

**Bone Lake Commissioners Meeting**  
**Saturday, July 8, 2017 9:00am Georgetown Hall**  
**DRAFT**

Commissioners present:

Bob Murphy  
Phil Foster  
Alex Chorewycz  
Karen Engelbretson  
Mike Musial  
Andy Brown

Also present:

Bob Boyd

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Minutes.** The commissioner meeting minutes from April 8 were approved with one correction as final. Foster/Brown. Carried.

**Treasurer report.** The Income Statement and Projected Budget 10/1/2016 through 9/30/2017 and proposed FY2018 was presented. Treasurer's report was approved. Foster/Engelbretson. Carried.  
[The Report is included as part of this pdf.]

**Grants report.** Phil foster. CLP grant expires 12/31/17. The internal load study indicating phosphorus released from sediment, will be final at the end of 2017. Four locations were sampled.

**Volunteers.** Phil Foster. Five awards were proposed: John McCall, Kathie and Jim Widen, Lynette and Paul Werner, Sis and Steve Bol, Frank Schlick. Nominees were approved. Chorewycz/Musial. Carried.

**Lake management plan.** Phil Foster. All activity is down from previous years. People wear out, move on. Was to pump up interest are needed. Lack of volunteer activity is a concern.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Waterfront Runoff, Mary Chorewycz**

The committee is addressing north landing runoff issues. Two proposals are being considered:

1. Regrade the ramp for better flow to the lakeshore rain garden. Bid from Nick's Trucking was \$1700.
2. East of ramp the porous paver has deteriorated. Suggestion is to pave with concrete. A Bid from Geller Masonry is being sought.

Up to \$3000 would help solve these runoff issues. Motion to appropriate \$3000 for north landing runoff repair. Chorewycz/Foster. Carried.

Eight waterfront practices have been requested, non have been started. The committee plans outreach to Rest Point and Pine Grove resorts for runoff mitigation practices.

Suggested increase in septic incentive to fifty percent of replacement cost up to \$2,500. Five incentives are proposed with a budget item of \$12,500 for next fiscal year. Motion to approve. Chorewycz/Foster.

### **Watershed, Phil Foster**

- The Spring Bone Lake Newsletter included the latest watershed improvement, a creek stabilization completed last fall between two properties owned by Holly Thompson and Dave and Lisa McCarty. No other projects have been completed.

### **Communications, Karen Engelbretson**

- Facebook has 560 followers.
- Enews has 352 subscribers. The list is stabilizing and open rate is up to 69% from a high of 64% in 2006. Interest in swimmer's itch higher over dredging rule. 8 more subscribers in June.
- Karen took photos of the boat parade for the fall newsletter.
- Fall newsletter production will begin after Labor Day with completion by October 5.
- Many boats launching on Sunday evening prior to the south end fireworks. There were no CBCW monitors present. Suggest some coverage of the landings since boats are coming in just for the event.

### **Wildlife and Natural Beauty, Karen Engelbretson**

- The lead-free tackle exchange continues this at the north landing, facilitated by CBCW volunteers. WNB committee members may be needed at the landing to exchange the remaining non-toxic split shot selectors.
- no activity on 50 ways brochure.
- no activity on north end SNW zone.
- Karen will present on goose control methods at the annual meeting.

### **Boating Safety, Mike Musial**

- Classes were held at Luck and Unity schools.
- It takes a week for the lake to recover from 4th of July boating activity. Murky water.
- Mike will charge for service calls for buoys repairs
- Lake users need more education on how to "read" buoys.

### **Fisheries, Bob Boyd**

- DNR conducted a fyke net muskie study taking scale samples and putting electronic tags in fish. Bob will present at annual meeting. 46" was the largest muskie recorded. 200 fish were in the first net.
- Boom shocking at night showed perch, bass and panfish.
- Bass tournament anglers were surveyed, reporting they're now catching 17" smallmouth bass
- Cribs are not fixed yet. Mike Musial volunteered to assist Bob.
- Black crappie sarcoma: 20% in lake anecdotally, 10% in spring and through the ice.

### **Aquatic Plant Management, Bob Boyd**

#### Curly leaf pondweed

- 30 acres are being treated. Lake Restoration has been the low bidder. Beds 7 and 8 have not had good results. due to oat traffic and wind at the time of application. Cost is \$1000 per acre. Application is Endothal, 2ppm.
- North end needs a navigation channel through the curly leaf pondweed. GLIFWC will not allow chemical treatment due to presence of wild rice. The committee will apply again for chemical treatment permits in the area.

#### Zebra Mussels

- CBCW monitors are handing out information and asking for the last lake the boat(er) has come from. CBCW monitors have received increased training.
- Bob is a member of the zebra mussels task force for Polk County.
- Bob will present at the annual meeting.
- Monitoring: 12 plate samplers will be placed around the lake.

- A strategy for property owners will be provided for the fall newsletter.
- The Indianhead fishing tournament, second week of August, poses a threat to Bone Lake as anglers will be entering Bone Lake after fishing Deer Lake where zebra mussels may be present. Bob is investigating decontamination units for cleaning boats at Deer Lake.
- 2700 launches at both landings were recorded in 2016. Eighty percent of the launches took place between Thursday and Sunday.
- Rusty crayfish have not been found in Bone Lake. More native crayfish are being seen.

### **Social Committee, Phil Foster**

- Events scheduled include: July 22 Sandbar party, Progressive dinner August 12, Oktoberfest party in the fall.
- There were eleven entries in the boat parade.
- Contributions to the Owens family fireworks/VFW totaled \$6500 in 2016.

### **Budget**

- Alex Chorewycz presented the budget. A change was made increasing the newsletter ad proposed income 10/1/179/30/18 to \$5400 with an increase from \$60 to \$90 for two newsletter ads, one each, spring and fall.
- The revised budget is attached to the pdf of these minutes.
- Motion to approve with changes: Chorewycz/Foster.

### **New Business**

#### **Annual meeting**

- Mike Musial's commissioner term will expire August 12. He will run again.
- Wilkins facility fee: \$250 was suggested. We already pay for refreshments and the PA system.
- Motion to pay Wilkins \$250/year for use of hall for annual meeting. Foster/Brown. Carried.
- Karen will coordinate postcard notice to property owners, public notice, sign-in volunteers, county property owner list.
- Phil will place road signs and draft a volunteer signup form.
- Bob Murphy will produce ballots and handouts.
- Meeting agenda: Cheryl will present on the Lake Management Plan, what we've done, what we've learned.
- A presentation on the increased septic incentive will include a testimonial and information about different costs for systems.
- Other presentations will focus on Zebra mussels, fisheries, curly leaf pondweed treatment, and goose control.

#### **Georgetown Hall**

- The key to the hall will no longer be available in its outside location. A key must be picked up from and returned to a Georgetown board member in order to access the hall for meetings.

#### **Old Business**

Phil will work to establish a committee for conservation easements guidelines, need for a conservancy, types of property and reasons for conservation: watershed issues, park, wildlife, fish. Motion to establish a conservancy subcommittee as part of the Wildlife and Natural Beauty Committee. Foster/Engelbretson. Carried.

#### **Move to Adjourn, Foster/Engelbretson**

12:17 p.m.

**Upcoming meetings.**

**August 12      Annual meeting**

Wilkins, 9 a.m.

**October 21\*    Fall meeting**

Georgetown Hall, 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Engelbretson  
Secretary  
July 20, 2017