

**Annual Meeting** for the Upper South Long Lake Improvement District July 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. held at Paradise Resort Event Center

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Mike Simons. Board members present were: Steve Bardolph, Gary Hopping, Chris Psocka, Ruth Naber, Mike Simons, and Al Steiff. Absent: Mary Jane Reetz

Gary gave the treasurer's report showing a January 1<sup>st</sup> balance of \$38,565.79 and a current balance of \$35,351.83. Expenses were lower this summer due to not chemically treating the curly leaf pondweed. The pre-assessment for curly leaf cost \$740.00. Report was approved. Gary works with Jason Rush at the county who administers the funds.

Secretary's report was read and approved as read.

Al reported that he is shadowing Ruth on collection of inlet water samples so back-up sampler is available if needed. He also reported that both pairs of loons have taken well to the new platforms and four juvenile loons are doing well.

Ruth reported that the water samples had some very high readings for phosphates and high acidic values at several inlets in April. After visiting with RMB staff it was determined that re-testing could wait until our second sampling in July. Heavy spring water flow bringing in decaying plant residues is likely the explanation. She also fielded a few questions and concerns from members.

Dan Martonik reported that the latest secchi disk reading was 7.5 feet which is about normal for this time of year. (he draws samples mid-lake)

Mike indicated that his job is to manage the meetings and verify membership in the LID for taxing purposes. Tax assessment will remain at \$75. He will begin training the newest board member to help with membership verification.

Chris indicated that it is his responsibility to prepare the required annual report for the county in order to maintain our LID designation.

He also accepted and counted the ballots. Motion was made and approved to elect all four members (Ruth Naber, Mark Pfeifer, Mary Jane Reetz, and Mike Simons) to new 2 year terms.

Steve Bardolph reported that the pre-assessment for curly leaf pondweed did not show enough plants this year to warrant chemical treatment. Both PLM and the DNR did some sampling. There are concerns amongst board members that the lack of treatment may create excessive pondweed in the future. Steve will be looking into the possibility of doing sediment testing in August- looking for the presence of turions- rather than the normal physical sampling of plants (post-assessment).

Jeff Gans reported that he has submitted the lake samples (4 dippings at 3 sites) for

veliger testing to rule out the presence of zebra mussels in Upper South Long Lake.

Mark Pfeifer has gotten the DNR to provide signage at our public access that will show that curly leaf pondweed is present in the lake. Hopefully, this will encourage compliance by boaters regarding transporting weeds on their trailers.

A member was questioning what can be done about excessive lily pads in their area. Owners are allowed to clear a 15 foot area for accessing their property. Otherwise, lily pads are a protected species.

A member expressed concern about boats for fishing tournaments and leagues not being inspected. Terry Lahti will follow up with DNR to see if we can be alerted to when these will occur so that we can try to have inspectors ready for their arrival.

Motions were made and approved to allot \$25,000 for treatment of invasive and up to \$5000 for administrative and educational purposes in the budget (July 2018 to July 2019).

Other:

We are allowed 400 hours of inspection time and are funding an additional 100 hours with LID funds provided inspectors are available. Hope to fund through September instead of only till Labor Day.

Soil and Water Conservation District grant money that was supposed to be available last spring was NOT available - sorry for the misinformation at 2017 annual meeting.

Clearwater Lake had a series of seminars on rain gardens, shoreline restoration, etc. this spring. Ruth & Al will investigate this after a show of hands indicated interest.

The August meeting of the Upper South Long Lake Association will be held in the bar at Paradise Resort instead of in the Event Center due to a conflict.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Naber, Vice-President in the absence of Secretary, Mary Jane Reetz

Board meeting: 11:15 a.m.

Motion was made and approved for the following slate of officers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year:

Mike Simons, President  
Ruth Naber, Vice President  
Gary Hopping, Treasurer  
Mary Jane Reetz, Secretary

Meeting adjourned: 11:20 a.m.

