

LNCC, Inc. Board Meeting

August 8, 2009

Nokomis Fire Station

The LNCC Board met in regular session on August 8, 2009, at the Nokomis Fire Station. Russ Wadzinski presided; Kathy Paulson was secretary.

Directors Present: Russ Wadzinski, Kathy Paulson, Rich Jaskie, John Russo, Ron Ament, David Nycz, Doug Mittag

Advisors Present: Shirley Ament, John Bowman, Nancy Smith, Dennis Vandersnick, Don Sickels, Peter Lloyd

A quorum of directors was present. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM by Russ Wadzinski. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Minutes of July Meeting

The minutes from the July meeting were approved; motion to accept the minutes was made by John Russo and seconded by Ron Ament. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Jaskie issued a complete financial report through July 31, 2009.

For the month of July, 2009, total income was: \$ 22,147.07

Expenses:

Special Events-Direct Expense (Raffle Expenses)	\$ 12,865.78
Functional Expenses (Outside Computer Services & Postage)	\$ 72.10
Other Expenses (Lake District Expense)	<u>\$ 2,287.41</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 15,225.29
 July Net Ordinary Income	 \$ 6,921.78

Motion made by John Russo with a second by Ron Ament to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Lake District Update

- Continued efforts by John with the County to resolve who can/can't vote in Lake District petition.
- Status of printing of petitions is pending update from Joe Dorava, Vierbicher & Associates.

Pontoon Raffle

- Although 21 tickets had not been sold the day of the raffle event, the tickets did end up selling out. WJJQ was contacted to announce tickets were still available.
- The pontoon was won by two couples and is for sale. The pontoon is sitting at Tomahawk Sports and posted on the board at Nelson's.
- Russ expressed thanks for all who participated in making the raffle event successful this year, including Tom and Lynn Skony, who had stepped out of it last year but did a lot of the work this year.
- Interest has been shown by one of our LNCC members in possibly heading up the raffle event for next year.
- Need to evaluate continuing with a pontoon as the top prize for the raffle event due to the increasing cost of aluminum.

- A thank you letter was published in the Tomahawk Leader thanking all of the sponsors, the people who sold tickets, etc.

Safety Committee Report

John Russo reported that everything seems pretty good so far except there seems to still be some boat operators that don't seem to follow the No Wake signs or don't understand what it means. The middle buoy by Bootleggers that belongs to LNCC was severely damaged (cut in half). For the safety of all who enjoy the lake, if you observe boats not complying with waterway rules/laws, get the boat identification number and notify John with the information. Warnings can be sent by the Sheriff's Department if the boat number is provided. There are also a couple of buoys with the tops missing.

Motion to purchase up to three buoys to replace the damaged buoys, if needed, was made by David Nycz; seconded by Doug Mittag. Motion carried.

2011 Look-in Committee

- Doug Mittag reported on three areas that he feels should be changed/added within WVIC's FERC license P-2113:
 - 1.) Action taken by WVIC to save excess flow when we have heavy rain.
 - 2.) Earlier action than is taken now by WVIC to address the situation where rainfall is less and reservoirs are coming down (i.e. May versus August).
 - 3.) See WVIC do a chart form report on exactly when they open/close dams. This will allow us to see if they are taking appropriate steps operating the dams to control water levels.
- Peter Lloyd suggested two issues we might explore:
 - 1.) Monitoring for new Aquatic Invasive Species and help with control of established AIS.
 - 2.) The drought plan as written requires WVIC to start consultation with State and Federal agencies when extreme drought conditions occur. There is no plan for extended moderate to severe drought although flow levels are drastically reduced. Also, lake groups do not have an official advisory role in the process. The current drought is approaching the extreme level in our area and already includes parts of Northwest Wisconsin. According to Sam Morgan of WVIC, the Wisconsin River is flowing at 1000cfs at Merrill, about half the normal flow. The drought plan will kick in at 900cfs. There is a possibility that WVIC will need to modify its plan for the upcoming winter unless we get a good appropriate levels of rain this fall.

Invasive Weed Committee

- David Nycz reported that a grant payment request form was completed for partial reimbursement payment for the second treatment done this past spring on Bridge Lake. Received notification from the DNR that a check is on its way (\$17,163.72). Because we are reimbursed 75% of what was paid, that pushes a little bit of a balance forward that we can use next year; however, that balance is a working balance and it decreases a little every year. Can apply what we get back to treatments on Bridge Lake in 2010.
- The treatments done last year and this spring have worked in Bridge Lake; however, low water levels are having a detrimental effect and allowing the Eurasian milfoil to grow in what would otherwise be deeper water.
- The area where Little Rice comes into Bridge Lake is looking great this year. It used to be choked with Eurasian milfoil. This year a lot of native weeds are growing there and this helps block it from growing. The more native plant growth we have, the better.
- Eurasian milfoil is now also growing throughout Lake Nokomis. It has been identified by the dam, Honeymoon Bay, Gators, Tomahawk River, the boat landing, and other locations.
- We will not be able to do anything about the milfoil in Lake Nokomis until we have a Lake Management Plan in place.
- There are two grant cycles...Feb 1st and August 1st; would like to get into the Feb 1st cycle. With Eurasian milfoil increasing at other lake associations there will be increased competition for this grant money.
- Cost of doing a plan is unknown and Dave would need to contact Tim Hoyman at Onterra to find out.

Motion made by John Russo for David to get estimate for Lake Management Plan from Tim Hoyman at Onterra; seconded by Doug Mittag. Motion carried.

Town of Nokomis Letter

- Expressed thanks to Gary Baier and the Town of Nokomis for allowing us to have our meetings at the Town Hall, donations made, etc. They have been very good to us.
- Russ made a request to have a key made for us as the need to access our storage area (many of us work during the day) may not always coincide when the clerk is at the Town Hall. LNCC received a letter of response from the Town of Nokomis dated July 14, 2009. The Board discussed our request, but at this time feels that it is in the best interest for all parties involved to continue with the original contract that was signed in 2008.
- Gary stated that he agreed in that we do need to have our own key. The lock system will be changed as currently one key will access everything. Once that change occurs we will be allowed to have keys. Estimated we would need four keys.
- Russ asked if we could build (at our cost) a lockable wooden cabinet to use for storage of sweatshirts, caps, and other items.
- Identified a 3' x 5' (8' High) storage space for LNCC to use.
- Appreciate Gary working with us on this.

OCLRA/LCLRA Reports

- **LCLRA:**
 - Peter Lloyd reported that the Annual meeting was held on July 18, 2009; quarterly Board of Directors meeting was held on August 5, 2009.
 - Peter was elected President of the LCLRA.
 - WAL seminar Low Water in Northern Wisconsin presented on July 28, 2009, was very informative and well attended. Event was recorded and Peter will send the seminar contents via e-mail when available.
 - New Lumberjack AIS Coordinator for Lincoln, Langlade, and Forest Counties is Chris Hamerla. His contact information is 2187 North Stevens Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501. Phone number is 715-362-3690; e-mail address is chris_h@frontier.com.
- **OCLRA:**
 - Bob Martini is new OCLRA President; Bob Williams is now Vice President.
- Peter stated that he is willing to serve on the LNCC Board if nominated.
- Public hearing on bill (SB113) to restore authority to the DNR Natural Resource Board to appoint the DNR Secretary is on Thursday, August 13, 2009, starting at 9:00AM at the State Capitol in Madison. Further discussion resulted in the decision to send an e-mail in support of the bill to Senator Jim Holperin. Kathy will send it on behalf of the LNCC.

Newsletter

Nancy Smith requests all articles should be submitted to her no later than August 31 to get into the September Newsletter.

Nominating Committee

Russ contacted those whose terms are up in 2009, which includes David Nycz, Rich Jaskie, and John Russo. All have agreed to serve another term. These are our nominees.

Items from the Floor

- Items from Gary Baier, Town of Nokomis Chairman:
 - Reported that the floors are being waxed at Nokomis Town Hall this weekend, which resulted in the location change for our meeting today.
 - He also shared the benefits of the new Nokomis fire station and improved services to the surrounding communities, such as the ambulance that is now housed there and staffed 24/7.

- Gary advised that if the Town of Nokomis is working on something that could disrupt or interfere with the Lake District, they will need to come to us first when they are planning and we don't hear about it after it's all over. If we coordinate together, we can accomplish more.
- Received correspondence from the Tomahawk Chamber of Commerce about our LNCC ad that goes into the Chamber's brochure. Will update the ad to include the location and time of the LNCC meetings. Sheila Jaskie will contact Jan Arends with updated ad and check if we paid the Chamber for it.

Next Board Meeting

Nokomis Town Hall, September 12, 2009, starting at 8:00 AM.

Recess Board Meeting

Motion to recess the Board meeting was made by John Russo; seconded by Ron Ament.

Motion to adjourn made by Rich Jaskie and seconded by Doug Mittag. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.

Board meeting was reconvened by Russ Wadzinski at 10:24AM.

Motion to approve the 2009-2010 principle officers (David Nycz, President; John Marcks, President-Elect; Rich Jaskie, Treasurer; Kathy Paulson, Secretary) made by Ron Ament; seconded by John Russo. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the board meeting was made by Ron Ament; seconded by John Russo. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.