

LLLRD ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

Saturday July 27th, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Sampson Town Hall, 10770 270th Avenue, New Auburn, WI

Minutes

Call to order at 10:04 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Don Granger

Board members present: Kathy Kelly, Don Granger, Tina Killey, Denise Freid-Schepke and Jim Flater, Chippewa County Board Supervisor

Constituents in attendance: Diann Pribyl, Ron Pribyl, Barb Harvey, Jim Harvey, Fred Blair, Gail Misfeldt, David Misfeldt, Steve Danielson, Eileen Black Danielson, Darlene Glass, Mary Farrell, Jake Farrell, Darlene Granger, Gail Haas, Pat Kelly, Jill Ann Brodd, Joel Brodd, Kate Snowise, Eric Larson, Jenny Larson, Sheila Drier, Luann Roach, Dale Swan, Jim Weiss

Review and approve 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes – Motion by Jim Weiss to accept the minutes, seconded by Jim Harvey, motion carried.

Chair's Report: Chair Kathy Kelly mentioned that present board members Don Granger has been a town board member since 1968, and Jim Flater is in his 3rd year with the Chippewa County board.

Discussion of the DNR Permit on Long Lake to allow constituents to hire weed mowing at their own expense due to numerous complaints regarding the abundance of weeds. Weed harvest permit is \$60 which LLLPRD will pay. 70 lake owners have been identified as wanting the service. Maps were supplied by DNR and located exactly which areas can be harvested. Pat Kelly spent an exorbitant amount of time locating areas to be mowed. The process can be renewed for up to 3 additional years. People can't be added but existing people can repeat the process. Pat estimated the cost is \$147 to each property owner.

Gale Haas asked, "why do we have so many weeds"? Gale asked if there might be a grant available to assist with the process. Jim Harvey commented that the theory is that more weeds will prompt more crayfish the increase and decrease in the weeds are cyclical.

Committee Reports:

Website and Facebook master—Kate Snowise is updating the new website which is lowerlonglake.org. There are still updates that need review. The community notice board was out of date and is now up to date. The website can collect emails; add your email for contact emails if you wish to receive.

The newsletter and community communication has been working well. Please post your photos, approval of postings are approved by the board. The newsletter is going out via email as well as mailing.

Fish Committee—discussion of ongoing Walleye stocking—Kathy reported from Joseph Gerbyshak (DNR) pertaining to the walleye survey. The DNR will be on Long Lake this fall to survey the young-of-year walleye population. This is an annual nighttime electrofishing survey that typically occurs in early October. The objective of the survey is to measure the relative abundance of the 2024 walleye year class. DNR will be on Long Lake again in the spring to estimate the abundance of adult walleye. Walleye are

captured shortly after the ice is out with fyke nets and via nighttime electrofishing. Long Lake was stocked with 10,527 walleye, large fingerling (6"-8") last October. DNR will not stock this fall because it is scheduled to be stocked on an odd year cycle. Stocking is contingent on funding, hatchery production and the strength of a naturally reproduced year class in Long Lake. We have not been charged and DNR is stocking every other year.

Publicity and Welcome Committee--Sue Edstrom, Kate Snowise, and Jill Brodd held two Cocktails on the Dock social mixers. Thank you to Max's and Bret for hosting as well as drink and food specials for the events. Seven new lake owners were welcomed this year.

Water Quality—Angela Nelson – volunteered and has been trained. She will receive chemical training next spring.

Aquatic Invasive Species Long Lake Monitor Team- Chair Mark Edstrom. The AIS committee's charge is to monitor and report on the findings of invasive species in Long Lake. (Jim Harvey reporting for Mark) The lake is divided into 8 zones; individual committee members (or teams) monitor each zone. Del Boley and Jim Schroeder have done great work on the northeast side of the lake for several years and Bob Krause has monitored the southwest side. They have stepped down and Mark thanks them for their work. In their place, Carl Gladitsch and Em Skaw are volunteering. I appreciate their willingness to join and help out with what I feel is very important work.

As the members monitor the lake we have noted the significant and obvious overall increase in plant growth. To date, no invasive plant species or new native species have been identified. Plant sampling is a little more challenging given the overall increase in plant growth and we will do our best to remain vigilant.

Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Grant—CBCW Inspection: We missed the grant deadline to pay for the CBCW inspection. If we want to continue, we will need to pay. Kathy asked for a motion for LLLPRD to pay for this service, Jill Brodd motioned and Gale Hass seconded the motion, motion passed.

CBCW Watercraft Inspector—Fred Blair – reported that boaters are willing to remove anything he has seen. Boat plugs have been opened so no water is coming into Long Lake. Boaters were friendly and he had no issues. He has observed people trapping crayfish by the landing and typically sees crayfish on most weekends. He estimates 10-15 total.

Aquatic Invasive Species Surveillance/I-LID—Eric Lindberg: Gale Haas has left our board and has continued taking out and reinstalling the I-Lid. The device is not functioning properly; it was installed on May 20th. The recording says to "pull the boat plug and put back in." Eric informed Gale that as of June 10th, the video is not appearing. Citizens Connect was contacted, and it was found that a piece of equipment was malfunctioning, possibly due to an electrical strike. The recording is operational but not capturing video. Eric suggested using Verizon, with an upgrade, instead of Citizens Connect, as the monthly fees are lower. There's a suggestion to replace the fish house where the equipment is located. Eric won't charge a travel fee for the new service since he's currently installing equipment at Shell Lake. Jim Harvey motioned to invest in the I-Lid upgrade at a cost of \$800; Don Granger seconded, and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and results of the 2023 Audit: Denise Scheppke began in June following Bob Krause's resignation. Handouts of the current LLLPRD Financial Summary 2024 and 2023 were available. The

2023 audit was completed by Gail Grewe and Kris Javurek and all funds were verified and accounted. Gale Hass motioned to approve the treasurer's report as given, Don Granger seconded, motion carried.

Review and vote on the proposed 2024-2025 Budget. Determine the 2025 tax levy for the Lake District: suggested tax levy to increase to \$10,000, Pat Kelly motioned to accept the \$10,000 levy motion, Diann Pribyl seconded, motion carried.

Don Granger mentioned the 5 million fund drive to donate to the Y camp to rebuild a new dining hall. There is 4 million raised so far. Contact Brian at Camp Manitou if anyone is interested in donating to the building fund.

Long Lake Foundation: Report and election of one member, Pat Kelly – the foundation has 13 generous land donations. 163 acres and 4343 ft of frontage that the foundation is protecting. 1000's of monetary contributions and well with money. Working on one land donation this year which hopes to be done by Sept. This will make 14 additional parcels .

The Foundation's Annual meeting is next Saturday at noon at Max's. The Foundation is separate to the LLLPRD district, bylaws state that directors are elected at the LLLPRD district meeting. Opening of nominations for a director of the Foundation. Kathy Kelly nominates Pat Kelly, Don Granger – seconds nomination., Jim Weiss motioned to close nominations, Darlene Granger seconded, all voted and approved, opposed by none. All in favor of Pat Kelly? Full room hand shown. Pat Kelly is nominated.

Lake district – Kathy Kelly's term is over this year on the board and has decided to stay on to help with transition of new volunteers. Jim Wiess will be moving here next year and Kathy will mentor Jim Wiess. Kathy plans to resign at the mid-term board meeting formally. This does need to be a ballot election and fulfills bylaws.

Don Granger – nominates Kathy, Jim Weiss – seconds nomination

Pat Kelly – nominates to close nominations, Darlene Granger – seconds to close nominations

Voted – all approve to close., Opposed – none.

Gaale Haas – motion to destroy old ballots, Don Granger seconds motion.

Denise Fried-Sheppke counted ballots - 19 ballots for Kathy Kelly, zero write in. Overwhelming support.

Kathy Kelly – motion to adjourn, Don Granger – seconds to adjourn.

Annual meeting adjourns at 11:09 a.m.

LLLPRD Board Meeting

Saturday, July 27, 2024 following the Annual Meeting

Agenda: Election of Officers and Set date for next Board Meeting

Kathy Kelly makes motion that Denise Fried-Schepke for Treasurer.

Don Granger seconds this. All in favor.

Kathy nominates Tina Killey for Secretary

Jim seconds this. All in favor.

Don Granger makes motion to Kathy for Chair

Jim seconds this. All in favor.

Kathy Kelly makes a motion to adjourn.

Don Granger seconds this. All in favor.