

BIG ROUND LAKE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Gordon Kill.

- The following guests were present: Jeremy Williamson – Polk County Water Quality Specialist and Tony Havranek- Water Resource Mgr. St. Croix Tribal Services.
- Truman Roach read the meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by attendees.
- Sallie Tinkham read the Treasurers Report. The budget is attached for 2009 Actual, 2010 Estimated and 2011 Proposed.
- Dave Nielsen presented the fish report. The ice out on March 29, 2010 was one of the earliest in recent years. Ice fishing for 2009-2010 winter was very slow. The fishing opener was again effected by high winds. Pan fishing, especially sunfish, was very good this Spring. Crappies not as prevalent with only a few walleye and northern pike being reported.
- Jeremy Williamson reported on AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species). He recommended testing Big Round for invasive species. Since monitoring the lake, he noticed a large number of boats (license) from other states. This increases the possibility of invasive species entering our lake. He recommended a plant management plan for our lake be initiated. He will be monitoring our lake this summer. Jeremy emphasized the danger of Zebra Mussels impact on a lake. They can create toxic algae and other forms that may be injurious to the fishes food.
- Tony Havranek reported on fish stocking. September 2009, 371 large walleyes (4-6 in) were stocked 20,000 2 inch fingerlings to be stocked in 2010. He mentioned the April milking of walleyes was more difficult than 2009 due to weather and fewer walleyes. He encouraged the reporting of any tagged fish caught. The Tribal Group is sampling Big Round fish for VHF and sending to the diagnostic lab. They are also exploring the possibility of installing a fish pond on the east side by the Tribal land.
- It was mentioned the need to bring back bear trapping with the high incidence of bears around the lake.
- There was a report of golden brown algae in early Spring. Also Secchi Disk reading was low. Not sure why – possibly high winds was a factor. To measure water quality, the Tribal Group is including more stations on Big Round and the Straight River to determine phosphorous loading. They will also test for macro vertebrates. The Tribal Group is also putting up more wood duck houses.
- There was discussion with the membership on the success of the walleye stocking and whether we should concentrate on Big Round Lake being a Walleye or a Panfish lake, or

whether they can they co-exist. It was mentioned that they have co-existed in the past and the goal is to bring the walleye levels back to the 3 to 4 per acre from the current 1+ per acre.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- The lake map handouts were provided by the Big Round Lake District.
- The DNR is planning on placing 11,000 large walleyes in Big Round Lake in 2011. This will have a favorable effect on our district tax. This year the planned extended length fish will be stocked.
- The aquatic plant surveys in early summer and late summer are planned for this year. The 2009 Report is on our website for your review.
- The website BigRoundLake.com is now working under our domain – thanks to Jim Merten.
- Taxes – there is a new tax assessor Bill Koepf(715 458-4448)who is reviewing all of the lake properties over the next two years. Gordon Kill has met with him and emphasized to the membership that he and other lake owners who talk with him have negotiated some reductions in their tax bill. If you feel you have inequities on your taxes it is necessary to meet with him during an Open Book session.
- A warning to lake owners of putting a fence into the lake. According to the DNR, this is a violation and will have to be removed.
- There is a requirement to obtain a permit for fires since our drier than normal Spring.
- On the northwest corner of the lake, there is an abundance of curly pond weed which may require treatment.
- Gordon asked for volunteers to monitor the boat landing. Also to investigate whether it would be viable to charge for each boat launched. He also asked for suggestions on a plan to monitor the lake.
- The 2010 budget was presented and accepted by the attendees.
- A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Truman Roach
Secretary