



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of January 17, 2006

APPROVAL DATE: 2/21/06

1. CALL TO ORDER The January meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by chair Gary Cox at 7:15 p.m.

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

3. AGENDA

Changes: remove item 8b.10 "winter carnival ice fishing contest" - event canceled due to poor ice conditions. Add item 8b.11. "Patrick Elizondo regarding jet ski at Tally's." Add item 6a. "notice of intent to hold elections"; 6b. "Comment on DNR rule change for APM".

MOTION #1 (Hoffman/Parenteau) Move to approve tonight's agenda as amended. All Aye, PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6a. Notice of intent to hold elections for officers in February, and accept nominations for offices of the Board.

Diane Longville nominated for treasurer. Gary Cox nominated for Chair. Luke Michaud nominated for vice chair.

6b. Comment on DNR rule change for aquatic plant management

DNR has proposal to change rules regarding vegetation management along lake shore. Comments are being accepted on the plan thru Feb.

Michaud - only change that affects White Bear Lake is need to own 35ft of shore line to treat.

Cox – support rule change 1 with comment that WBLCD shares desire to protect near shore vegetation. Rule 2, WBLCD supports only control of invasive species to the extent that it minimally affects native plants nearby.

Michaud – main issue is the variance process, not the treatment itself.

Julie will draft letter and pass to Board for review before submitting to DNR.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7a. Work Plan Updates:

LQC – met tonight on 3 topics, no details yet.

LEC – website updates done, history of White Bear Lake included now. Permit process is explained a bit better now. Links to DNR and other information on lakeshore restoration sites are included. Also new seasonal photos.

LUC – no update on these tasks.

7b. Permit form updates. Updated forms were handed out tonight. Board can review and look at again next month.

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

no report

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

2006 dock applications

MOTION #3 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to approve permits for 2006 with no changes for Alicia Heights, Fletcher Driscoll, Hickory Street, Richard Hiniker, McCartney Estates, and White Bear Boat Works. All Aye, PASSED.

8b3. Forest Heights Dock Association 2006 permit application. Again there are general concerns as in the past on parking issues and shoreline use issues. The dock in 2005 was not as approved. Insurance needs to be forwarded to us.

MOTION #4 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to approve with contingency that they provide insurance information.

Discussion:

- Parenteau - How many boats are on shore? 2005 spreadsheet shows 11 slips, 5 shore, 2 on trailer.
- No trailer boats. 16 total for site.
- Donovan – LUC has focused at the number of boats on the docks only, hasn't been concerned with shore boats to date.

- Cox – we should look at this and be consistent in how we handle these.

John Deveney, neighbor to south of property.

- has submitted letter with comments.
- ordinance 5 established criteria for permit. This application does not meet those criteria
- lake use study report draft. In the lake segment d which contains Mahtomedi there is an average 1.8 lifts per dock. This assoc. has 11 lifts. There has been 50% increase in runabouts (99 – 05), 30% increase from pontoons. Board can control overuse of lake. Approving this permit contributes to overuse.

Lee Alnes, neighbor adjacent on north side

- permit granted last year as experimental one year permit. They were not in compliance in regards to dock layout. Lifts were sticking out beyond dock.
- There is not room for 11 boats there. Criteria and rules need to be applied.
- 11 lifts, 2 canoes on shore is what he sees. What is real number?

Pat Brandt, president of Forest Heights improvement assoc.

- Association is 100 years old, serves 40 families, and owns 83 feet of shoreline. Has tried to work with neighbors and hasn't heard complaints directly. Association has been willing to work with them, seems no matter what they do neighbors are unhappy.
- They will fix problem with boat extending beyond dock.
- Association by-laws are trying to accommodate neighbor concerns. Rules cover parking, no trailering in.
- This dock assoc. has more shoreline than most. 11 boats does not exceed their space.
- Approx 35 – 40 households. Assoc. has policy to determine who gets slip. Currently all 11 who want a slip, have it. At this time there are no other requests.

Michaud - 11 lifts, 2 canoes are up for approval for 2006

Parenteau – recalls contention last year. Maybe we can find compromise, or specific requests that can be addressed. Perhaps review again next month.

Donovan – 3 meetings were held last year on this. Feels association has already made good faith effort to get along and have complied with requests.

Steinworth – permits are granted on a year by year basis. No guarantee numbers will be the same every year.

MOTION # 5 (Steinworth/St. Martin) Move to table until February 21 meeting and allow Board to review application. 5 aye, 3 opposed, 1 abstain. PASSED.

Will be re-addressed on February 21. Copies of 2005 & 2006 application will be sent to all board members.

8b8. East Shore Dock Association 2006 application

MOTION # 6 (Michaud/Donovan) move to approve 2006 Ease Shore permit with condition they supply insurance binder, no changes on boat placement, no additional dock length; same as last year.

Discussion:

- Due to proximity to beach, this dock draws foot traffic and trespass problems. City was concerned about configuration change and length change.
- Permit is for 12 boats. Association owns property.
- 2005 drawing we had on file was not correct, boat was kept where shown on 06 application.

All aye, passed.

8b9. 2006 permit for Polar Plunge
same event as previous years

MOTION #7 (Donovan/Parenteau) Move to approve permit and waive application fee.

Discussion:

- What precautions are you using for ice safety/thickness?
- They are checking ice in front of VFW. Spectators are kept away from plunge area. Sheriff will be on site, if too thin they will cut hole from shore and enter lake that way. Safety divers are in water, backup divers ready also. Fire dept ambulance on site as well.

All aye, passed.

8b11. Pat Elizondo

- has had slip at Tally's for boat and jet ski since 2002. What happened, why can't he keep jet ski there?

Donovan - Limited Tally's to 42 slips. How he allocates them is up to him.

Pat - why is he victim of our inability to count and keep track of numbers?

Michaud - slip was not legal slip in commercial bay. He has right to dock there as long as slip is permitted.

Pat - how can there have been 44 slips for all these years, and now no.

Michaud - we should have been there counting and we didn't.

Pat - cant we increase by one slip? Silly to eliminate seething that has never been a bother to someone for 4 yrs.

Michaud - its outside the slip allotment, increase in slip numbers is denied.

Parenteau - not victim of board. Tally's has 42 slips to allocate as they see fit.

Pat - board didn't monitor numbers good enough. Doesn't feel he is asking too much to have slip grandfathered back in.

Steinworth - Tally's should be fined for being in violation.

8b10. Winter carnival ice fishing. Event has been canceled for this year due to ice conditions. Would like to have permit in a little sooner next year.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

8c1. Planning lake clean up this year on March 4. We are considering a less organized event, more of a campaign to clean up the lake. More information and advertising to the community. Still would like to have lunch at the VFW. Perhaps BYO garbage bags. LEC will be meeting and will have more details in February.

Steinworth – proposal to buy WBLCD hats for Board members. Checked prices at Hisdahls - \$14/hat, with a \$10 set up fee. Directors & Committee members could have hats.

Alvarez – thinks it's a good idea. Could use for contests also, worn to clean up event.

MOTION # 8 (Steinworth/Alvarez) Move to spend up to \$400 on baseball caps.

Cox – this should be coming up from LEC for consistency.

LEC will consider at their next meeting.

Steinworth – 4 week turnaround time, won't be ready for clean up.

Alvarez – idea is good, lets talk in committee

Motion vote 1 aye, 8 nay. Motion defeated.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION #9 (Longville/Parenteau) Move to approve December Treasurers report and pay checks 3636 - 3646 . All Aye, PASSED

MOTION #10 (Longville/ Parenteau) Move to approve January 2006 Treasurers report and pay checks 3647 - 3651. All aye, passed

8d3. 2005 audit proposals. One proposal from MMKR who did our 2000 audit. Not to exceed \$4000. Diane would like to investigate price before making motion. Cost in 2000 was \$2500.

Should get more bids. Perhaps wait and do in April.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

Manitou letter will be added to LUC committee agenda next month, also revised forms on LUC agenda.

8f. Administrative staff report

office improvement report – bids are being collected for improving the office space in the White Bear Lake city hall. No estimates yet. Figures will be provided to Board when they are received.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION # 11 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION#12 (Michaud/Parenteau) Move to adjourn. All aye, PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date