1. CALL TO ORDER  The February meeting of the White Bear Lake Conservation District was convened by vice chair Luke Michaud at 7:05.

2. ROLL CALL  Present were: Vice Chair Luke Michaud, Directors Greg Donovan, George St. Germain, Thomas Hoffman, Tom Alvarez, John Steinworth, Sue Cernohous, Diane Longville. A quorum was present. Recording secretary was Julie Yoho.

3. AGENDA  
MOTION # 1 (Hoffman/St Germain) Move to approve agenda. All aye, PASSED.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
MOTION # 2 (Hoffman/Cernohous) Move to approve minutes of January with one clarification. All Aye, PASSED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME  none

6. NEW BUSINESS  
6a. Nomination of officers. No additional nominations.  
MOTION #3 (Michaud/Donovan) Move to approve and vote the slate of Tom Hoffman for Chair, Luke Michaud for Vice Chair, Diane Longville for Secretary/Treasurer. All aye, PASSED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS  none

8. REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS  
8a. Lake Quality Committee  none
8b. Lake Utilization Committee
8b1, 2, 3. Permit applications.
MOTION #4 (St. Germain/Hoffman) Move to approve the 2008 racing schedules for the White Bear Yacht Club & Black Bear Racing; and approve permit and waive fee for WBLCD clean-up event. All Aye, PASSED.

8b4. Docks of WBL. Application is tabled. EAW would need to be done prior to any expansion. Committee recommends they resubmit w/no change for March review.

8b5. Pete Sampair. Former Drs. Inc/Hospital Health Plan site.
MOTION #5 (Michaud/St. Germain) Move to approve permit for Pete Sampair. Friendly amendment – the four tie-ons need to be signed “no fee/open to public”.
Discussion
Steinworth – is this new dock?
Michaud – no change to site, they weren’t aware they needed app. Site has been used before with 4 slips and 4 tie offs for transient use by public. 4 years with no permit.
Vote
All aye, PASSED

8b6. Veterans Park fishing pier
MOTION #6 (St Germain/Cernohous) Move to approve permit for Veterans Pier and waive fee. All aye, PASSED.

8b7. Matoska Park – tabled until march. No diagram. Storage rack fee waived for this year.

8b8. East Shore Dock Association no change
MOTION #7 (Donovan/St Germain) Move to approve East Shore application. All aye, PASSED.

8b9. Forest Heights, no change. Comments received from neighbors.
MOTION #8 (Donovan/St. Germain) Move to approve Forest Heights application.
Discussion
John Devney, neighbor to south
Feels permit violates Ordinance 5 as he cited in his letter – this is not a public service, this is private association, only 10 members have boats.
Some of their own members don’t have access, seems to be exclusive group
Low water levels made some boats on lifts over dry land – very much an eyesore
Dave Ludwigson, to south of dock
Property value adversely affected when buyers see the Forest Heights dock

John W., Forest Heights Association
Have had this configuration for 3 years.

St Germain - Dock is angled to north due to crowding to south

Deveny - Site went from no boats, mid 90s a few boats. In 2004 11 boats with no permit.

Steinworth – is there room for 10 boats? Navigable?

Michaud - 75’ of shore line. Water level doesn’t change what we permit for. No extra length is allowed. Self regulating

MOTION Vote
1 no (Steinworth), 7 Aye, PASSED.

8c. Lake Education Committee report
lake clean up march 8, same as last year. Need to finalize who will be stationed where. Meet for lunch afterwards.

Ice out contest will again be posted on website

Hoffman will be gone in March.

8d. Treasurers report

MOTION # 10 (Diane/St. Germain) Move to pay checks 3818 - 3820. All aye, PASSED.

Year 2007 end financial reports will be sent to cities.

8e. Board Counsel report

none

8f. Administrative staff report

no report

9. CONSENT AGENDA
**MOTION # 11 (St. Germain/Cernohous) Move to approve consent agenda. All aye, PASSED.**

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michaud – would like to check with Minnetonka/LMCD and see their AUDA regulations. Was surprised at vote last month, feels it encroaches on other ADUA.

St. Germain – ADUA is still open for navigation. ADUA is place to put in a dock without a permit - not property rights.

Hoffman – temporary permit, feels it was explained.

Steinworth – fear of liability is real, as we’re forcing them in other’s ADUA.

Kantrud – Board can deal with these on case by case basis. If problem comes up, Board will review and be proactive. Reduces liability issue.

11. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION # 12 (Hoffman/St Germain) Move to adjourn. All Aye, PASSED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

ATTEST:

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Administrative Secretary                   Date

APPROVED:

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Board Chairperson                          Date