

Sawyer County Lakes Forum
Fall 2013 Board Meeting
Thursday, 10 A. M., October 3, 2013, at Bass Lake Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by President Waldo Asp. Those present were Bill Czeskleba, Phil Nies, Dan Tyrolt, Kevin Horrocks and Mary Ann Churchill.

Announcements: There will be a cell phone conference with Bill Miller concerning the Big Chetac and Birch Lakes Association.

Secretary's Report –

On **August 21** the following were sent out;

Annual Meeting Minutes to Board Members

July 11 Summer Board Meeting Minutes to Board Members

On August 31 the Summary of the Annual Meeting was sent to the Communication List and to the speakers at that meeting.

Request of “In Kind” hours to Board Members for time spent distributing the Lake Life Booklets.

On September 29 the Summary of the July 15 minutes was sent to the Communication List.

Treasurer's Report - as listed on the agenda - \$866.89 in checking account.

Vice President's Report - Requests for “In Kind “ reports have been sent to board members. One has been received. There are plenty of booklets left for distribution next summer.

President's Report –

Waldo reported on speaking at the July 13 Big Chetac Lake and Birch Lakes association Meeting, the Public Forum about herbicide

application to Big Chetac and Big and Little Birch Lakes and at a Public Forum for the Cedar Lake Association concerning the same issues.

Bill Miller joined the meeting by cell phone and told of Chetac and Birch Lakes meetings and the opposition to treatment of green algae on those lakes. He said that he now has the full support of the DNR for these treatments and that there will not be a need for a letter of support from the SCLF for the summer of 2014. He was commended for the process he is following for scheduling the treatments.

Waldo said that Cedar Lake has to deal with a problem of phosphorus that comes down stream from the Chetac area.

Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference 2013 evaluation and Planning for the 2014 Lakes Conference – Bill Czeskleba reported that 230 people attended and 123 people turned in evaluation sheets. He had the complete break down, but the overall evaluation results showed that this was one of the best years. Possible sites for next year include Spooner and Drummond. Waldo thanked Bill for his work on this event since Sawyer County is one of the sponsors.

COLA issues – Kevin Horrocks described the weed/phosphorous problem in the Musky Bas section of Lac Courte Oreilles. They have tried for many years to control it, but before a DNR grant for treatment can be awarded the source of the problem must be stopped or controlled. The area needs to be categorized as “impaired” by the EPA before this happens.

Draft Water Quality Standards – Dan said that the LCO Tribe is preparing these standards and will submit them soon to the EPA for approval.

Sawyer County Issues – Phil The Zoning Regulations for the county are being reviewed in light of changes coming from the State NR 115 regulations. It is still a question of whether our regulations will have to be “lowered” because of these changes. The Town of Bass Lakes passed a Frac Sand Mining ordinance. Such an ordinance needs to be in place before a permit request is received for it to be affective. There is some #2, or inferior, sand on the west side of the county that stretches from Stone Lake to Bass Lake, Hayward and then to the west. This sand would be a second choice after # 1 sand is used up.

Sawyer County does not issue a permit to allow rental of private homes since this is illegal to do so in this county.

Website Report. Martin Hanson – In August he had submitted a graph showing the usage of our website. This email was sent to all board members. I will be glad to forward this email to anyone who wants to see it again,

Other business –Possible subjects for the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2014 were the Impaired Water status for Musky Bay, NR 115 Regulations and Water Standards for the Tribe.

Dates for future meetings were reviewed. Waldo stressed that meeting dates and places are flexible and can be changed if members board members have conflicts.

The next meeting will be at the Flat Creek Eatery on Thursday February 6, at 10 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Mary Ann Churchill