



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
Lake Organization	Member #1	Member #2	Alternate member
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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter tritter3@frontier.com			

Meeting minutes, September 11, 2019

- Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:02am.
- Open meeting verification:** Meeting was properly posted on September 4, 2019
- Roll call, confirm quorum:** Members present: Harold, Baumann, Schwartz, Steinhilber, Zielinski, Klingsporn, Waisbrot, Heeler, Schell, Schultz, Rollmann, Ritter.
Also present: Dave Kunelius and Len Larsen
- Approval of July 31, 2019 meeting minutes:** Motion Baumann, second Steinhilber, to approve minutes as prepared. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Lake Organizations annual meeting summaries:**
Big St. Germain: Dave Kunelius is replacing Jim Harold as voting member #1 of the Lakes Committee. Patrice Pergolski is replacing Jim Harold as an elected district commissioner.
Little Saint Germain: Incumbent district commissioners with expiring terms were re-elected to serve another term. Electors approved a \$10,000 expense for 2020 as year one of a multiple year program to determine if lowering the lake level in the fall rather than during the winter will flush enough phosphorous from the lake to reduce algal blooms.

Alma/Moon: Incumbent district commissioners with expiring terms were re-elected to serve another term. A population of a rare aquatic plant known as Green Water Arum has been confirmed within the district boundaries.

Lost: Incumbent district commissioners with expiring terms were re-elected to serve another term. Electors approved plans to accept transfer of the Lost Creek Dam ownership from the County to the District. CLP populations continue to diminish following three years of herbicide applications while EWM populations seem to be expanding.

Found: Bob Schell was elected to replace Chuck Thier as association president. EWM seems to have been successfully eradicated following response to a very early stage population discovery.

6. **Lake management studies, review timing of local cost share payments to Town:** The Onterra 2019-2020 projects on Alma, Moon, Found, Big St. Germain, Content and Fawn Lakes are on schedule. Preparation of stakeholder surveys is currently underway. Ritter asked that the local cost share of these projects be paid to the Town early in 2020 (\$11,459.42 for Alma, Moon and Found, \$12,298.94 for Big St. Germain, Content and Fawn).
7. **Review results of 2019 UW-Oshkosh student intern CBCW program:** Results were unanimously reported as very good with few problems. The UW-Oshkosh coordinator was accessible and responsive when needed. All participating lakes hope to re-enroll in the program next year.
8. **Review results of 2019 I-LIDS surveys at Town of Plum Lake landings and consider applying for 2020 I-LIDS grant funding:** Ritter reported that survey results have not been finalized, but that the boating public appears to have been generally positive with their responses. Ritter will meet with DNR Forest managers on September 26 to determine if I-LIDS cameras will be allowed on additional HNAL landings in 2020. Schell reported that Found Lake is ready to proceed with or without grant funding. Other potential participants remain in a holding pattern and are not prepared to install cameras for the 2020 season. Motion Schell, second Heeler for the Lakes Committee to apply for a 2020 I-LIDS grant for Found Lake if forest managers are supportive. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
9. **Discussion of plans for Town to update lake use ordinances:** Ritter explained that the town board will research the various ordinances passed by the town over the past many years and likely rescind them all upon adoption of a new single ordinance that will include all individual lake restrictions. Target for completion is prior to the 2020 boating season. Ritter will coordinate the project and reach out to lake organizations for input at the appropriate time.
10. **Consider partial reimbursements of 2019 invasive weed management costs for Lost and Little St. Germain lakes:** Heeler reported total costs of approximately \$23,000 for CLP management on Lost Lake. Schwartz reported costs of approximately \$24,000 for EWM management on Little St. Germain Lake. Motion Harold, second Rollmann to reimburse 20% of these costs from Lakes Committee funds. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
11. **Consider reimbursement of candy expensed for the 2019 Independence Day parade:** Motion Schell, second Schultz to reimburse Jim Harold in the amount of \$55.75. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

12. **Waterway marker permit requirements:** Ritter reported that Jim Guckenber of Lost Lake is in the final stages of updating the Lost Lake buoy permit. Other lake organizations who place buoys are encouraged to be sure their permits are current.
13. **Considering ordering AIS public outreach educational materials:** Motion Schultz, second Schwartz to spend up to \$1,600 of Lakes Committee funds for beverage coasters. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Schell will coordinate placing the order.
14. **Discuss the possibility of participating in a student poster contest:** The item was on the agenda at the request of someone who was not in attendance. No discussion occurred.
15. **Discuss loon nesting platform available from Lost Lake:** Ritter informed committee members that Jim Guckenber of Lost Lake is offering a used nest platform free for any lake organization that wants it.
16. **Consider an email outreach consisting of fall lake organization reports.** Consensus of committee members was that the next outreach should include information of the impact of water clarity on home prices and the value of Vilas County's water resources as explained in brochures being distributed by the Vilas and Oneida Counties Lakes and Rivers Associations and the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department. Ritter agreed to do so. Additionally, any lake organization wishing to include news of its lake should submit an article of any length to Ritter by no later than October 23rd.
17. **Set date and time for next meeting:** No action taken at this time. Ritter or any committee member may request a meeting when there is a need.
18. **Adjourn:** There being no other topics on the agenda to discuss, meeting was declared adjourned at 10:54am.

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter