

**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting
July 17, 2010 10:00 A.M. Half Moon Lake Public Beach
Unapproved Minutes**

Kathy Kienholz - Polk County Commissioner (not in attendance)
Harlen Hegdal - Chair, Milltown Township
Pat McMahon - Chairperson July 2010
Sheila Waldoch - Committee Chairperson July 2010
Sarah Sawyer – Secretary July 2011-newsletter
Dan Leh – Treasurer July 2009
Tom Lennartson – Committee Chair July 2011

Committee Members:

Dan Leh – Clean Boats/Clean Water
Dave Balestri – Water Studies
Rick Miller – Web Site Administrator
Stan Murzyn – Fish Chair
Stan & Amy Murzyn – Chief Picnic Helpers
Sheila Waldoch/Sue Schneider – Logo Wear
Sarah Sawyer/Suzy Bank - Newsletter

Pat McMahon opened the meeting promptly at 10:00.

Pat introduced the board – commissioners.

One new couple on the lake introduced themselves. Susan Grothe

Two volunteer fire fighters Mike Dau and Jason Anderson from fire department were in attendance.

Guest speaker Steve Scheffer was introduced and spoke:

Beaver dam broke down and came into the lake via Harder Creek. 11:30 AM is when the dam broke and by early afternoon the lake showed signs of distress. Nutrient study is still being done. Updating the system due to the influence of Tamarack Bay has one the lake. Phosphorus can increase algae in the lake. Our goal is to maintain the low level of phosphorus. Also measured how much oxygen is on the bottom of the lake. They are monitoring a tributary to Tamarack Bay but it is tricky to get measurements because it is so large. Beautiful aquatic system. Lots of growth of nutrients grows in the Tamarack Bay and a flushing could cause significant loading. Preservation of the wetland is huge. He had copies of a graph that showed the spike of nutrients when the Dam broke and it also spiked after the high rains we have had. Stage meter at the dam is up as reported by the resident. Effects of agricultural chemicals have on the lake? Any chemical that would run into the lake will affect the measurements. What affect is lime on the lake? Unless you put huge amounts there will be little affect. Questions were asked from the audience and the total subject lasted almost 25 full minutes. What percentage of agriculture will affect the lake? The report will be available early winter. This report will be posted on the website.

Jeremy _____? Water Quality Specialist. The thing that is eating up his time is the aquatic infestation side of things. We just found Eurasian Milfoil in Amery. 2 year monitoring effort on the lakes. Weeds can change the quality of lakes. On Half Moon Lake he has no Zebra Mussels. He will be monitoring for the larvae however. We have a popular lake for off Lake People visiting. If you like gardening and Japanese – Chinese lilacs. It is very nasty and it can ruin a home if you get a thick. If we find an unusual thing, pick it, bag it, and bring to his office in Balsam Lake. Purple Loose Strife is pretty but it is bad. It displaces native species. There are 3 lakes in Polk County with Eurasian Milfoil. Our lake is in very good shape. The diversity of plants on our lake can keep bad weeds from invading our lake. Get a plan in place to attack an infestation of any invasive species. As soon as any of us see a weed, we bag it and divers could be hired to pull out and treat area. . What is Wild Parsnip is a plant and the root is edible but it is invasive. The plant can cause really bad skin irritation. There is a lot in the ditches. It is a flat yellow flower and get's about 3 feet high. His office is in the government center in Balsam Lake. What type of invasive species is treated and why? Curly leaf pond weed would be treated and Eurasian Milfoil. Blake Lake has it. Having clean boats, clean Waters is critical. Blue Green algae is bad too. 20 minutes. Lots of clams or snails and he reported that they do not know what they do to a lake. *20 minute report.*

Pat reported that the emphasis has been to keep water quality high and they investigated what it means to be a Lake District. Pat and Dan attended an 8 hour convention with info on Lake District. There are areas where we need to tighten up rules so that we can comply with Wisconsin laws. Notification needs to be in two local papers with the agenda and budget so that members of the district can decide if they want to attend the meeting. Mailing and signs placed so that all lake owners know about it. We also must send it to the DNR. The second is registration of attendance and we completed this today. All in attendance registered. We need to have all or our T's crossed and eyes dotted. We get the names of the people from the Polk County land office. Everyone should check the tax roll to see if our names are listed correctly and this affects the voting. We opened a PO Box so all mailings should go to this.

Motion to approve minutes was made by Suzy Bank and seconded by John Weber. Motion carried.

Diane Erickson was introduced as one of the Commissioner elect. Focus will be on fishing. Kim Butler was introduced as one for the commissioner elect. Kim involved in school and community affairs. Pat McMahon is also running. Pat asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. Elections were performed. Joe Gore and Jim Smith audited the books and treasury. All accounts have been true and correct.

Dan Leh gave the treasurers report. See attached. The savings have to be designated for project in a material form. Grants received. On the 3rd year we will receive the \$11,000 from the grant. 50% of the expenditures will be returned to us via the grant.

Motion to approve the treasurers report was made by Kent Bank and Nancy Gardner seconded. Motion carried.

Harlan Hegdal gave a report on the township. A very new Wind farm application was made. Massive 50 story wind mills. The Edina Company is agreeing to not build in any view of water. There will be a careful process to decide whether it will be allowed. The new clinic will be built in our area. It will be a nice new state of the art clinic. Introduced the library person. Jen from the library assisted with the movie on the beach with pop corn.

Fireworks report by Suzy Bank. The township took over to be covered by insurance. David Glassman gave the contact for the fireworks. Rick Miller commented that his family enjoyed the fireworks and there were 50 some boats on the lake. The products were bio degradable. Suzy thanked Harlan for making it a reality and thanked the board. Thank you for the donations to everyone who donated. Suzy collected a little over \$2,000. The same Fireworks Company will put the fireworks on next year. 70 households participated. Suzy asked everyone to update the address where they would like to receive mailings at different times of the year. We are selling ads for the newsletter to help cover cost. If you would like to advertise, please let Pat or Sarah know. All the funds will go towards the fireworks. If the fireworks need funds from the District, the vote can be taken and funds can be used.

Kathy Kienholz – gave report in the newsletter.

Sarah Sawyer reported that the newsletter went out in November and in June. Paperwork's has been pulling the newsletter together. Spring newsletter kept getting bigger and bigger. She invited anyone to participate with articles and anything they would like to have in the newsletter. Sarah repeated the address. Extra copies were available at the handout table. Suggested to have a seasonal address and the answer was yes. Could we save money by reducing the newsletter size by posting some of it on the website? Pat said that District business must be not a legal

Eagles got the eggs from the platform. Kim reported that the platforms are working. There is a pair that used the platform. She needs help with the loon report. If you see anything, let her know via phone or e-mail. There were 6 loons on the lake in July

David Butler – conservancy report. 7 years since the Conservancy started. Land trust is to accept land that wants to be preserved. Half Moon Lake has two properties that the conservancy has accepted. One is Harder Creek and one on Tamarack Bay. The conservancy will accept title of property from a home owner that would be interested in donating any property.

Dan Leh gave the water report. Clarity on June 20th – 13 feet. July 10th it was 17 feet. (did I get this correct?)

Rick Miller reported that he updates the website and all of the minutes.

Stan Murzyn reported that the walleye stocking. Encourage the board to fund the stocking venture of stocking of walleye on the lake. How many fish did the Native Americans take in the spring?

Dan – Clean Water, Clean Boats. Group of people collect the weeds for the aquatic survey. They collect the weeds and entering it into the WI data base. The real goal is to spot bad weeds before any infestation could take place. Go weed rangers!!! 2nd part of clean waters is Josh Hatton, who meets and greets Saturday and Sunday at the launch and gives them a survey and has caught 2 boats from entering with weeds. He gives brochures and is the lake ambassador. We got the I-Lids installed. It really tells the story that our lake is very active with off Lake People. We are getting as much press as possible about the I-Lid camera so that people know and are conscientious about removing weeds. It is educational. Our goal is to stop weeds from invading our lake. Bass tournaments should be monitored and can we charge? Harlan answered that we can charge and the DNR knows about them. Diane will be on a committee to look into this. Professional guys are usually pretty good. Can we fine people? The first violation by the I-Lid will be going to the sheriff rather than our DNR officer. The smaller launch was questioned and not many people use this launch. Dan asks that we all educate our visitors. Weeds are floating in the lake and end up in others yards. If you would volunteer, it would be wonderful.

A raffle for Loon merchandise that was received at the District Convention was called and people won. 3 gifts were given away.

Dan Leh presented the proposed budget. It has been \$9,000 budget for years. The spreadsheet budget was discussed. The proposed budget was in the handout. There are volunteers available from Unity school but we feel that hiring a person is a better way so that there is dedication. Josh Hatton is knowledgeable. Fix dam temporarily. Insurance is a good move for the board. The budget is an increase. Dan pointed out that other lakes in the area get much more funding than we do. Pat said she was opposed to using \$4000 out of a \$9000 budget for a lunch at the annual meeting. Flyers that were sent cost \$310 and Pat feels we should send out informational items as they happen so that lake owners can know about it. If you ask for money in a budget, you have to abide by this. If you don't spend money in a budget, it would be reduced the next year. Motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Dick Turnquist, seconded by Joe Gorr – motion carried.

Advisory motion: A motion can be made to add to the budget. Hearing none, we moved on.

All three candidates were elected via a written ballot. Kim Butler, Pat McMahon, Diane Erickson.

Raffle number 3 was for a loon poster and a lead alert poster and loon book.

New business – we are in the need of a lot of volunteers.

Pat asked for a volunteer to check the district lines which means what people are part of our district.

Mike McMahon has volunteered to _____ ????

Suzy Bank has volunteered to sell ads for the newsletter.

Chair person is needed for the weed rangers?

Volunteer to determine a plan of action for weed invasion?

If you would like to volunteer, call or come and see everyone.

Next meeting date is Saturday, July 16th.

Loon Ladies have logo merchandise available for purchase under the connecting tent.

Motion for adjournment was made by Dick Turnquist and Kim Butler seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Swimming area question: Beach is closed because of ducks and geese.

There are lots of bears.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Waldoch Half Moon Lake District Secretary – serving 09-10 board of commissioners. July 19, 2010