

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair – Ted Ritter

Co-chair – Lee Holthaus

Alma/Moon

Ken Beier
Dave Zielinski

Big St. Germain

Mike Deets
Jim Penkalski

Found

Ron Gawrys
Chuck Their/Dick Kloepfer

Little St. Germain

Tom Best
Ken Stofflet

Lost

Jim D'Amico
Bob Wissing

Stella

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LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2003

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

Committee members present: Ken Beier, Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Dick Kloepfer, Tom Best, Lee Holthaus and Ted Ritter. Ken Stofflet was absent.

Ted and Lee updated the committee on the concerns expressed by the town board regarding the committee's resolution. Primary concerns were that only non-levied local revenue should be used and that an annual cap should be placed on the spending.

Motion Jim Penkalski, second Mike Deets to revise the resolution to create a dedicated reserve funded entirely by room tax revenues with an initial allocation of \$40,000 this year followed by subsequent annual allocations not to exceed \$25,000 per year. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Motion Lee Holthaus, second Jim D'Amico to revise the resolution to give authority to the Lakes Committee to evaluate all requests for funding and to recommend to the town board an annual lake by lake allocation to assure equitable distribution of available funds. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

A consensus of opinion was reached without a motion to revise the resolution deadline for submitting requests for funding from September 1 to October 1.

Ted will submit the revised resolution to the town board members and request that it be considered again at the October meeting of the town board. (Copy of revised resolution enclosed.)

Patrick Goggin of the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department (LCC) explained the future objectives of the LCC in regards to exotic species programs. One intent is to closely evaluate three lakes in Vilas County that are considered at risk of exotic species infestation due to being in close proximity to one or more lakes already infested and due to heavy transient boat traffic. One of those lakes will likely be Big Saint Germain.

Ted had prepared a letter of support for the LCC's grant application which, if approved, will enable continuance and expansion of the LCC exotic species program. Motion Dick Kloepfer, second Dave Zielinski to approve the letter as drafted and to send it to the DNR. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The following ideas were presented regarding exotic species prevention programs that the committee might consider undertaking:

- Transect evaluation programs of aquatic plants in all town lakes
- Fishing tournament rules pertaining to proper inspection of all boats before entering or leaving lakes. Also possible additional registration fee to be used for exotic species programs on town lakes.
- Volunteers to inspect boats at public landings during periods of heavy boat traffic
- Consideration of the Lakes Committee becoming involved with future coordination of the Lakes Fair
- Utilizing Discover Wisconsin to educate the public about exotic species
- Exotic species training seminars conducted by the Lakes Committee for the benefit of town residents
- Developing a summer student internship program to help monitor lakes
- Dick Kloepfer's list of suggested town ordinances

These and other ideas will be considered at future meetings.

The next meeting of the Lakes Committee will be Tuesday, October 20.

Motion Ron Gawrys, second Jim Penkalski to adjourn.