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CHAIRMAN.....Jerry Jacobus
VICE-CHAIRMAN.....Roger Sell
SEC. TREAS.Michelle Arlen
LANGLADE Co. Rep.Tom Schultz
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FALL AGAIN?

Where did our Summer go? Oh, here it is, continuing into a gorgeous Fall. Many people have been thinking summer never really left, as we experienced some unusually warm weather recently. But then you smell the Autumn air as the leaves are falling all around us, the temperatures begin to dip, and you know it indeed is Fall.

We spoke of very low water levels last Fall, and then this Spring hoped to see major improvement from our snows melting, etc. It was somewhat better in early Spring, but later after some substantial rains, really bounced back to a nice level. Then the warm days and nights took their toll as water again evaporated into the atmosphere as well as following its natural course flowing from lake to lake. One day you look out and wonder what happened to your shoreline, which now has a large bare "beach" area that wasn't there weeks ago.

Once again Mother Nature shows us that things cycle over and over in due course, and

only the observers (and sometimes complainers) change. Have a safe and healthy winter. Enjoy the beauty around you as the seasons change; eventually you come to your favorite one and savor it a little extra.

LAKE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The 2008 annual meeting of the Greater Bass Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, July 19, 2008 at the Upham Town Hall in Summit Lake.

Chairman Jerry Jacobus called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and introduced the following commissioners to the 23 district members present:

Jerry Jacobus - Chairman
Fred Kestly - Vice Chairman
William Matek - Secretary/Treasurer
Tom Schultz - County Representative
Rodger Lodholz - Town Representative

The minutes of the 2007 annual meeting were approved by motion of R. Porter/J. Loos and passed with no dissents. The treasurer's report was distributed and Bill Mattek confirmed a bank balance of \$29,378.65 as of 6/30/08. The treasurer's report was approved by a motion of R. Porter/J. Loos and passed.

Chairman Jacobus updated the group on the status of Invasive Species in Langlade County; Greater Bass Lake has none identified to date.

The Chairman informed those gathered that we learned in discussions with the Wisconsin DNR that there are no fishery activities specifically planned for our lake this year.

Michelle Arlen gave a report on the Defibrillator and it was agreed that it will be purchased this summer. The purchase had been proposed at the District's 2007 annual meeting. Initial plans are to keep it at the Bass Lake Clubhouse in a waterproof exterior cabinet with 24/7 access by all. Final determination as to where it will be located in mid-winter months is still to be determined. The district will provide First Aid and CPR training sessions this summer.

Chairman Jacobus advised the group on the results of the 2008 UW - Stevens Point Water Quality Report. In general the water quality in Greater Bass Lake went from good to very good when compared with a sample of other Wisconsin Lakes. No e-coli bacteria were present. The total phosphorus and reactive phosphorus, sensitivity for acid rain, and nitrogen levels have all decreased. A contributing factor may be the updated septic systems project. The Water Quality Study will continue with samples to be taken each Fall and Spring.

Treasurer Mattek presented the 2008/2009 budget for district member approval. The budget calls for a .05 mil rate for 2008 property taxes, the same as the past 5 years. C. Lindman/R. Sell made a motion to approve and no nays were heard.

Chairman Jacobus thanked the Arlen's for taking in the buoys last Fall and placing them again this Spring. They have volunteered to do it again next year, as well as take the water quality samples in the Fall and Spring.

The Greater Bass Lake R & B District now has a website, shared with the Town of Upham. Go to www.townofupham.org/bass_lake to check it out and visit periodically for pertinent data.

A question from the floor was directed to Town Chairman Lodholz, asking where residents may dispose of lake weeds and leaves. Lodholz advised that the Town of Upham has 80 acres of forest where unbagged

leaves, grass, and other recyclable yard waste (vegetation only) may be deposited. Contact the Town Chairman at 715-275-4175 to obtain permission and for directions to this area.

According to the by-laws of the district it is necessary to elect a commissioner to fill the expired term of Fred Kestly. The floor was open for nominations. M. Peddecord/O. Wirth nominated Roger Sell. The chair asked the required three times for other nominations; none were received from the floor. Sell was nominated by voice vote, with no nays heard.

Commissioner Mattek submitted his resignation from the board due to extended business travel. Chairman Jacobus asked for nominations from the floor to elect a commissioner to fulfill the one year remaining of Mattek's term. O. Wirth/M. Olson nominated Michelle Arlen. The chair again asked three times for other nominations; none were received from the floor. Arlen was nominated by a voice vote, with no nays heard.

Chairman Jacobus asked if there was any other business. A discussion ensued regarding the increase in weed growth. After discussion district volunteers T. Altenburg, T. Yelich, L. Krause, and J. Loos agreed to form a group to approach the Wisconsin DNR to seek a remedy to the problem.

C. Lindman/J. Loos moved that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote with no nays heard, confirmed that the meeting adjourn at 1:55.

Immediately after the meeting the lake district commissioners elected Jerry Jacobus Chairman, Roger Sell as Vice-Chairman, and Michelle Arlen as Secretary/Treasurer. We are grateful these people are willing to serve.

Our thanks to Bill Mattek for his great service to the district, which can too easily be taken for granted. We are especially grateful for his good report on this meeting, which your co-editors regretfully missed.

4th of July

The following article comes to us from Gail Kestly, Treasurer of Bass Lake Fireworks, and we thank her for her work coordinating the volunteer collectors in the wonderful work they continue to do. **Gail writes:**

The 4th of July fireworks was another spectacular display. Thank you to Paul Payant and his crew.

I would like to thank the following people who collected for the fireworks. They are: Marge Clavette, Nancie Godfrey, Dick Horneck, John Kelly, Judy Lindman, Barbara Lukas, Jane Martine, Judy McCormick, Elaine Olk, Norma Sarris, and Sue Sell.

The cost of the fireworks for this year was \$7,300.00. Monies collected for next year were \$7,860.00, so we should have another year of spectacular fireworks.

A **special thank you** to the family of Helen Bornemann for their generous contribution in memory of their mother. Helen always commented on how wonderful the fireworks were every year.

NEW DIRECTORY

Please fill out this information sheet for our new directory. (We may use e-mail addresses during the year for updates/alerts even if you don't elect to get your newsletter that way.) **Cut off & mail the form to address below.**

BASS LAKE AREA ADDRESS DIRECTORY

RESIDENT - Last Name _____ First Name(s) _____

Bass Lake Area

Property Number _____ Road _____ Phone No. _____

Lake Mailing Address _____

(If different than Town Property No. - i.e., P.O. Box ?)

CITY _____ STATE - Wisconsin ZIP CODE _____

OTHER MAILING ADDRESS _____

(If not full time at the Lake)

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NO. _____ E-MAIL Address _____

Yes, I'm willing to have Ripples e-mailed to save mailing costs.

No, I don't want e-mail newsletter; continue to send mine regular mail.

If choosing regular mail, please indicate which address to use for your Bass Lake Ripples: **Lake Address** _____ **Other** _____

MAIL THIS FORM TO:

BASS LAKE RIPPLES c/o The Hornecks
W11120 South Shore Drive
Deerbrook, WI 54424

FIRE ON THE ISLAND

Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Porter advised they had a fire on their island during the 4th of July fireworks. Efforts by local lake people quickly put it out and the Porters expressed their appreciation for the quick action taken by observers. Good work, neighbors!

EMERGENCY WARNINGS

Concern was raised about storm or tornado warnings. We checked on a tower and siren, but found that the Langlade Emergency Service does not do these. They recommend an NOCC Weather Radio, available at Radio Shack, Wal-Mart or other electronic stores or departments. Tuning in to Crandon gives our area's reports.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Our unit is in place at the Bass Lake Golf Club (by the outside stairway). We have 15 trained volunteers at this time.

The defibrillator volunteers are: Michelle Arlen, Patrick Curran, Ruth Grimm, Jerry Jacobus, Fred Kestly, Larry Krause, Nancy Krause, John Legro, Chuck Lindman, Judy Lindman, Mary Ann Lynch, Roger Sell, Suzanne Sell, Dick Seehafer, and Jim Tripp.

The Golf Club is open from April to October. During the time it is closed, the defibrillator unit will be placed with a volunteer E.M.T. here in the area: Jerry Dobbs, at 715-275-3188.

If you are assisting with a life threatening emergency, you are covered by law from liability as long as your efforts are reasonable and within guidelines for layman's efforts. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Arlen at 715-623-0344.

BOATING REGULATIONS

It was requested that we list basic boating rules since we have many new people who have purchased homes and also residents have many guests visiting and it would help with reminding those using the lake. We did review them in our Spring Ripples again this year.

We also have two publications available: The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities and Wisconsin Boating Regulations, both from the Wisconsin DNR. We will try to have these placed at the Bass Lake Golf Course Clubhouse for the 2009 season, and you could also pick them up in Spring at the Town Hall. Regular Town of Upham (that's us) monthly meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. We could also provide a list of basic boating laws on the back of our next lake map printing.

NEW DIRECTORY

Please be sure to fill out the enclosed resident information sheet below for our new directory in the spring, including e-mail addresses.

BASS LAKE LOONS

Our resident loon pair blessed us with 2 baby loons again this summer. What a privilege and joy to watch them grow and learn to dive for food, etc. And now the loons have left the lake, as have many summer residents. Have a safe and healthy winter and we'll see you in the spring.
