

Porter's Lake Management District  
Annual Meeting  
July 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Don Dalton at 9:30 a.m. There were 31 members in attendance. Don welcomed all residents and everyone was introduced. Don called for the approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of June 17, 2006. A motion to approve was made by Dave Hansen, seconded by Barb Dalton, motion carried. Lill Ptaschinski gave the Treasurer's Report, explaining that the balance of \$ 18,068.52 included monies due to Onterra for the Lake Management Survey. Final report and billing will be forthcoming. A motion to approve was made by Floyd Busse, seconded by Tom Burgermeister, motion carried. Since the President's term of office was completed, Don opened the floor for nominations. Dave Hansen nominated Don Dalton to serve another term; seconded by Lindie Bentle. Jay Blevins made a motion to close nominations; seconded by Ron Skinvik, motion carried. The vote was taken, and Don Dalton was unanimously re-elected to serve as President.

Old Business:

Lake Management Plan: Pat Doyle, Chairman of the committee, presented a summary of Onterra's findings and recommendations. According to Tim Hoyman of Onterra, Porters Lake was found to be a healthy lake ecosystem. The water quality is very good. One contributing factor in the lake's healthy plant community is that there were no aquatic invasive species found within the lake (with the exception of a limited amount of purple loosestrife). Maps of the lake, showing locations of aquatic plants and areas of purple loosestrife, were distributed to members. Pat stressed the need for volunteers for the following programs: 1.) Monitor water quality through WDNR Citizens Network. 2.) Initiate modified "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" inspections. 3.) Continue the control of the purple loosestrife on our shore lands. 4.) Initiate volunteer monitoring of invasive species; a diver's plan will aid in early detection. 5.) Create a newsletter, in addition to the web site, to educate and inform our members. A binder will also be maintained by the Secretary to serve as a reference for current and future residents in the district.

Water Quality Report: Jerry Ptaschinski has been doing water testing for 20 years, and his records over that time period were very helpful in the overall analysis of water quality by Onterra. He uses the Secchi Disk to determine clarity which varies at different times of the year. Early in May, the readings were at 14 ft. They dropped through June and into July, perhaps due to the turnover of the lake. His reading on July 12 was 8.25 ft, which is the average clarity depth. Since the water quality testing was done by Onterra this year, Tom Depka had no report.

Fish Report: Joel Daum led a discussion of fish activity on the lake. Our lake has the ecosystem to support bass, crappie, and pan fish. The walleyes do not reproduce in our lake, and the northerns are small in size. There is pressure from ice fishing; many fish are taken during the winter. We will never be considered a lake with large trophy fish. We will invite the fishery expert from the DNR to a future meeting.

Purple Loosestrife Report: Dave Hansen explained the process of raising the beetles that feed on the plants. This year he released about 24,000 beetles, most of which are in the south bay and the Jarvis hill. This is a problem that can be controlled, but not eliminated. It is important that each property owner maintain his own area. Skip Hansen also informed us of the problem with buckthorn, which can also take over an entire area, pushing out the native plants that attract songbirds and shore land wildlife.

Sunshine Report: Dawn Guzman sends homemade cards to our neighbors when they need a note of cheer. Please contact Dawn when you know of someone in need.

WI Lakes Convention: Annette Gelbach, Jay Blevins, Cheryl and Dave Hansen attended the convention this year. The theme was “Agents of Change” and stressed the importance of awareness, education, and communication. The subjects of early detection of invasive species and the impact of shore land restoration calls for individual involvement and responsibility by all members. At the Convention Awards Banquet, Jerry Ptaschinski was recognized for his 20 years of volunteer service, testing the water clarity of Porters Lake. Congratulations, Jerry!

New Business: The Board presented the 2007/2008 proposed budget, with the annual assessment to remain at \$50. After much discussion, the following changes were recommended by the membership:

Increase Loosestrife Control Fund	\$1500.
Lake Management Fund (formerly Fish Fund )	\$1000.
Increase WI Lakes Convention Fund	\$1500.
(\$375 per person, not more than 4 people)	
Increase Stamps and Mailing ( for newsletter)	\$ 600.
Add Divers Expenses	\$ 400.
Add Water Quality Testing	\$ 200.
Add Cost of Web Site	\$ 25.

A motion was made by Pat Doyle to accept these budget changes and increase the annual assessment to \$100. Ron Skinvik seconded the motion. The vote was taken by a show of hands. Motion carried by a vote of 26 to 3.

Audit Report: Last year’s audit, done by Skip Hansen and Tom Burgermeister, showed everything to be in order. Skip will do this year’s audit.

Other Business: The following appointments were made and accepted. The Lake Management Committee will continue, chaired by Pat Doyle. Tom Depka will continue water quality testing. Tom Burgermeister will take over the water clarity testing. Joel Daum will continue as fish and turtle guy. Dave Hansen will continue the purple loosestrife control, with Skip Hansen monitoring buckthorn. Skip will also work with Pat in the divers program. Dawn will remain our Sunshine Lady. Jay Blevins will keep up our web site at **porterslake.org** and also organize the newsletter. Members are encouraged to volunteer to attend next year’s WI Lakes Convention. The \$50 deposit, previously paid for use of the Community Center will now become a donation to the MVCC.

Township Report: Supervisor Lindie Stafford-Bentle gave us an update on the Wild Rose Fire District issues with Mt Morris, and the ongoing town revaluation.

County Report: Supervisor Bernadette Krentz reported on the Land Conservation Committee, County Supervisor regrouping, and the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery. She also noted the AIS Workshop at Camp Phillip on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Next Annual Meeting date will be Sat. June 21, 2008. Notices will be sent to all members. The \$25 gift certificates to The Moose Inn went to Tom Depka and Dale Jensen. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Don Dalton at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Burgermeister, Secretary