

Minutes of the Friday, April 26, 2019 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Judy Jooss, Mark Halvey, Brooke Jensen, Dave Anstett, Jim Michels and Neal Kuhn were present. Dan O'Connell was absent.

Approval of February 1, 2019 Minutes:

Judy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Dave seconded. Motion approved.

Town of Randall:

Mark said Julie Horbach replaced Lauren Fox in the spring election. Bob Stoll and Randy Kaskin ran unopposed. Piers go in this week. Boat launch pass will be available to lakefront property owners in addition to Randall residents at the resident rate. Rates are nonresident \$60, resident \$40 and an additional \$10 off for seniors so \$30. These can be obtained at the town hall.

Kenosha County:

Dan Treolar, Kenosha County Conservationist, has retired and the County has posted notices for his replacement. The county lakes shoreline study finished in March and Judy will send the online link to the board for viewing. Links will be posted on the website.

Molly Bodde is the new Southeast Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist, who will be shared by Racine and Kenosha County. Molly attended this meeting and will be involved in outreach, sample ID since she works with the DNR and will attend events to speak on AIS. She will be our August meeting speaker. She also trains for Clean Boats/Clean Water. She graduated UW in Environmental Sciences and is finishing her Masters in Sustainable Management. Her office is in the County Center in Bristol. Walworth County has no AIS specialist.

As far as starry stonewort [SS], she knew that one lake where they tried harvesting resulted in the population exploding. Some places that have done nothing have seen the population calm down and drop off. May be good to wait and see how current treatments go since no DNR grants are available now. The chemical treatments available are not safe for the water body.

SS is spread lake to lake by boat. Neal suggested that we revisit the prospect of a camera at the launch to reinforce removal of vegetation from boat trailers on entry and removal. At this time, if Mark sees vegetation on a trailer, he puts a notice on the windshield. Camera could also be used in relation to nonpayment of launch fees. Fines can be levied for both of these problems. Could increase revenue for the town and protect the lake. Neal is meeting soon with Bob Stoll and Tom Huffine on the Common Sense flier and will discuss this issue. Mark and Dave would like to attend the meeting. DNR may have AIS signage available. After the meeting, Neal can investigate the camera issue, monitoring and logistics of installation, Wi-Fi and enforcement. Currently, the daily launch fee is \$8.

Watershed Management

Channel maintenance and restoration:

Neal sent an email re the Triton SPP Sludge Reducing Pellets. This included emails from Craig Helker and Jim Sharl. Dave Kraft was spoken to and will send an email. These sources felt that not enough science was available to recommend this treatment. Most studies have been done in small ponds and sewage treatment plants. No studies have been done on open lakes. A discussion ensued regarding introducing bacteria and resultant nutrients, introducing an artificial water flow and newer technique of diffused aeration. Shoreline buffers are needed also on the steep slopes to catch leaves. Neal thanked Dan for all his work. The conversation will continue.

Lake Level

The new device will be installed at Neal's next week and calibrated.

Aquatic Plant Management:

Neal spoke with Jim Sharl regarding the proposed treatment for the 4.5 acres shown. The new post treatment map shows 2 large areas at the launch and Jefferson Bay [A and B on the post treatment map].

Water Testing:

Mark will continue Ecoli testing.

Former Commissioner Gil Kroll passed away recently. He performed our secchi testing. A volunteer will be needed. Judy can obtain discs and train a volunteer. As far as when and how often testing is done, there is now a program to coordinate with a satellite pass on the testing day [approx. every 20 days +/- 1 day of the pass.] Testing is performed in the deepest hole on the lake mid day when the sun is high for better penetration. Once the weather warms up a bit, Judy can do training for board volunteers until a permanent volunteer is available. Testing performed May through September. The Board will need to recreate this process.

Fish Stocking:

Dave noticed stocking data was not up to date. He contacted Luke Roffler who said that in 2018, the DNR stocked Powers with 957 large fingerling Northern pike [8.9" average] on September 26. The DPL stocked 3,600 walleye in 2018. In 2019, Luke recommended that we continue to alternate species with the DNR. The current plan for 2019 is the DNR will stock 4,514 large fingerling walleye [7-8"] and DPL will stock Northern. Fall is the best time due to lower water temperature.

Other Business:

Newsletter:

Will include new boating regulations flier, Common Sense. Content will include outreach for secchi volunteer and SS update, ID and contact info.

Website:

Neal and Judy attended a training session with IM which was very helpful. Neal will update the website.

Treasurer's Report:

As of 04/24/2019:

\$41,743.42 = Actual income to date

\$ 2,364.25 = Actual expenses to date

\$39,379.17 = Current cash balance

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\$74,224.32 = Wetland Funds

Neal made a motion to accept the approved expenses through July, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Jim seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting:

The next quarterly meeting is June 14, 2019. It will be held at the Randall Town Hall at 5 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will be Friday, August 2 at the Randall Town Hall at 7 p.m.

Adjournment:

Judy made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.