

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF NEWBOLD LAKES COMMITTEE  
FOR THURSDAY, September 15, 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 Diane Jones (Velvet/Flannery Association), Tom Rudolph (Rhinelander Flowage Association), and Bill Jaeger (Two Sisters Lake Association).
2. The draft minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting were approved with two corrections. The Lakes Committee did not meet in August.
3. Discussion and possible Action on Lakes Committee's Mission Statement. The Committee did not have a copy of the original Mission Statement for this meeting. Some of the Committee's past accomplishments were reviewed including the invasive species map and the series of "Living on the Lake" articles describing Lake Association activities. The Committee is seeking additional projects for protection of our valuable lake assets. A copy of the mission statement will be available for the next meeting.
4. Discussion about Lake Association challenges. Velvet/ Flannery and Tom Doyle lake associations are concerned about the floating plant "Water Shield" spreading in their lakes. At this time the plant isn't causing big problems but it does have the potential to impede boating and swimming. There is also a question of whether it is a sign of water quality problems in the lakes.
5. The member lake associations reported as follows:
  - a. **Mildred Lake**— No one present to report.
  - b. **Flannery/Velvet Lake**— The annual Flotilla was rained out for the planned date but was successful on the rescheduled day. The association membership is growing.
  - c. **Rhinelander Flowage**— New leaders were elected at the annual meeting. They are Tom Rudolph, President, Chris Leonard, VP, Charlotte Schneider, Treasurer, and Sue Schneider, Secretary. Association members had a tour of the Rhinelander Dam and Power House. This is part of their effort to learn about how the Flowage water level is managed and monitored. There have been complaints of beaver cutting yard trees. The Association now has 40 paid memberships.
  - d. **Tom Doyle Lake**— The Association had a membership meeting Labor Day weekend. Two new board members were elected. There was also discussion about replacing the boat landing dock because it is sinking again. Beaver have again dammed the outlet stream raising the lake level so a trapper has been contacted for help. The sign placed at the boat landing by the Association has been stolen and replacement is being discussed. Karyl Rosenberg who has been very active in the Lake Association won an Oneida County Distinguished Stewardship award.
  - e. **Two Sisters Lake**— The Association Board has been having an email conversation about whether the narrow spot near then middle of the lake should be posted as a no wake zone. The location appears to be narrow enough that the entire width of the water at that point is near

enough to both shores to be regulated by the statewide no wake rules. Jim inspected the boat landing outhouses and reported they appear serviceable but access is inconvenient.

f. **Pickereel Lake**— No one from the lake was present to report.

6. Discussion and action on having winter meetings. It was agreed to meet in October to discuss the Committee Mission Statement but then plan no more meetings for the winter when Lake Associations have little activity. If any significant concerns arise winter meetings could be scheduled.

7. Administrative matters. The Committee agreed to remove from future agendas the report on activities of the Pickereel Lake Association since it has been many months since they have participated in the Committee and attempts to contact the Association have been unsuccessful. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup>.

9. Public Comment. None presented.

10. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Jaeger

Recording Secretary