

Long Lake of Phelps Lake District
July 5, 2008, Annual Meeting Minutes

The Long Lake of Phelps Lake District (LLPLD) second annual meeting was on Saturday July 5, 2008 at 10:00AM at the Phelps School Cafeteria. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:07AM and verified a quorum of commissioners to hold the meeting. Commissioners in attendance introduced were John Rowe and Joel McClure of Long Lake and Bob Egan (Vilas County Board) and Peter Albrecht (Town of Phelps). A motion to approve the annual meeting minutes made by Bob McMillan and seconded by Ron Hacker. Motion approved.

Chairperson Anderson reviewed the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant. In the fall of 2007, LLPLD applied for a 50/50 cost share AIS Grant for \$141, 800 over 5 years which was approved. Subsequently, the DNR changed the cost share for AIS Control Grants to 75/25 (DNR 75%) with maximum disbursement of \$75,000. The DNR agreed to change our 5 year grant into a staged treatment plan of 3 years and 2 years. In 2008 received approval for 3 year grant of \$100,000 with option to apply for the remaining (\$42k) of the original 5 year grant. Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) surveys were done in fall 2007 and spring 2008 with DNR approval to treat 32 acres with "Navigate" (150#/acre). This treatment completed on May 22, 2008. Follow up surveys will take place in July/August 2008 and the fall of 2008. This cycle starts over in 2009 with an estimated treatment plan of 72 acres.

An update on the Long Lake Fishery by Chairperson Anderson concentrated on the walleye population. Stocking of spring walleye fingerlings (1.5 inches) has failed 2 out of 3 times with a survival rate of less than .5 for every 50 per acre due in part to the abundance of smelt. In the fall of 2007, the DNR stocked 7729 larger fingerling walleye (8 inches) to offset smelt predator with a better survival rate of 30-40 percent. Discussed stocking partnership with DNR, LLPLD and the Mole Lake Indian Tribe to participate in stocking costs, reducing harvesting and consider 18" minimum size limit with reduced bag limit. In 2008, a total of 88 walleyes were taken during spring spearing.

Volunteers are the "Key" to accomplish the many projects and activities of LLPLD and satisfy some obligations of our DNR Grant. Adopt-a-Highway, "Clean Boats...Clean Water", Fishery, Loon Nesting Raft, Website, Lake Monitoring, and Manual EWM Removal are some of the volunteer programs. Chuck Mead elaborated on the success on the Loon Nesting Raft and the need for another platform on the lake. LLPLD is looking for Volunteers as well as a Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteer involvement can be tailored to meet your time constraints while at Long Lake.

Financial Reports reviewed by Commissioner Rowe consisted of a Treasurer's Report and Annual Budget. A motion by John Schmidt to amend the budget was as follows: "If after the survey is conducted the experts who are looking at the treatment of our lake determine that we should in fact treat more than we are planning with the budget, that we let this commission use their best judgement to increase the expenditure of the AIS Treatment of (approximately) \$60,000 next year up to, but not to exceed 33% or up another \$20,000 for a total not to exceed \$80,500 to the treatment plan if that's what is determined by the experts." Motioned seconded by Cam Davis. The motioned carried with a majority in favor and 3 nay votes. A motion by Tuckey Requa to approve the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Budget as amended (AIS Treatment increase) and the addition of \$150 for the building of another loon nesting raft. Motion seconded by Cam Davis. Motion carried.

The elected commissioners for LLPLD are voted in for a three year period. However, at inception of the district, commissioners are staged for 1 year, 2 year and 3 year commitments. With one commissioner's term expiring, elections for one commissioner took place by secret ballot. Current Commissioner McClure was re-elected with a total of 43 votes.

A discussion was conducted to determine the date and time of the 2009 LLPLD Annual Meeting. Charley Requa made a motion to have the 2009 Annual Meeting on July 4, 2009 at 10:00AM at the Phelps School cafeteria. Motion seconded by Bob McMillan. Motion carried.

Bob McMillan made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion seconded by Binney Swislow. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

John Rowe
Secretary/Treasurer
Long Lake of Phelps Lake District.