

BIG ROUND LAKE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Gordon Kill.

- The following guests were present:
 - Tony Havranek- Water Resource Mgr. St. Croix Tribal Services
 - Steve McComas – Blue Water Science
 - Katelin Holm – Information and Education Coordinator Polk County
 - Eric Lindberg – Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC
 - Herschel Brown – Polk County Commissioner
 - Terry Margenau - DNR

- Truman Roach read the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by attendees.

- Sallie Tinkham read the Treasurers Report. The budget is attached for 2011.

- Steve McComas presented information on the Aquatic Plant Survey. From 1978 thru 2011, it indicates the levels of submerged plant species have remained somewhat stable. Curly leaf pondweed although variable levels from year to year, does not appear to be increasing at this time. However, the need to treat the lake at some future time may occur if these levels would increase.

- Tony Havranek discussed the negative effects of zebra mussels on walleye spawning. He reported that purple loosestrife has been found in the Straight River. The Secchi Disk reading was very good this spring with a reading of 11-13 feet. There was some brown algae reported this spring after ice out. The fish netting this spring found some juvenile walleyes. This would be good news for the stocking program since there were no juveniles found in 2009. Continued testing of fish for VHF (viral incidence) is being performed with a report due in the fall timeframe. The spring netting and milking resulted in over a million eggs.

- Gordon Kill commented on the considerable contribution made by the Tribal Group that have aided the ECO systems of Big Round Lake.

FISHING REPORT

- reported one walleye caught and released this spring. He said an unusual high number of perch were caught this spring. Ice out was a little later this year and resulted in colder water temps this spring.

- reported the pan fishing was very good this spring. The winter fishing was very slow.

- Terry Margenau presented a DNR update. There is currently an opening in Polk/Burnett for a Biologist. The DNR is still on plan to stock Big Round with 10,000 extended length walleyes. There is a fish survey planned for 2012 using shocking & netting methods. Terry mentioned there have been incidences of fish die out in other lakes. Typically, it is a virus that only affects panfish. It is not a concern unless they see larger fish affected. Large mouth bass surveys are planned for Burnett & Washburn counties to determine numbers. Limits to be extended in those counties. He reported the DNR has an ordinance covering the boats bringing plants into lakes. However, they do not have the manpower to properly monitor each lake.
- Eric Lindberg of Environmental Sentry Protection, LLC presented the Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor (ILIDS). This device monitors all incoming boats at the launching site. It reads the registration tags and sends the picture of the boat and trailer to a centralized computer system via an internet link. There is an initial cost for this equipment plus a monthly fee for monitoring and maintenance. A portion of the equipment cost is covered by a DNR grant.
- Gordon Kill mentioned the need for monitoring the launch site and explained we had some volunteers to do this manually. However, to do this on a part time basis would not provide adequate coverage of all of the boats entering the lake. The proposed system would require approval by the residents since its cost would necessitate a budget increase. He asked for discussion on this. One resident who neighbors the landing site has seen boats coming and going with weeds on the trailers. A motion was made to delay the decision until all the residents on the lake had reviewed it. Gordon Kill said the number in attendance now were greater than we would normally see. We also needed to apply for the DNR grant this year to assure funding. Further discussion ensued with one resident saying we should be proactive since we have a clean lake we need to keep it that way. A motion was made that we should proceed with obtaining the monitor device. It was seconded. The motion was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Patty Eckhoff was elected to the office of Secretary for the new term replacing Truman Roach.
- Nancy Fjestad was elected to the office of Treasurer for the new term replacing Sallie Tinkham.
- Gordon Kill and will remain in their offices for the next 3 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

- reported on our website and the need to provide more timely information. It was interesting to know that some residents were actually using it. We will update all meeting minutes, meeting notices and agendas with special studies and special events. The contact list is out of date and will be updated.

- There was a question on providing additional funds to the District by one member. Another member asked about the need to make lake residents aware of boat safety, especially jet ski usage. It was recommended we at least include awareness information at our annual meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Door prizes were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Truman Roach
Secretary