

Long Lake of Phelps Lake District
July 4, 2009, Annual Meeting Minutes

The Long Lake of Phelps Lake District (LLPLD) third annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 4, 2009 at 10:00AM at the Phelps School Cafeteria. Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:02AM and verified a quorum of commissioners to hold the meeting. Commissioners in attendance introduced were Joel McClure and John Rowe of Long Lake and Bob Egan (Vilas County Board) and Peter Albrecht (Town of Phelps). A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ann Spangler. Seconded by Penny McMillan. Motion approved.

A motion to approve the 2008 annual meeting minutes (mailed/website/shown at meeting) was made by Bob McMillan and seconded by Charlie Frankenthal. Motion approved.

Chairperson Anderson reviewed the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant. LLPLD has an approved 3 year DNR AIS Treatment Grant for 100,000 with a 75% (DNR)/25% (LLPLD) cost share. 2008 AIS Treatment Cost = \$28,282. Estimated 2009 AIS Treatment Cost = \$70,380. (The district was permitted to accelerate the usage of grant monies over a 2 year period.) LLPLD will apply for additional money during the upcoming grant cycle. Being awarded a grant is unlikely due to competition, grants already received and state funding. In the Spring of 2008, a total of 31.8 acres were treated for EWM using a granular product with a 23.3% reduction in those areas. In 2009, a total of 117 acres were treated...45.5 acres granular treatment and 71.8 acres liquid treatment. 2009 Pre-treatment survey took place the week of May 3rd with AIS Treatment May 12th – May 15th. Water samples will be studied by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the DNR for the herbicide residual effect on Long Lake.

Chairperson Anderson presented the Fishery Report. Walleye stocking efforts have released the following large (6"-8") walleye fingerlings:

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| 2007 (DNR funded) | 7,229 walleye (\$14,458) |
| 2008 (LLPLD funded) | 3,000 walleye (\$6,000) |
| 2009 (DNR funded) | 7,000 walleye (\$?) |

A 2009 Conservation Congress proposal will (1) increase the minimum size limit for walleye from 15" to 18" and (2) move the 34" musky minimum to 50" to improve density and size of musky in lake. These 2 changes will take place in 2010. The Long Lake Spearfishing resulted in a harvest of 61 walleye and 0 musky.

The Lake District Directory was assembled from current tax records and website updates. After discussion, no further efforts or distribution of the lake directory will be pursued.

Volunteer Initiatives Updates commenced with the Adopt-a-Highway Program where the process has changed from one Saturday a month to once a month as it fits into volunteers schedule. Chuck Mead spoke about the Loon Watch and the launching of 2 rafts. One of those rafts was successful with twin loons and a new site will be determined for the second raft. Water Monitoring (Spangler/Rowe) for Clarity (Secchi readings) continues while adding water temperatures by depth and checking the levels of phosphorus and algae in lake. The Clean Boats/Clean Water Program continues through checks at boat landing and also checking trailers and leaving results on windshield cards. A Thank You goes out to Tuckey Requa for maintaining our website: www.llpld.org since our inception. AIS Monitoring volunteers are needed to update treated and new sites of EWM using the districts GPS devices. The District is still looking for "Volunteer" Coordinator.

Commissioner Rowe presented the Treasurer's Report including the Annual Internal Audit consisting of a review of all receipts and disbursements, verified to supporting documents and bank statements. Following discussion, a motion to approve was made by Charley Requa. Seconded by Ed Grosse. Motion passed unanimously with no objections.

The LLPLD Budget shows actual figures for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 (fiscal year July 1st – June 30th.) The Budget for Fiscal year 2009-10 is listed as "To Be Determined" due to the uncertainty of DNR Grant Funding. AIS Treatment costs were reviewed on the assumption of NOT receiving consideration through the DNR Grant Process. A chart listed Tax Levy Amounts from \$15,000 to \$45,000 and the corresponding number of acres AIS Treatment proposed. Due to survey costs, permit costs and application costs, the more acres treated the low the cost/acre. Cam Davis noted the need to be proactive and aggressive in the AIS Treatment and using liquid chemical, wherever possible, could help reduce cost/acre enabling more acres to be treated. A motion was made by John Schmidt for the Tax Levy amount: "To approve a Tax Levy up to \$60,000 to spend on AIS Treatment in the best judgement of the LLPLD Commissioners." Motion seconded by Bill Goodrich. Motion passed: Yes Votes: 30 No Votes: 0.

The need for a Bridge Loan due to the delay in Tax Levy payments and/or DNR Funding is anticipated. A motion was made by John Schmidt – "The Landowners and Electors of the Long Lake of Phelps Lake District (LLPLD) at the July 4, 2009 Annual meeting approve the district requesting a loan for up to \$60,000. The loan(s) may be sourced from one or more institutions. Funds to repay loan(s) will be provided though, but not limited to, Tax Levy Funding, WI-DNR Grant Reimbursement and donations." Motion seconded by Ron Hacker. Motion passed – Yes Votes: 30 No Votes 0

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 Rowe was re-elected with a total of 38 votes.

A discussion was conducted to determine the date and time of the 2010 LLPLD Annual Meeting. Penny McMillan made a motion to have the 2010 Annual Meeting on July 3, 2010 at 10:00AM at the Phelps School cafeteria. Motion seconded by Paul Maka. Motion carried.

Ron Hacker made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion seconded by Penny McMillan. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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