

## Minutes of the District of Powers Lake Annual Meeting, August 4, 2017

### Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Neal Kuhn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Neal Kuhn, Mark Halvey, Jim Michels, Brooke Jensen, Judy Jooss, and Dave Anstett were present. Dan O'Connell was not able to attend.

#### **Introduction:**

Tom Huffine, Head of the Water Patrol, introduced himself and gave an overview of this past year. New officers were hired and they just took possession of the new boat. The boat will have no markings on the boat indicating it is the patrol boat. One boat is stationed on Powers and the second on Benedict. The old boat was sold to Wheatland. He wanted to increase awareness of Slow No Wake {SNW} when it occurs and asked for suggestions. Increased signage at major intersections around the lake and along the main roads used to be used in years past. The DPL posted SNW on their website after consulting Chairman Stoll. DPL is trying to increase signups for these notifications and asked the PLYC to send out an email and encourage sign up on the website. The same process was used when the SNW was lifted. Tom said in the past an issue came up with someone running over the buoys and cutting them in half. The cost of replacement was \$4,000 to replace 19 of them. He would like to use the website when issues arise and the board agreed.

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting:**

Judy made a motion to accept the minutes. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Chairperson's and Commissioner's Reports:**

Neal extended thanks to the Board and volunteers for their efforts which are invaluable. Water levels and measurement were a hot topic. An **electric measuring device** was installed for water levels which we have tracked since 2014. Graphs indicating this year's rainfall and the length of time it took to return to previous levels were shown.

**EWM post treatment** map shows small spots were treated and that process is recommended unless conditions change. Approximately 7 acres total are treated.

Image Management was hired to redo and manage the new **website**. With the latest updates, they have responded within the hour.

Wetlands are still high on the agenda.

Special thanks to Jim Michels for his 21 years of service to the DPL.

**Judy** indicated that with the **new website** we have the ability to communicate information but we also need to know what type of information people want to know. Then we can place articles and topic links to these concerns/interests. Feedback is encouraged.

**Dave** followed up with Luke Roffler, the DNR Senior Fisheries Biologists for Racine and Kenosha Counties, and read his **DNR fisheries report** for Powers Lake. Luke was unable to attend our meeting. Over all, recent fisheries survey results are decent for all species.

Large Mouth Bass size structure is above average for the area but bass do not appear to be overabundant.

Bluegill are abundant and a little on the high side regarding individual average size.

**Discussion and authorization of possible wetland purchase:**

The DPL continues to pursue the purchase of strategic wetlands. A discussion with visual aids outlined the value and location of possible wetlands that might be viable opportunities to be purchased. The stream that feeds the lake is of utmost interest to the district. The district would like more control of this wetland. It is now protected but laws could change and the district would prefer to own and have control of this part of our destiny. Acquiring this could ensure that it never be developed. In 2000, the district purchased 73.1 acres of wetlands over the past 10 years, the district has solicited other owners of the wetlands and no one has responded positively to the request. Neal made a motion that the board gives him approval to negotiate in good faith in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to pursue possible opportunities. Dave seconded. Motion carried.

**2018 Annual Meeting Date:**

Neal made a motion to schedule next annual meeting for Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

**Nomination and election of candidate for commissioner:**

Paul DeMichele nominated Jim Michels for commissioner. No other persons were interested in running. Jim was elected by acclamation.

**Adjourn:**

The October meeting was scheduled for October 6 at 5 p.m. Neal made a motion to adjourn. Brooke seconded. Motions carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.