



## **Meeting Minutes**

July 21, 2010

The fourth 2010 meeting of Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers (PCALR) was held Wednesday, July 17 at Polk County Justice Center in Balsam Lake. Meeting came to order at 7:00 pm.

Attending: Ken Peterson, Butternut; Dick Hollar, Pipe; Tim Ritten, Polk County LWRD; Carl Holmgren, Balsam; Nancy Knutson, Lotus Lake; Gordon Kill, Big Round, Dan Bergeron, Big Round, Peter Frohnert, Loveless, Karen Engelbretson, Bone.

## **Membership**

PCALR has received membership dues for 2010-11 from Amery Lakes, Balsam Lake, Wapogasset Lake, Pipe & North Pipe, Loveless, Big Round, Butternut Lake, Big Butternut, Bone Lake, Dan Bergeron, Gordon Kill, Wayne Wolsey, Jonesy's Market/Lake Services, Polk County Sportsmen Club. Memberships were due in May. Payment forms and brochures were made available at the meeting with the payment address updated to PCALR treasurer, Dan Bergeron's address, 2276 71st Street, Luck, WI 54853.

## **Old Business**

Bait stickers. Jonzy's market has received over 1000 AIS prevention bait stickers this year yet they have not been using the stickers on their containers. Dan Bergeron will check. Dick Hollar will check at the Indian Sports Shop in Cumberland. Tim Ritten will check with Lucky Baits. as it was reported they were not using the stickers. What can we do to encourage participation in this program? Place an ad in the leader saying PCALR is working to protect our lakes. Is your bait shop supporting us by using the AIS prevention sticker? The 46 store in Balsam Lake is reported as the best distributor of bait including PCALR's AIS prevention sticker. Gordon Kill suggests writing a strategy over the winter for distributing and encouraging use of the stickers. Discussion included the question, where do boaters get their AIS prevention information? More likely from a bait store than from a CBCW inspector.

## **NW Lakes Conference**

Tim Ritten and Ken Peterson attended the conference. Tim attended the Landscaping for Water Quality session by Carol Henderson. In a Horsch & Lewis study, findings included that where development reaches 30 homes per mile, frog habitat and populations are lost. On the economic impact if invasive species, Eurasian water milfoil equals a 10% decline in property values; homeowners are willing to spend \$1600 per year for AIS treatment; anglers avoid lakes with Rusty Crayfish. In a session by Larry Damon on fishing tournaments, 20 or more boats in a tournament requires a permit, although pre-fishing is not controlled. Sponsors are encouraging checking for AIS but it's not mandatory. Larry Damon believes rustys and zebra mussels have been introduced to lakes intentionally; lakes with AIS should be quarantined to contain the species. Bob Wakeman is now Wisconsin's statewide AIS coordinator.

Ken Peterson noted the lack of participation by Polk County. In a seminar he attended, 15-20 years into the future most lakes like

those in Polk County will be "dead lakes" with the economic problems that follow. Our lakes need our protection. The Minong education conference attracted 1000 people; topic was aquatic plants and invasives.

Dick Hollar is representing PCALR at the Polk County Citizens Advisory Council meetings, codifying the county's land use ordinances. Dick reports that the county has lost 38% of its farmland; keeping Polk County rural is a primary goal. Two ag ordinances dictate minimum acre or lot size, subdivisions. The Shoreland ordinance will be reviewed in the fall. the CAC points direction, then the county technical committee writes the details.

**PCALR website**

These consultants, contractors are recommended for inclusion on the PCALR resources page:

Steve McComas, Blue Water Science

Cedar Corp

Matt Berg, biologist

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Minutes submitted by

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Polk County Ass'n of Lakes and Rivers

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