

August 3, 2012

Chairman Jim Michels called the Annual Meeting of the District of Powers Lake to order at 7:10 p.m. He introduced the members of the board.

1. Presentation by Fellow Mortals wildlife rehabilitators. Fellow Mortals is located in Lake Geneva. They rehabilitate animals and birds that have been injured. Yvonne Wallace Blane gave an interesting presentation showing pictures of some of the wild life that they have helped. She also explained what to do when an injured animal or bird is found.
2. Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting. A motion by Diana Powell to approve the minutes of last year's annual meeting as presented. Cheryl Kuczerepa seconded. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's report. Brooke Jensen reported total cash of \$65,848, in the checking account \$11,800, in the wetland fund \$14,000, and wetland CD's of \$41,000. Bob Bonifas made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Pat Gillespie seconded. Motion carried.
4. Chairperson's report. It has been a good year. One of the accomplishments completed last year was the Lake Protection Plan prepared by Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The original plan was completed in 1991. The new report complements the original one. The Jefferson Island channel was cleared of fallen tree debris. The Board continues to reduce the Eurasian Milfoil in the lake. The water level in the lake is down about a foot due to little snow cover and the drought.
5. Commissioner's reports. Neal Kuhn thanked Jim Kent for keeping the webpage up to date. About 9 acres of milfoil was treated this year. Removed the dead trees from the channel. Colleen Keating looked into preserving the water shed by contacting land owners to see if they were interested in selling any of their property. Kenosha/Racine land trust was present at one meeting. They gave a presentation on how property owners can preserve their property by placing it in a trust and also they would get a tax break. Nancy Michael worked on the newsletter this year. She also takes the water samples to be tested. Some weeds help with keeping the water clean and kept the beach from having e-coli problems. When the water temperature goes up high there is fish die off. We are fortunate to have not had that problem. Judy Jooss is on the Kenosha County Conservation Committee. She is a former Lakes board member. She continues to train new commissioners how to be a commissioner.
6. Resolution: adoption of Lake Management Plan update. Bob Bonifas made a motion to accept the resolution and send it to SWRPC. Cheryl Kuczerepa seconded. Motion carried. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Jeff Thonton and also to SWRPC.
7. Other new business. Cheryl Kuczerepa stated the Jefferson Bay channel is in the worse condition ever. It used to be all solid along the channel and there was a lot of wild life there. Now it is turning into a swamp. The channel must be open for the water to flow through. Jim Wyant agreed that it is in bad shape. The Board is concerned about this too. Duck weed is covering the water. This plant floats on top of the water and removes some toxins. Nancy Crabtree stated that the DNR requires soil samples and also a permit for any work. Neal Kuhn suggested holding a special meeting and to hire an expert to educate everyone. The ownership

of the channel needs to be determined. A special board meeting was set for Friday, August 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the channel.

Colleen Moore stated something needs to be done about the number of boats and people that are on the lake and parking in the traffic lane.

8. Presentation of the proposed 2013 budget. Judy Jooss went over the 2013 proposed budget in the amount of \$63,350.00. She explained the proposed expenditures.
9. Budget hearing. Bob Bonifas made a motion to move \$2,000.00 from the Aquatic Plant management and \$2,000.00 from the contingency to Lake Management. Jim Wyant amended the motion to move \$1,500.00 from Administration Attorney fees to the contingency. Bob Bonifas accepted the amendment. Mike seconded. Motion carried.
10. Approval of projects costing over \$10,000; approval of the annual budget; and approval of the 2013 tax levy. Neal Kuhn made a motion to approve the Aquatic Plant management at \$28,000.00. Bob Bonifas seconded. Motion carried. Bob Bonifas made a motion to approve the tax levy at \$60,000.00. Diana Powell seconded. Motion carried.
11. Set 2013 annual meeting date. The annual meeting was set for August 2, 2013.
12. Nomination and election of candidates for office of commissioner. Two commissioners are up for election. Diana Powell nominated Colleen Keating. Neal Kuhn seconded. Pat Gillespie nominated Brooke Jensen. Bob Bonifas seconded. Bob Bonifas made a motion to close the nominations and cast a unanimous consent for the candidates. Diana Powell seconded. Motion carried.
13. General question and answer time. Discussion was held earlier.
14. Report of election results. Colleen Keating and Brooke Jensen were elected to another term.
15. Adjourn. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

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