairman Ted Ritter at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 in the Red Brick School House, in the Town of St. Germain, State of Wisconsin.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Todd Wiese, Voting members Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Chuck Thier, Dick Kleopfer and Tom Best. Lou Mirek was in attendance as an alternate to Ken Stofflet. A quorum was determined to be present.

Committee Members Absent: Ron Hutts, Jim Harold, Ken Stofflet, Jeff Heeler, Bob Wissing and John Pfister.

Others Present: Larry Acker

Approval of the Agenda: A motion was made by Dave Zielinski to approve the agenda as posted, seconded by Tom Best. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes: A motion was made by Dave Zielinski to approve the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2005 meeting, seconded by Tom Best. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Review: Dave Zielinski presented the financial report reflecting a balance of \$25,513.83 as of 12/31/05.

Discussion / action items

1. Select new recording secretary to replace Ken Beier: No one was willing to serve as secretary. Ted Ritter agreed to take minutes for the meeting, but indicated that someone needs to accept this responsibility for the Committee to function in accordance with Wisconsin statutes.

2. Discussion of plant management plan draft as submitted for review by Tim Hoyman, Onterra, LLC. The plans were reviewed item by item and responded to accordingly. The consensus of opinion by the Committee is reflected on the attached letter of January 12 to Tim Hoyman.

3. Discussion of 2006 plans for AIS grant funding application: Ted explained that the proposed project would consist of three components: 1. Volunteer based watercraft inspections at public landings under the supervision of a paid Coordinator. 2. An AIS public awareness campaign consisting of specific items with predetermined budget allocations. 3. Volunteer based lake monitoring for early detection of AIS under the supervision of a paid coordinator. The Committee was in agreement with this approach. The attached grant application prepared by Ted Ritter and submitted to the WDNR on January 16 reflects the consent of the Committee regarding specific project components and the project budget.

4. Town allocation of funding to the Lakes Committee: Ted Ritter explained that the Town Board has not yet established the Room Tax budget for 2006. Ted was to meet with Jim Wendt

and the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to discuss the possibility of a modified allocation of room tax receipts between the Town and Chamber with an emphasis on shortening the duration of the pending Town loan for construction of the Bike and Hike trails from 20 years to perhaps 10 years. Discussion then turned to the financial needs of the Committee considering the Committee's current cash balance, other funding that the Little Saint Germain Lake District has been successful in obtaining for managing exotic plants, the generally healthy status of town lakes and the likelihood of continued AIS grant awards to support the Committee's expenses. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Chuck Thier, seconded by Mike Deets to request only \$7,500 from the Town this year rather than the \$25,000 that had been allocated to the Committee the past two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Concerns: None

Time and date of next meeting: April 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m. at the Red Brick School House

Adjourn: A motion was made to adjourn by Chuck Thier and seconded by Mike Deets at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Ritter, acting Secretary