



REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
7:00 P.M. WHITE BEAR CITY HALL
MINUTES of January 18, 2005

APPROVAL DATE: _____ 2-15-05 _____

1. CALL TO ORDER The January 18, 2005 regular meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by Chair Gary Cox at 7:10 pm.

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

3. AGENDA

Scratch 8b1. add 8b4 polar bear plunge permit.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2 (Michaud/Hoffman) *Move to approve minutes of 11/19/04. All Aye, passed*

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Mark Hartman. Boy Scout Troop 494. Would like ideas for eagle scout project to start ASAP. Ideas include planting vegetation, creating spawning areas, constructing beach items, goal is for project to be completed by June. Has to be original idea that he plans on his own. Board will work with him to develop an idea.

Tom Merrill, WBL resident. Oct 9, 2004 his boat ran onto sand bar. Marker buoy had been removed over Labor Day weekend. He would like buoys and markers to remain out longer in season as people come to expect and depend on them. Lake Utilization Committee will review our current policy.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6a. Laura Bates, Native Vegetation Landscape Restoration Program from Ramsey County. Provided Board with presentation on the program which offers matching funds and technical assistance to lakeshore owners interesting in planning native vegetation / restoring their shoreline. Brochures will be available in the WBLCD office.

6b. Nominations for Board Officers are now open. Diane Longville, and Mike Parenteau were both nominated for treasurer. Nominations will remain open until February meeting. Voting will occur at the February meeting .

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS

8a. Lake Quality Committee

Continues to review recommendations from planning workshops

8b. Lake Utilization Committee

2005 Dock Application Renewals

Chateauguet was tabled in November due to need for better drawing. Drawing was corrected.

Motion # 3 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to approve 2005 Chateauguet application. All aye, passed. to approve applicaiotn . all aye passed

8b3. White Bear Yacht Club revised application for 2005 adding 5 more lifts and 1 more rack.

Motion # 4 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to approve revised 2005 White Bear Yacht Club application. All aye, passed.

8b4. Polar Bear Plunge

Motion # 5 (Donovan/Michaud) Move to approve permit. All aye, passed.

For the record: application was submitted after November Board meeting, board was unable to review prior to event. Board members granted preliminary approval via email and phone calls, pending final approval tonight. This was an exception made to allow a beneficial event to occur. We want to encourage timely application in future to allow regular Board and public review time. There was no public feedback or objections to the event. Close to 45k was raised.

Suggested we send reminders out in October for yearly events. Board will also look at better ways to deal with last minute requests.

8c. Lake Education Committee report

Proposal to sponsor ice clean up in this spring as a Board event. Would like to hire Kristine Lampert to help out with organizing the event. Saturday March 5 (first weekend after ice house is off). Estimate is no more than 80 hrs time plus materials.

Motion #6 (Hoffman/Pazlar) Move to approve spending up to \$2k to coordinate clean up. Discussion: To come out of LEC budget. Will ice still be safe? That is a consideration, part of planning would include a contingency plan if ice is unsafe. Great idea. Perhaps base out of VFW to increase awareness. Could become yearly event if there is great interest. *All aye, passed.*

8d. Treasurers report

Motion # 7 (Cox/Michaud) Move to approve December 2004 Treasurers report and pay checks 3535 – 3544. All aye, passed.

Motion # 8 (Cox/Pazlar) Move to approve January 2005 Treasures report and pay checks 3545 – 3553. All aye, passed.

8e. Board Counsel report

no report

8f. Administrative staff report

Will be out of office Feb 1 & 3. Will arrange to have email / voice mail checked.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #9 (Michaud/St Germain) Move to approve consent agenda. ALL AYE, PASSED

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #10 (St. Germain/Michaud) Move to adjourn. ALL AYE, PASSED

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

ATTEST:

Administrative Secretary

Date _____

APPROVED:

Board Chairperson

Date _____