



Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019

The first 2019 meeting of the Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) was held Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake. Mark Apfelbacher demonstrated a CD3 waterless, user operated cleaning station outside of the Government Center at 6 pm.

Attending

Bob Boyd, Bone Lake; Dick Mackie, Bone Lake; Jim Reckinger, Cedar Lake; Dan Early, Cedar Lake; Gordon Kill, Big Round Lake; Peggy Lauritsen, Big Blake Lake; Jim Maxwell, Big Blake Lake; Ray Sloss, Balsam Lake; Paul Duxbury, Balsam Lake; Kim Butler, Half Moon Lake; Ann Turk, Long Lake; Dave Millard, Lake Wapogasset; Karen Engelbretson, Bone Lake; Katelin Anderson, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department; Jeremy Williamson, Polk County Land and Water Resources Department

Guest Speaker

Mark with CD3 demonstrated the product and answered questions

<https://www.cd3station.com/>

CD3 stations are waterless cleaning stations designed to remove water and debris from boats. Systems can be customized with graphics for supporting groups, which also helps increase community buy in. The systems are internet connected and summarize how much each tool is getting used and also sends alerts if equipment needs maintenance. The average use is 3-7 minutes with an average of 2 tools used. In general a station can handle 100 uses per 24 hours.

To get good use, the stations should be within 200 feet of the boat launch. Bass boats and wake board ballast water still wouldn't be addressed with the current system. Hopefully advances in technology can address this in the future. One idea discussed at the meeting was rolling out the system with CBCW or inspectors present to explain the station.

Three Rivers Parks did a public opinion survey and found that most people felt the station was easy to use and would use again. They also found that violation rates decreased after installing a station even without inspectors present.

Currently, the stations are installed on 25 lakes, with 30-50 to be installed this year. Many groups with a station have general liability insurance and property insurance. The station is designed to withstand vandalism (i.e. stainless steel cables), with most vandalism being accidental versus intentional (i.e. tools getting run over). One solar panel has been stolen but the stations now have theft prevention system.

Welcome and Introductions

Membership

The 2019 membership year begins on May 1st. Twenty-five members are needed to maintain the status of a Qualified Lake Association and the ability to apply for Wisconsin DNR grants. Currently, the organization has 21 members. Thank you to everyone who is a member! To become a member, click [here](#).

Current members include: Amery Lakes District, Apple River Flowage, Balsam, Big Round, Big Blake, Big Butternut, Wapogasset/Bear Trap, Wild Goose, Bone, Cedar, Deer, Half Moon, Horseshoe, Little Butternut, Long, Pipe and North Pipe, Church Pine, Big, and Round, Nancy Ashley, Paul Duxbury, Gordon Kill, and Anna Turk

Set Meetings Dates for 2019

Meetings dates will be June 19, August 21, and October 16. Elections will take place at the June 19th meeting.

WI Lakes Convention Review

The [Wisconsin Lakes Convention](#) was held on April 10-12, 2019 in Stevens Point. The 2020 convention will take place on April 1-3 in Stevens Point. All the presentations from the Convention are online.

Keynotes talked about how to value natural resources and the decline of insects and why to use native plantings on the shoreline. The Healthy Lakes budget statewide is being expanded and over 500 practices have been installed. Big Blake Lake has done 16 practices, with 9 more scheduled for this year.

The commissioner training was offered at the Lakes Convention and will be offered locally (if interest). Interest from Cedar, Half Moon, and Big Blake.

SWIMS and Surface Water Data Viewer Trainings could also be offered locally.

Our Lakes and PCALR's Future

Membership has increased but the organization needs more active board members. Everyone is busy and has their individual lake to focus on, but with more support the organization could do more. Goals include providing community outreach, increasing communication with the County Board, and increasing the number of lake organizations represented on the board.

PCALR survey

The results of the PCLAR survey were shared. A good response was generated, but capacity issues still exist.

Ray Sloss has volunteered to be treasurer. William Johnson has volunteered to assist with tourism. Anna Turk has offered to coordinate membership and will be emailing folks to renew. Kim Butler has offered to be a liaison to County Board. Some want to offer a stipend to attend County Board, Environmental Services Committee, and Board of Adjustments meetings. Should this be a subcommittee within PCLAR to keep members informed so that one person doesn't have to attend all meetings?

Concerns: no one to serve as board members, no one to manage and update the website, and no one to manage messaging. Larry has been doing the website for many years and will train a new webmaster. Thank you Larry! Currently, we have 150 contacts through PCALR and use mailchimp.

Next steps:

Meeting programs for June, August, and October

Special meetings and learning opportunities

County oversight

Community outreach/tourism

Elections at the June 19th meeting

Karen will send out an email regarding reordering lake maps and a summary email to show the results of the survey and stress that we need people to step up.

Watershed districts were discussed. Topics for a future meeting could be watersheds.

Adjourn

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