

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair – Ted Ritter

Co-chair – Lee Holthaus

Alma/Moon

K. Beier
D. Zielinski

Big St. Germain

M. Deets
J. Penkalski

Found

R. Gawrys
C. Thier/D. Kloepfer

Little St. Germain

T. Best
K. Stofflet

Lost

J. D'Amico
B. Wissing

Chamber

R. Watson

LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2004

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Ted Ritter requested someone from the committee volunteer to serve as recording secretary. No one in attendance felt they had sufficient computer skills to prepare minutes. Ted will repeat his request for this assistance at upcoming meetings. If anyone knows someone who might be willing to attend our meetings and take minutes, please contact Ted as soon as possible.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the Red Brick Building.

Committee members present: Ken Beier, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Dick Kloepfer, Bob Wissing, Lee Holthaus and Ted Ritter.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Dick Kleopfer, seconded by Jim Pecnalski to approve the meeting agenda as posted. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Approval of minutes of February 24th meeting: Ken Beier requested that the minutes pertaining to the loon nesting platforms be amended to state that each lake “may” rather than “will” designate a Loon Ranger. Motion by Mike Deets, seconded by Jim Penkalski to approve the minutes as amended. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Ted Ritter reported that the WDNR grant for the proposed aquatic plant inventory study had been approved as an exotic species grant with 50% funding rather than as a planning grant with 75% funding. The reasons for that decision are not yet known. Ted will pursue the question with Jennifer Wudi. In the meantime, the committee agreed to move ahead with the project as it had originally been budgeted with only 50% grant funding.

Patrick Goggin reported that he is recommending to the LCC that N.E.S. be hired from the remains of his Patrick's grant funding to perform the aquatic plant study on Big Saint Germain Lake. This would result in consistent data gathering and project output with the other town lakes. Ted read a letter he had drafted as support for Patrick to use in getting authority for this from the LCC. Motion by Ken Beier, seconded by Mike Deets to approve the letter as read. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Ted signed the letter and handed it to Patrick. Ted thanked Patrick and the LCC for the continued support of the Town Lakes Committee.

Ted reported that Tim Hoyman of N.E.S. is proposing a town kick-off meeting in May for the aquatic plant inventory study. The objective would be to draw as many people from the community as possible to learn about the project. Tim will deliver a power point presentation if the community center can accommodate it. The meeting would also serve as an opportunity for residents to volunteer to assist with certain aspects of the project once it is under way. Tim had recommended that the meeting be scheduled for Saturday, May 22nd. However, the community center is already scheduled for another event on Friday and Saturday. The committee suggested Sunday, May 23rd for the meeting. Ted will check with Tim to see if Sunday will work for him.

Tim Hoyman has offered to prepare a mailer for promotion of the kick-off meeting. The committee discussed options for getting the mailer out and decided that each lake organization

will take care of getting the mailer to their association members or district property owners at their own expense. Ted was urged to get the mailer from Tim as soon as possible to assure that each group completes the mailing during late April to early May.

Tim Hoyman has indicated that the initial phase of the plant inventory study, that being looking for curly-leaf pondweed, will begin on or about June 1st.

Ted suggested that the committee designate someone to coordinate money matters for the committee. While the Town Treasurer and/or Clerk will handle the bank account and payment of bills, it would be wise for the committee to keep its own ledger of where money comes from and goes to. Each lake organization will need to come forth with their check in support of the aquatic plant inventory study in the near future and Ted and Lee will see that the \$25,000 promised by the town is actually transferred to the Lake Fair account which will also be used for Lakes Committee activities. Ken Beier suggested that Dave Zielinski might be willing to perform the tasks of committee treasurer. Ken and/or Ted will discuss this with Dave when he returns from his travels.

Patrick Goggin suggested that the committee find a way of recording time spent by committee members on activities associated with the aquatic plant inventory study as such volunteer time qualifies as "in kind" contribution of expenses to the project. Ted suggested that each monthly meeting include a verbal report from members that can be accumulated on an ongoing record.

Dick Kleopfer and Larry Acker updated progress on the Lakes Fair planning activities. Dick produced a list of people/organizations who have agreed to have booths at the fair. It appears that participation will be good again this year. The committee needs to begin planning its own booth. Time will be scheduled during the April meeting for discussion of ideas.

Concern was expressed regarding lack of participation in our committee by the Chamber of Commerce. Rich Watson has not been to a meeting for several months nor has he had any contact with the Lakes Fair Committee which he was to be part of. Ted will bring this concern to the attention of the Chamber Board of Directors and request that the Chamber be represented at the April meeting to discuss Chamber involvement in the Lakes Fair.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:00pm, April 20, 2004 in the Red Brick Building.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15