



White Bear Lake Conservation District/4701 Highway 61/White Bear Lake, MN 55110

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of January 15, 2008

APPROVAL DATE: 2/19/08

**1. CALL TO ORDER** The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Gary Cox at 7:00p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL** Present were: Chair Gary Cox, Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Mike Parenteau, Thomas Hoffman, Tom Alvarez, John Steinworth, Sue Cernohous. Absent was Diane Longville (excused). A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

**3. AGENDA**

Add item 8b3. Transient slips, fee or no fee.

**MOTION #1 (Parenteau/Michaud) Move to approve agenda as amended. All Aye, PASSED.**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Hoffman) Move to approve meeting minutes of November. All Aye, PASSED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Jim Gasperini, Afton law office

Would like to question several of the applications submitted tonight and get specific information on parking spaces.

Cox – no

Michaud – LUC requires applicants meet standards set by City of WBL for parking regulations

Jim – are the parking spots for business or for slips?

Michaud – board has not looked at this before. No requirement at this time, there may be in future.

Jim – shopping center will not be allowing parking to any one other than their clients, trying to be sure it's addressed to avoid problems down the road.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

Nomination of officers for 2008 for vote in February.  
Parenteau – nominate Thomas Hoffman for Chair; Diane Longville for Treasurer; Luke Michaud for Vice Chair. All seconded (St. Germain)  
Nominations closed.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

none

## **8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS**

### **8a. Lake Quality Committee**

no lake level reading  
Steve McComas will be back soon for q & a.

### **8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b1. VFW events horseshoe on ice in March. Insurance is needed and info from sheriff and fee.

***MOTION #3 (Michaud/Donovan) move to approve permit with conditions stated (insurance, sheriff permit, fee). All Aye PASSED***

8b2. softball on ice

***MOTION #4 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve with event with conditions stated above. (insurance, sheriff permit, fee). All Aye, PASSED***

8b3. Fees for transient slips or not? In past transient slips were not charged. Personal use slips were not charged in the past either. Steinworth – a slip is a slip. Perhaps utility boat can be allowed. Transient slip should be charged, not up to us to look at use. Hoffman – history of why we didn't charge in past? Donovan – VFW / allows for any lake user to use. Sheriff uses occasionally also. Don't want to discourage, or they may go away. Cox – why no committee recommendation? Michaud – ran out of time, wanted board opinion.

***MOTION #5 (Hoffman/Donovan) Move to not charge for transient slips.***

***Friendly Amendment (Michaud) Amendment to limit number of transient slips to no more than 4.***

Steinworth – available to public for free. How does one know that, are they signed/designated?

***Amendment – no more than 4 and signed stating “transient slips, no over night parking”.***

Hoffman – accepts friendly amendment

Donovan – is this just VFW or all commercial bay? All. Accepts

***MOTION #5 vote (Motion = no charge for transient slips up to maximum of 4 provided they are signed transient, no over night parking. All aye, PASSED.***

8b4. Alicia Heights

Change, requesting extra 10 feet, and 2 more boats. No recommendation from committee.

Pat McNamara, Alan, Roger – members of Alicia Heights dock association

We are requesting 7 boats this yr because there are new homeowners. We feel these are property rights.

Michaud – Committee did not deny, just made no recommendation.

Cox – continually deal with congestion and association issues. Balancing act. Willing to entertain until you said it was taking of property rights.

Lake is public.

Michaud – this is not an easement. 1/12 ownership of 15 ft. parcel

Donovan – will approve since there is room here. Neighbors do not have issue.

***MOTION #6 (Donovan/ St Germain) Move to approve Alicia Heights dock application.***

Discussion

Parenteau – exceeding dock use area. If neighbor to south sells there could be issue.

Alan – was an issue in the past, ADUA was determined by ability to put dock in and minimize impact. Dock was moved, slips slanted

Steinworth – concern over low water

Pat – sand bar has been problem in past. If too low we cant put boats out.

Steinworth – given current depth, do you feel you can put 7 boats out?

Pat – not now, likely only 2.

Steinworth – may be mute point if water levels don't allow for 7

***Motion Vote***

***5 aye, 4 no (Parenteau, Michaud, Cox, Steinworth) Motion Passed***

8b5. VFW

***MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve VFW permit conditional on receiving letter from City of WBL that they meet parking requirements/ordinances.***

***All aye, PASSED.***

8b6. White Bear Township

***MOTION #8 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve conditional on payment of fees. All Aye, PASSED.***

8b7. Tallys

***MOTION #9 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve Tally's permit with parking letter stipulation. All Aye, PASSED***

8b8. Wildwood Beach condos  
**MOTION # 10 (Michaud/Cernohous) Move to approve Wildwood condo application. All aye, PASSED**

8b9. Chateauguet  
**MOTION #11 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve Chateauguet permit. All aye, PASSED.**

8b10. Hickory St Dock Assoc.  
**MOTION #12 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve conditional to payment of fee - \$50. All Aye PASSED**

8b11. White Bear Boat Works  
**MOTION #13 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve permit conditional to letter from city of WBL regarding parking. All aye, PASSED.**

8b12. Docks of White Bear conditional use permit  
FYI item, copied to board from city & email from DNR.  
Steinworth – objections to this proposal in past. What is point if not an action item? Would like summary from city or from board member.  
Michaud – city has approved request to put restaurant at site. DNR has stated they disagree and it can not go forward.

**8c. Lake Education Committee report**

Lake clean up 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in march – march 8<sup>th</sup>. Do we want to expand to parks and beaches ? We are getting interest from scout groups. More info to come.

Updates coming to website.

Will not be at march mtg.

**MOTION # 14 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to approve spending up to \$500 for clean u staff help. All aye, PASSED.**

**8d. Treasurers report**

**MOTION #15 (Cox/Parenteau) Move to pay checks 3803 – 3809 and approve December 2007 Treasures report. All aye, PASSED.**

**MOTION # 16 (Cox/Parenteau) Move to approve January treasurer report and pay checks 3810 – 3814 . All Aye, PASSED.**

**MOTION # 17 (Cox/Cernohous) Move to approve resolution to designate depository for 2008.**

Discussion

Parenteau - What if we want to move cd in future . Does resolution preclude this?

*Vote, all Aye, PASSED (John abstain as employee of US Bank)*

**8e. Board Counsel report**

- In midst of litigation. LMC is handling and will make presentation to Board soon.
- Question last month regarding fee authority. By statute Board obtains funding thru cities and through fees for duties done. Same authority as a city would have for work done.

**8f. Administrative staff report**

no report

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

***MOTION # 18 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.***

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Bank issue with Luke’s account, Julie working to fix.

Gary award presentation. Has served as Chair, Vice Chair, LUC Committee Chair, LQC Committee Chair. Thank you for your service.

Cox – new member from Dellwood. Sue Cernohous replaces Scott St. Martin.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 19 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. All Aye, PASSED.***

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date