

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEWBOLD LAKES COMMITTEE  
FOR THURSDAY, June 16, 2016  
Rt. 47 and Apperson Drive, Rhinelander, WI 54501

1. Chairperson, Jim Staskiewicz, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Connie Muckelburg, Carla Chropkowski, Mike Barber, Karyl Rosenberg and Bill Jaeger.
2. The draft minutes of the May 19, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.
3. Further discussion and possible action on celebrating Newbold Lakes craft show and flea market. There was little response from Flea and Craft vendors to participate in the event so it was agreed to cancel the event. Committee members thought there were probably too many competing events on the planned date of July 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. Further discussion and possible action on the video. Committee members reported they were having difficulty generating interest from their lake associations to commit to generating media for the video so this project was put on hold. Media could still be collected if some becomes available but this will no longer be on meeting agendas unless specifically requested by a Committee member.
5. Discussion about Lake Association challenges. No one presented any discussion on this item.
6. The member lake associations reported as follows:
  - a. **Mildred Lake**— No baby loons will be seen this year because the nest was abandoned. The Association had a great membership meeting with the Director of Wild Instincts wildlife rescue as a guest speaker. The “Member of Lake Mildred Property Owners Association” signs were distributed to 66 members.
  - b. **Flannery/Velvet Lake**— The Association has decided to hire a contractor to repeat the aquatic plant survey done in the past. This will take place in 2017. This year’s monitoring has shown water quality to be good. The Association is considering stocking fish in the lakes. DNR won’t allow walleye but recommends musky. Association members are also looking into perch. A pair of loons is nesting on the lake and members are hoping last year’s trouble won’t be repeated.
  - c. **Rhinelander Flowage**— Board members were given a tour of the Rhinelander Dam by paper mill staff. It was interesting and much appreciated. The Association Board is planning for the annual member meeting in August.
  - d. **Tom Doyle Lake**— There are two loons apparently residents of the lake. Eagles have been using the island but there has been no evidence of eaglets. Water quality sampling is going well and there has been a lot of interest by Association members including willingness to help with collecting samples.
  - e. **Two Sisters Lake**— The water level of the lake has been dropping down to normal since the debris was cleared from the dam. One of the Board members has investigated a new experimental method to prevent invasive species. It involves placing a floating curtain in the water around the boat landing with a small passage for boats to open water. It is being used on a lake in the Michigan Upper Peninsula. It is hoped the curtain will contain invasives brought into

the landing which will hopefully be detected and controlled before they spread to the rest of the lake.

- f. **Pickerel Lake**— No one from the lake was present to report but Bill had recently met the new Association President and passed his contact information on to Jim.

7. Discussion and possible action on the future of the Newbold Lakes Committee. The Committee Members present at the meeting all agreed the meetings are very useful for exchanging ideas and experiences from each member Association and for that alone it is worth continuing even though a couple of significant projects have met dead ends. Members agreed it is time to review the original Mission Statement as a start to consider future activities.

8. Administrative matters. The next meeting will be July 21 and the agenda should include discussion of the Committee Mission Statement.

9. Public Comment. None presented.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Jaeger

Recording Secretary