

Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: July 20, 2011

The fourth 2011 meeting of Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) was held Wednesday, June 20, 2011 at the Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake.

Meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Dan Bergeron, Big Round; Gordon Kill, Big Round; Carl Holmgren, Balsam; Cheryl Miller, Lotus; Dick Hollar, North Pipe; Ken Peterson, Big Butternut; Karen Engelbretson, Bone; Katelin Holm, LWRD; Tim Ritten, LWRD; Jim and Jean Maxwell, Blake Lake; Diane, Paulson; Randy Herman, Paulson; Cass Carty, Paulson; Angie, Paulson

Agenda:

Elections and social

Meeting planning for 2012

Pick up new AIS signs and Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers bobbers 23¢ each

Elections Elected at the meeting were President, Karen Engelbretson; Treasurer, Jim Maxwell; and Secretary, Katelin Holm. Officers serve three-year terms.

Remaining Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers bobbers and two rolls of Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers stickers were donated to the Polk County LWRD for distribution at their tent at the Polk County Fair.

Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, July 26th in Minocqua, Wisconsin The public hearing will cover the state's shoreland zoning rules (NR115) and rules regarding runoff management (NR151). This effort is being pushed by Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) who wants to revise the rules before the summer recall elections. Action item: write letters. Karen will write a letter and make it available on the PCALR website along with links to contact Tiffany and the Joint Committee for Review.

Polk County Ordinance codification and Shoreland Protection Zoning

Ordinance Dick Hollar continues to represent PCALR at the Citizens Advisory Council monthly meetings. Dick presented information regarding the proposed changes to NR115. The differences between the old and new NR115 are not major as far as Polk

County is concerned. Some examples include changes related to: access/keyhole lots, sewer inspections when property is purchased, invasive species, and impervious surfaces within buffer zones. A list of proposed changes will be posted on the PCALR website for review.

County Board report, Carl Holmgren Meeting minutes from the Board of Adjustments can be found online. County dealing with districting and re-appointing.

Carl reported that Balsam Lake passed their budget. Purchased Stumps Bay property with support from a DNR grant. The property will not be developed and will be part of the conservancy. Approved the Mill Pond Lake Access project after determining that the dam will accommodate the change. The access bridge will be 20 x 48 ft long.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Balsam Lake has four landings that have been monitored for 2 months in the 2011 season. So far 876 inspections have been made and volunteers have accumulated 740 hours. One of the volunteers was confronted with foul language and feared for their safety. The volunteer took down the license plate number of the vehicle and the county sheriff's department wrote a letter to the driver of the vehicle to follow up on the issue. Dick noted that on Pipe Lake there have been two negative incidents with boaters this year, whereas in the past there haven't been any incidents. If a CBCW volunteer has a negative experience, the best course of action is to write down the license plate number and follow up with the County Sheriff's department.

Illegal to Transport Ordinance A county deputy wrote a ticket for \$232 to a vehicle driving with aquatic vegetation on their boat trailer.

PCALR website A resolution was passed to continue to have Larry Bresina update the website. PCALR will pay for up to 30 hours of work at \$15/hour, which is about a fourth of the going rate. Action item: look through the PCALR website library and let Karen know if you'd like any documents added or removed for your lake.

Balsam Lake Water quality study for 3 years shows that water quality is very good. However, the East Balsam Basin has poor quality—it is high in P and doesn't flow out very quickly.

Big Round Lake Water quality really good. Secchi disk higher this year than other years.

Blake Lake Jim and Jean Maxwell are collecting Secchi disk and chemistry data. Noted that they have small pondweed which gets caught in boat motors easily.

Bone Lake star party in August 2012. A presentation will be given by WCCO staff and telescopes will be available. The event will coincide with a meteor shower and is intended to increase awareness regarding light pollution. For more information on light pollution: www.nightsky.org

Bone Lake Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee The committee is putting together brochures regarding attracting wildlife through native habitat. The brochures will highlight Polk County wildlife and focus on identification and how to attract various species to your property. Karen will get a concept document ready to share. A grant will be able to pay a portion of the costs but the committee is looking for partners to decrease printing costs. If 2,000 each of 8 brochures are printed, the cost would be under \$2 for each set of 8 brochures. The brochures are designed to be mailed out to property owners.

Wisconsin Surface Water Quality Triennial Standards for Review Karen will post the document to the website. Action item: please give Karen any thoughts about ranking priorities from the document.

I-LIDS camera Big Round Lake is submitting a grant to install I-LIDS camera on their lake. First year costs of about \$10,000 due to installation fees. DNR grant could pay for \$4,500 of the cost. Yearly maintenance costs of about \$2,000 per year. Sheriff's department would like all violator videos to be sent to the LWRD for final review.

Paulson Lake Interested in determining effects of culvert drainage on lake water quality. Members suggested doing water samples to compare in-lake water quality to culvert inflow water quality, including collecting data related to total phosphorus. Sampling resources suggested were UW-Stevens Point, Restoration Resources, and Spooner DNR staff Kris Larsen for Citizen Lake Monitoring information.

Who's who...Contacts for Your Waterfront Property Questions Think about if this brochure should be updated in the future.

New AIS signs LWRD distributed the new AIS signs. The new updated signs combine numerous messages and can reduce clutter at your landing. Get your free sign by stopping into the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department. Hardware is also available for free.

Next PCALR meeting, August 17th with Loon Watch

Guest speaker Erica LeMoine from Northland College's Loon Watch Program. The presentation will include a slide show, audio, and handouts. Everyone is welcome and the meeting will be in the larger room at the Justice Center.

Minutes submitted by

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