

# 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 December 16, 2003

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

Committee members present: Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Chuck Thier, Dick Kloepfer, Ken Stofflet and Ted Ritter. Jim D'Amico, Bob Wissing, Tom Best, Ken Beier, Rich Watson and Lee Holthaus were absent.

Jay Verhulst and Chuck Thier provided updates on the advancement of the VCLA resolution calling for increased state funding for aquatic exotic species programs. Jay reported that all 54 counties represented at the recent convention of county Land and Water Conservation Committees voted in favor of adopting the resolution. Each county committee will in turn work with their local county boards in an effort to have the resolution adopted by county boards throughout the state. Chuck Thier reported similar progress with Wisconsin associations of towns, counties and chambers of commerce. He is currently attempting to make headway with the League of Women Voters. Chuck also reported that Governor Doyle has reactivated the Governor's Council on Exotic Species in response to the initial groundswell of public demand for financial assistance.

Bids for aquatic plant inventory studies on town lakes and subsequent training of lakefront property owners were reviewed. Proposals had been received from Applied Ecological Services, Blue Water, N.E.S. and White Water. The proposals varied widely in scope and cost and the committee was not able to come to any decision about any of the proposals. Mike Deets, Ken Stofflet and Ted Ritter agreed to meet at 1:00pm the following day to further evaluate the proposals. Further consideration will also be given at that time regarding how to allocate the up to 25% of the project cost to participating lakes. The results of the Wednesday meeting will be immediately mailed to all committee members so that each lake group can consider the project and make a decision regarding participation prior to the next committee meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Zielinski reported that the Alma/Moon Lake District is planning on conducting a fish population study in 2004 to better determine the nature of the fishery in the lakes and to enable consideration of improvements to the fish habitat. The study will be done with approval and assistance from the WDNR. The district is not looking to the Town Lakes Committee for any assistance with this project.

Chuck Thier provided an update on the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Saint Germain Lakes Fair now scheduled for July 14, 2004. Letters are currently being sent to potential participants with instructions for registration. More help will be needed from more committee members as the Lakes Fair approaches, but for now all is progressing nicely and the fair is still a “go”.

Jim Penkalski shared some ideas he has for exotic species educational stickers. It was agreed that prevention topics have been temporarily given a lower priority than the aquatic plant inventory project currently being considered. Prevention ideas will be brought to the forefront again after the preliminary work has been done on the plant survey project.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:00pm, January 6, 2004 in the Red Brick Building.

Meeting adjourned