

Porter's Lake Management District
Annual Meeting
June 21, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Don Dalton at 9:30 a.m. There were 33 members in attendance. Don welcomed all residents and everyone was introduced. Don called for the approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 14, 2007. A motion to approve the 2007 minutes was made by Kris Helms, seconded by Lindie Bentle, motion carried. Lill Ptaschinski gave the Treasurer's Report, explaining that the balance of \$13,052.17 reflects all bills paid to date as well as anticipated expenses through the end of the year. The Comprehensive Lake Management Plan has been paid in full by grant money in the amount of \$11,106.74 and our share of \$4,046.67. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Floyd Busse, seconded by Tom Depka. The motion carried. Since the Treasurer's term of office was completed, and Lill declined another term, Don opened the floor for nominations. Ron Skinvik nominated Raymond (Skip) Hansen, seconded by Floyd Busse. Motion carried. Skip will serve as our Treasurer. Don thanked Lill for her years of service.

Old Business:

Lake Management Plan: Pat Doyle, Chairman of the committee, presented a summary of Onterra's findings and recommendations. Overall, the studies and analysis indicate that Porters Lake is in good health. A copy of the "Summary and Conclusions" page is enclosed. All members of the Lake Management Plan Committee have a copy of the final report. The Secretary also has a copy on file, as does the Wautoma Public Library. The complete report can also be viewed on line at our website, www.porterslake.org. Jay, Skip, and Don volunteered to work on boat landing signage.

Water Quality Report: Since Onterra did the water quality testing this past year, Tom Depka had no additional report. He will continue the Citizen's Lake Monitoring Program, which was recommended by Onterra as more comprehensive. Tom Burgermeister's report indicated mid-May reading of 14.5 ft. Clarity readings dropped slightly in June to 9 -12.5ft.

Fish Report: Joel Daum led a discussion of fish activity on the lake. Fishing was slow this spring, perhaps due to the amount of pine pollen. Lindie suggested that we check with the DNR regarding "boom-shocking" the lake. Jerry said that it's the best way to get an accurate assessment of fish.

Purple Loosestrife Report: Dave Hansen explained the process of raising beetles that feed on the plants. Purple Loosestrife is a problem that can be controlled, but not eliminated. It is important that each property owner maintain his own area. Volunteers are needed to help with the program. Lindie made a motion that Dave continue his work on purple loosestrife; 2nd by Floyd; motion carried.

Skip Hansen brought samples of buckthorn and garlic mustard to the meeting. He and Dick Hansen informed us of the problems with these plants, which can also take over an entire area, pushing out the native plants that attract songbirds and shore land wildlife.

Sunshine Report: Annette Gelbach volunteered to be our new Sunshine Chairman. Please contact Annette when you know of someone in need of a cheerful note due to illness or loss of family.

WI Lakes Convention: Dave Hansen attended the WI Lakes Convention this year. The theme was "Cheers for 30 Years" and focused on the progress made by volunteers over that time. Dave studied the topic of invasive species, early detection, and the impact on shore land. He stressed the need for individual involvement and responsibility by all members. New members, Doug & Michelle Schacht, and Karen Bennett & Carolyn Virginia expressed an interest in attending the 2009 convention.

Skip Hansen reported on the first dive in June; the only unusual finding was a bit of Quillwort, which is a good native species. The divers may do another dive later in summer.

County Supervisor, Bernadette Krentz reminded us of the Dairy Breakfast on June 29th. The next Watershed meeting will be on August 17. There will be a tour of the lakes in the eastern part of the county on Aug. 4th; the public is welcome to attend. Spraying for Gypsy moths was done in county sections. She also reported that the Board is adjusting to the reduction from 21 to 11 Supervisors.

Sheriff Dave Peterson reported that the Sheriff's Dept. is working with the DNR to monitor lakes in Waushara County. A boat will be patrolling lakes and public landings. He has asked the Town Board to pass a resolution giving his department the authority to enforce town ordinances. Sheriff Peterson also invited us to the County Fair Aug. 14-17. There will also be an emergency preparedness program with the Dept. of Aging on Aug. 5th.

Don reported that he had received a call from a member who questioned his \$100 assessment when he does not have lake frontage. He asked if "off-lake" members of the district should pay a lesser amount. Don asked for comments on this issue. Dean Weiss said that he is happy to pay the full assessment since he enjoys the lake with his family even though he does not have lake frontage. No one present spoke in favor of varied assessments. Everyone who purchases property in the PLMD is made aware of the annual assessment. Members should attend meetings in order to have a voice in all PLMD decisions.

New Business: The Board presented the 2009 proposed budget, with an annual assessment of \$75. After much discussion, the membership voted to approve the same budget as that of 2008 with an assessment of \$100.

Audit Report: Last year's audit, by Skip Hansen, showed every thing to be in order. Karen Bennett and Carolyn Virginia volunteered to do this year's audit.

Other Business: Township Report: Supervisor Lindie Bentle gave us an update on the four Fire Districts in Mt. Morris. She reported that the Town Board will act on the issue of town ordinances at it's next meeting. Regarding 2009 assessments: open book will be held Mon. June 23 and Sun. June 29. Board of Review is scheduled for Mon. July 28. There will be a referendum at the general election in November to determine the disposition of the old town hall.

Winners of the \$25 gift certificates to The Moose Inn were Annette Gelbach and Jim Stafford.

Next Annual Meeting date will be Sat. June 20, 2009. Notices will be sent to all members.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Don Dalton at 11:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Burgermeister, Secretary