

**Long Lake of Phelps Lake District
July 2, 2011, Annual Meeting Minutes**

The Long Lake of Phelps Lake District's (LLPLD) fifth annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at 10:00AM in the Phelps School Cafeteria. Chairperson McClure called the meeting to order at 10:07AM and verified a quorum of commissioners present to hold the meeting. Commissioners in attendance were Joel McClure, Jeff Mason and John Rowe of Long Lake, Bob Egan (Vilas County Board) Colin Snook (Town of Phelps). Dan Anderson was present as LLPLD Advisor.

A motion to approve the **2011 Annual Meeting Agenda** was made by Bill Goodrich. Seconded: by Mark Moore. Motion passed.

A motion to approve the **2010 Annual Meeting Minutes** (mailed/website/shown at meeting) was made by Bob McMillan and seconded by Ed Grosse. Motion passed.

Volunteer Updates: Commissioner Mason

- Loon Nesting Raft: Chuck Mead, Loon Ranger (Loon Watch Program), stated the loons at the northeast end of the lake were awaiting the installation of the nest and proceeded to board the raft. Shortly after Memorial Day, during the incubation period, this loon nest was "washed ashore" by high winds. Some quick work lead to the loon nest being re-launched and the loons are incubating a pair of eggs. At the south end of Long Lake, the loon nest has not been successful as of yet but with more activity on shoreline, the loon raft may be more inviting. Everyone on Long Lake needs to respect the loons and keep a good distance.
- High Way Clean-Up: Through the "Adopt-a-Highway" program, LLPLD maintains Highway 17 from Charley's Road (Hazen) to Boat Landing Road. Looking for volunteers to take a section of the roadway for clean up once a month during the summer.
- Boat Landing – LLPLD has purchased a picnic table from the Phelps School Wood for the boat landing.
- LLPLD Website – www.llpld.org : The website lists LLPLD News, Long Lake "Blogs", Photos and links to related websites.
- longlakeofphelps@gmail.com – email address to reach board members.
- Long Lake is on FACEBOOK

Commissioner Rowe presented the **Treasurer's Report** for the calendar year January 2010 through December 2010 including the Annual Internal Audit. An update of the first six months of 2011 (year to date) was presented as well. Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Bill Goodrich. Seconded: by Tuckey Requa. Motion passed.

Advisor Anderson presented the **Fishery Report and Stocking Initiative**. Through efforts of the DNR and LLPLD, a total of 21,949 (DNR-15,949 / LLPLD-6,000) walleye fingerlings have been stocked since 2007. These walleye fingerlings are 6"-8" in length at a cost of \$2.00 each...large enough to survive the smelt population. Walleye size limit has been increased to 18" with a bag limit of two. It appears there is some natural recruitment of walleye on Long Lake. The Legal Muskellunge Regulation has been increased to a 50 inch minimum. 2011 Sparring resulted in 550 walleyes harvested. In 2011, the DNR will stock 8,720 walleye (6-8 inches) and 6100 fall yearling trout (5-6 inches/Black Oak Strain). A buoy is set to measure the temperature

of the water at 3 foot increments to study the habitat of smelt. In 2012, the DNR will conduct a comprehensive fish study of the major species on Long Lake.

Advisor Anderson reviewed the **2010 Treatment Report, 2011 Treatment Map and DNR/USACOE Research Project**. The chemical treatment process was reviewed: types and concentrations of chemicals, areas of treatment, and recordkeeping. The 2010 Treatment results: on a lake wide level, 80% of the treatment areas on Long Lake were reduced by at least one density rating, exceeding the qualitative success criteria (75% reduction). In 2009, there were approximately 53 acres of EWM classified as highly dominant and in 2010 this was reduced to approximately 21 acres. So, AIS treatment on Long Lake is showing positive progress. The 2011 AIS Treatment Map showed the treatment areas which totaled 91 acres down from 142 acres in 2010. These 91 acres (2011) for treatment are at a lower density (thickness) than 2010. Once again, Clean Lakes is our vendor for 2011 AIS treatment using liquid chemical which is 40% less expensive than pellets. The DNR Grant (50%/50%) will have approximately \$21,000 remaining for 2012. The DNR will require LLPLD to complete a Lake Management Plan in 2012 as required every 5 years. Future DNR Grants will be more difficult to secure with more lakes request funds.

Commissioner Rowe presented the **2012 Proposed Budget** for review, discussion and consideration. Three budgets were outlined listing the number of acres which could be treated for EWM: (A) keep tax levy the same at \$35,000, (B) reduce tax levy to \$25,000, or (C) reduce tax levy to \$15,000. A motion was made by Bill Goodrich to approve Budget "B" for a 2012 tax levy not to exceed the amount of \$25,000. Seconded by: Lester Frankenthal. Motion passed: Yes Votes: 29 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 2, 2011 Annual meeting approve the district requesting a loan for up to \$30,000. 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: Paul Withington. Motion passed – Yes Votes: 29 No Votes: 0

Chairperson McClure proceeded with **the Election of One District Commissioner**. The elected commissioners for LLPLD are voted in for a three year period. The election took place by secret ballot. Drury Davis was elected to the LLPLD Board of Commissioners.

A discussion was conducted to determine the date and time of the 2012 LLPLD Annual Meeting. Ann Spangler made a motion to have the 2012 Annual Meeting on July 7, 2012 at 10:00AM at the Phelps School cafeteria. Motion seconded by Penny McMillan. Motion passed.

Dan Anderson made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion seconded by Jeff Mason. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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