

Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District
2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District held at Beecher Lake Park was called to order at 10:20am on Saturday, September 1 by President Fritz Schmeisser. There were approximately 80 members present at the start of the meeting.

The minutes from the 2006 annual meeting were printed in the August newsletter and available at the meeting.

- ❖ **Motion made by Glenn Schilling** that the minutes be accepted as printed and placed on file. Betty Hensel seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Copies of the Treasurer's report were available to members. Pam Gloeckler, Treasurer, reviewed the report. (Report attached)

- ❖ **Glenn Schilling** moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as printed, seconded by Fran Suidzinski. **Motion carried.** Report placed on file.

DNR representative, Greg Sevener, from the DNR Service Center in Peshtigo discussed the condition of Beecher and Upper Lakes. He noted that it is believed that Eurasian milfoil is present in the lakes. Sevener felt that our top priority should be to attack this plant as it is very invasive. Options; 1) Apply for a Rapid Response Grant, or 2) an Invasive Species Grant, or 3) draw down the lake to eradicate the weed. He again emphasized that control of this plant should be top priority. Mr. Sevener was thanked for his thorough presentation.

The 2008 budget was presented and discussed (budget attached).

- ❖ **Motion was made by Nancy McKenney that we 1) undertake a survey of weed population of Beecher and Upper Lakes, 2) the County along with the Aquatic Plants Committee will conduct this survey, 3) and that an options paper, with the results of this survey to be presented to district members.** Seconded by Gene Wickman. **Motion carried.**
- ❖ **Motion was made by Joe Siudzinski to move \$1500 from our checking account to the fish stocking account.** Seconded by Mike Lopps. **Motion carried.**
- ❖ The growing problem of gypsy moth infestation was discussed. **Motion was made by Fran Siudzinski to assess each lake property owner \$55 to cover the egg mass survey and treatment of the gypsy moth infestation.** **Motion** seconded and **carried.** Mr. Siudzinski will take charge of getting the survey and treatment needed.
- ❖ **Motion made by Nancy McKenney to approve the budget as amended.** Seconded by Pam Gloeckler. **Motion carried.**

After discussion, it was decided to return to having 2 annual meetings each year (Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend) as has been done in past years. Additionally, 4 Board Meetings will be held each year. Post cards will be sent out to notify members for each of these meetings. Helen Hohl has agreed to do the mailings.

The members thanked Randy Stradal for the construction of the new sign at the intersection of County Road L and Dam Road which lists the property owners on Beecher and Upper Lakes.

Mr. Stradal, Chair of the Weed Harvesting Committee, gave a report of this year's weed harvesting and answered questions and concerns brought forth by members present. A permit needs to be applied for in order to harvest weeds next year. The fee for this application is \$300. Designated areas for cutting are noted on the permit. Members can indicate if they do not want weeds cut in front of their property.

No report received on the fish survey that was done by the DNR over a year ago. The DNR has been contacted several times for this report. Joe Siudzinski will continue to attempt to get the survey results.

The legal easement for the launch site at the Warner property was discussed. A lawyer must be retained to obtain this easement.

- ❖ **Motion was made by Fran Siudzinski to hire a lawyer to draw up legal documents which will grant permanent easement at the Warner launch site for lake district members.** Seconded by Roland Brosel. **Motion carried.** Fritz Schmeisser will secure the attorney to obtain this legal document.

It was noted that people are launching their boats at sites other than the designated public boat landing.

- ❖ **Motion was made by John Kroha to place signs at the public beach and the dam stating - No Boat Launching.** Motion was seconded by Gene Wickman. **Motion carried.** Jane Devine will contact the DNR to secure the signs and see that they are placed.

An ordinance petition was circulated by Jeff Stern regarding unkempt properties on County L. The petition will be brought to the Town Board by Mr. Stern. Members wishing to sign the petition had the opportunity to do so.

Carol Wickman's term as secretary has ended. An election was held to fill the 3 year term of secretary. Nancy McKenney was elected to the position.

Meeting closed at 12:30.

Picnic lunch and raffle followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wickman