



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL  
MINUTES of February 20, 2007

APPROVAL DATE: 3/20/07

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

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

**3. AGENDA**

Add items 8b2 under LUC "softball on ice permit" and item 8b3 "WBYC regatta schedule"

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #2 (Parenteau/Donovan) Move to approve January meeting minutes. All Aye, PASSED.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

none

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6a. Greg Nybeck, Executive Director Lake Minnetonka Conservation District
- LMCD was created in 1967 with same legislation that created WBLCD
  - Dock regulations were put in place in 70's
  - LMCD does not recognize easements.
  - Use harvesters to control invasive vegetation. Also contract with DNR during peak use times to do boat inspections at accesses.

**Q&A**

Cox – what is impact on native vegetation using harvester?

Nybeck – Board felt harvester was better than herbicides, also most cost effective. They can cut channels rather than wipe out entire area. Milfoil was down on Minnetonka last year.

St. Germain – What's your arrangement for water patrol?

Nybeck - Hennepin Co Sheriff has coop agreement for enforcement. LMCD only pays for prosecution, not for enforcement.

Michaud – contract with DNR?

Nybeck – Contract is for the Water Inspection Program which pays interns to inspect watercraft at the access. LMCD covers cost. Also trying to get volunteer inspection program underway.

Donovan – do not recognize easements?

Nybeck – LMCD does not recognize easement. Minimum frontage rules apply, so a 10 foot easement would get no boat. Property would have to have 20 -25 feet shoreline to put any sort of dock/boat out. There are about 130 multiple docks permitted now. About half were grandfathered in.

Parenteau – how are you handling zebra muscles?

Nybeck – vegetation on boats is typically how they transfer, so the board has focused on inspections. Have set up cameras at boat launches which can be viewed real time, hoping to modify behavior and be able to follow up with a letter.

Nybeck - Would like to continue dialogue between organizations. Would like to tour lakes and see how we both deal with issues.

6b. Election of Officers

***MOTION # 3 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to vote the slate as nominated at last meeting: Gary Cox as Chair, Luke Michaud as Vice Chair, Diane Longville as Treasuere. All Aye, PASSED.***

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

none

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

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

8a1. Goose Management program

Mike obtained data on the program. Statewide there are approx 100,000 more geese than DNR considers sustainable population. Starting in 07 captured geese will be tested for avian flu. DNR determines what is safe level for population of geese on WBL, and roundup is coordinated that way, they take specific number.

WBLCD is being asked for help in roundup costs.

Steinworth – how many were captured last year?

Parenteau – 26 adult, 57 goslings at 2 sites for \$2732.00 total in 2006

Steinworth – are we aware of any specific problem with geese when they are in the water?

Parenteau – no difference made between if they are on land vs. in water

Steinworth – if no problem with them in the water it is land management issue, not for us to be involved with

Michaud – is there a motion we are discussing?

***MOTION #4 (Parenteau/ ) Move to fund 2006 goose round up for 2723.00. no second, motion dies.***

***MOTION #5 (Parenteau/St. Martin) Move to fund up to \$2500 for Goose Management in 2007.***

Michaud – does that make it complete financial responsibility of WBLCD?  
Would we be funding all costs?  
Parenteau – max \$2500 for 2007.  
Steinworth – Lions Club, WBYC, City of WBL, Manitou homeowners have stopped funding? Why?  
Parenteau – unknown. We are appropriate agency to do this.  
Steinworth – there is no benefit to public, only to homeowners. Not worthwhile.  
Parenteau – geese go in public parks also. Ongoing management is needed.  
Cox – board has said if there is need to remove, we would be responsible. In past we have found no “need”.  
Michaud – perhaps there was no “need” because it was being done by others.  
Parenteau – was there criteria for “need”  
Cox – other entities have done without us. Not clear if it is public health hazard.  
Homeowners can manage their lakeshore better. Concern is for parks. Is removing 80 birds or less enough to make a difference?  
Michaud – better to manage the problem rather than leave those 80 to multiply in future years.  
St. Martin – lake quality issue.  
Donovan – when & where are birds removed?  
Parenteau – where goslings are on public land, the first 10 weeks before goslings can fly. Only on WBL.  
Longville – will \$ be spent no matter what? who decides how many?  
Parenteau - Round up only if needed. DNR determines if/how many should be taken.  
Cox – if we fund, will someone else contribute also?  
Parenteau – someone has to pay for 06, in future it would be us  
St. Germain – seems expensive per bird.

***MOTION # 5 VOTE***

4 aye – (St. Martin, Hoffman, Michaud, Parenteau)

5 opposed – (Cox, Longville, Donovan, St. Germain, Steinworth) ***Motion fails.***

**8b. Lake Utilization Committee**

8b1. Horseshoe on ice tournament

***MOTION # 6 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit for 2007 Horseshoe on ice event. All aye, PASSED.***

8b2. Softball on ice

***MOTION # 7 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit for 2007 Softball on Ice event. All Aye PASSED.***

8b3. WBYC racing schedule

***MOTION #8 (Michaud/ St. Germain) Move to approve 2007 WBYC racing and regatta schedule. All Aye PASSED.***

8b4. Docks of WBL. Only change is company and management name.  
**MOTION #9 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve 2007 permit for Docks of White Bear conditional on office receiving copy of insurance. All aye, PASSED.**

8b5. VFW application. Previously was tabled. There is no change in the application from 2006, that has been clarified.  
**MOTION # 10 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve 2007 permit for VFW. All Aye, PASSED.**

**8c. Lake Education Committee report**

Letter of response was drafted for WB Press. Press was happy to get info from us. Hoffman wrote, Cox reviewed. Steinworth had wanted input, article was submitted without, specifics of participation were not worked out

Steinworth – is concerned with process rather than product

Website updates – new items are posted now, clean up info, lake levels

Lake clean up is March 3 – see flyer for where to go.

**8d. Treasurers report**

**MOTION # 11 (Longville/St. Germain) move to approve February treasurers report and pay checks 3737 – 3742. ALL AYE PASSED.**

Funds were transferred late today to cover checks.

Signatures on checking account – now that elections are done, all officers will be put on card.

St. Germain – were we going to look at the past checks to see if signatures were ok? Chair should look at and be sure he was comfortable with payment of them.

**8e. Board Counsel report**

Michaud – read about ticket for ice fishing contest 2 weeks ago?

Alan – would likely come up in next week or so. Judge could have resolved without further issue. Hasn't seen anything yet.

**8f. Administrative staff report**

none

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION # 12 (Michaud/Longville) Move to approve transfer of funds if needed. All Aye, PASSED.**

Financial reports will be updated at next meeting.

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Michaud – resident has Christmas trees set up in ice, should we pull from ice during clean up?

Likely, yes.

WBYC sailing school is having fund raiser. Info at their website.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION # 13 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All aye, PASSED.***

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary

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Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson

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Date