



Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2011

The second 2011 meeting of Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) was held Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake. Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

Attending:

Troy Ethan, Loveless; Dick Hollar, North Pipe; Gary Ovick, Church Pine, Round, Big Lake; Gordon Kill, Big Round, Cheryl Miller, Lotus; Dave and Vi Nelson, Wapogasset; Dan Bergeron, Big Round; Sarah Sawyer, Half Moon; Kathryn Keinholz, Antler.

Agenda:

Update on phosphorus rules rollback, PCALR letter, responses

Recap of April 27 meeting on Polk County Ordinance codification and Shoreland Protection Ordinance

PCALR membership, officers and annual meeting

PCALR website content and maintenance

Roundtable discussion

Bobbers. Featuring the stop aquatic hitchhikers logo. A few more were sold. About 200 remain at \$.23 each. Contact president@pcalr to reserve some. Pay and pick up at next meeting.

Phosphorus Rules Rollback. Dave Nelson and other members who wrote to Sheila Harsdorf received a letter from the senator stating that a vote to remove non-budgetary items from the Governor's budget failed in the senate. Harsdorf had supported removal of the phosphorus rules rollback from the budget. More information is forthcoming from Wisconsin Lakes and will be updated at the PCALR website. Karen received a call from the River Alliance of WI. They had noticed PCALR's letter and called to express gratitude for PCALR's involvement.

Polk County Ordinance codification and Shoreland Protection Ordinance Tom O'Hern and Dick Hollar represent PCALR at the monthly Citizens Advisory Council meetings addressing the codification. The Shoreland Protection Ordinance is now being codified. On April 27th, WI DNR and UW Extension held a meeting with the Citizen's Advisory Council on April 27 to explain the new NR115 Shoreland Protection rules and how they will affect Polk County's Shoreland Protection Ordinance and in light of the codification underway. Updates will include modifications to language and definitions, impervious surface standards, non-conforming structure language and mitigation standards. Minutes of the April 27 meeting and slide presentations can be requested from Tim Anderson, Polk County LWRD Planner conducting the codification. Regarding the CAC meetings, Tom O'Hern reports: Our push would be for septic certification at the point of sale or when they pull a permit. This would cover properties within 1000 ft of the lake. Another area of concern is Keyhole developments. Where backlot owners have lake access. Water clarity is also at the top of the list.

PCALR membership. Current paid members for the fiscal year 2011-12 are: Antler, Wild Goose, Big Round, Blake, Balsam, Butternut,

Pipe and North Pipe, Wapogasset/Bear Trap, Lotus, and Silver Lake. Individual members are Ray Schmidt, Gordon Kill, Dan Bergeron, Douglas Green family.

PCALR officers and board. There are currently two active PCALR officers: Karen Engelbretson, President and Secretary, and Dan Bergeron, Treasurer. Officers serve three-year terms. Elections will take place at PCALR's annual meeting in July. Karen Engelbretson and Dan Bergeron are not seeking re-election. New leadership must come forward. Karen will compose and send a special communication on the issue. Tim Ritten (LWRD) volunteered to serve as nominating chair. Nominations for the election may be sent via email to Timr@co.polk.wi.us.

PCALR website. PCALR's site was developed by volunteers Larry Bresina (Pipe Lake) and Karen Engelbretson. Larry offered a one-year volunteer commitment to the site which expires August 31, 2011. Another volunteer is welcome to take over maintenance of the site. If no one comes forward, Larry will charge \$15 per hour, which is a substantial unpaid contribution of his professional time. The site averages two or more visitors per day without any special promotion. Hosting expenses are paid until September 2012.

Roundtable. What's happening at your lake.

BONE LAKE. Bone's lake management plan committee for Wildlife and Natural Beauty will host a free event on June 11, 2011 at East Balsam Baptist Church featuring guest speaker naturalist and birder Jim Gilbert. Everyone is welcome. For details visit www.bonelakewi.com.

PIPE/NORTH PIPE. Will hold a shoreland management workshop on Saturday, May 28, free for property owners, and \$10 for others. The workshop will include information on diversion of runoff, native plantings, tree falls, goose proofing. Location: Christ Church, 1994 20th Street, Comstock. Boating safety class with Balsam Lake. Under a lake protection grant they will build a holding pond for high phosphorus water flow.

HALF MOON. Camera at their public landing has photographed 45 boats with weeds entering the lake. A high school junior and others are doing CBCW. They are conducting a nutrient P study and report. A dam on private property broke, flooded a road with runoff to Harder Creek and Half Moon, increasing the P and nutrient load. A young school age girl is featured in their newsletter for her interest in identifying aquatic plants.

Tim Ritten adds Polk County LWRD will be holding a public hearing to amend the county illegal to transport law so that the owner of the equipment (traced from photographed license) can be issued a citation for launching a boat with weeds attached as photographed by cameras in place at the landing. Camera tapes would be sent to the Sheriff to issue a citation. Currently a citation can only be issued to the operator, and in person.

BIG ROUND. 10,000 8-9" walleye were stocked. They will install a landing camera next year. Using a diver at the boat landing for AIS prevention. Tribe monitors river in and out. Water temp was 47° day of meeting, no native plants emerging.

CHURCH PINE/BIG/ROUND. Treated 25 acres of CLP with Endothal at cost of \$21,000. Have new signage. Installing a landing camera but have issues with R.O.W. requiring a guard rail. Camera costs \$7500 for unit, \$2000 for install, \$200/month for data transfer over 6 months of open water season. New Richmond science class under Karen Ye, teacher, is growing beetles to eradicate purple loostrife in surrounding wetlands.

POLK COUNTY LWRD. Tim Riten reports DNR needs beetle flarmers for purple loostrife. New IE/Water Quality employee (Amy's

position) is coming soon. Jeremy and Eric Wojchik have been on the Trade Lakes to monitor for EWM and on Pike Lake in Amery to check on the stand that was treated last August. An adult zebra mussel was found in Bass Lake in St Croix County, 8 miles from Cedar Lake.

LOTUS Lake. Has an association made up of 16 paid households. Considering a P&R District. Carp are a problem. Lake is shallow (actually documented as a deep marsh) and the carp stir it up. They do beach water testing and secchi testing. Officers for the association are hard to find.

ANTLER is a quiet, small lake. They have an aerator that needs work. Had a severe fish kill last winter. Benefit was watching the eagles and raptors that came for the dead fish.

LOVELESS. Peter Frohnert may resign as president and Troy may take over. Lake population is split on the need for CBCW. Lake is 140 acres, 20' deep, long and narrow.

WAPOGASSET BEAR TRAP. Have 17 volunteers and 5 hired high school kids in their CBCW program and last year checked 600 boats and talked with 1406 people. Many of these boaters had been in the St Croix River and Lake Minnetonka within the past five days. Dave Nelson is in his final year as president. They have a six year maximum. Sprayed 12.6 acres of the 80 acres they have of CLP. Lots of water celery last year, good for ducks. They met with the sheriff regarding their water patrol. They do 100 hours of patrolling and share a boat with Church Pine, Big, Round that does 200 hours. The Wapogasset Bear Trap Lake Association will celebrate its 100th anniversary Saturday, August 13, at Garfield Park on Wapo. More information on the celebration will come later from Wapo.

Next PCALR meeting, June 22, 2011

Was June 15. Please note date change.

Minutes submitted by

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