



May 28, 2005 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chuck Abrams

Chuck then introduced Terryl Buckman from the DNR in Hayward.

In March, before the ice went out, Terryl did an assessment of Stout Island and gave a brief report of his findings. He said it is a beautiful island, but was disturbed by the decline and decay of some of the trees. He also mentioned that there is not a lot of regeneration of trees because of a lack of sun due to large canopies from the mature trees. His suggestions are:

1. Light thinning to create gaps in the canopy to allow more sunlight, which will help generation. Harvesting more towards the center of the island would be less visible from the lake. He also suggested that the trees that are being removed be dropped in the fall to expedite the work in winter.
2. White Pine or Eastern Hemlock planting
3. Hiring a forester to help determine which trees to remove for the thinning. He said this thinning should be a moneymaker.

Terryl mentioned that there is a grant program available to help with the cost of replanting.

Terryl said that a natural catastrophe could make a huge negative impact on the island because of all of the mature trees and not enough regeneration.

He said there needs to be a tight contract for the harvesting to make sure it is clear what trees to remove, and when (he recommended Jan. 1- March 1 as the best time to log).

The mature oaks are 85-100 years old and need to be harvested.

Chuck mentioned that we are short again this year for our taxes. If taxes continue to increase as they have, we will continue to run short of funds.

Options to help prevent these shortages are:

1. Private land trusts
2. MFL
3. Conservation easement

Jim Kissinger requested that the committee check out all of the options and report back to the association. Peter Lytle suggested that the information be ready by the September meeting so a vote can be taken and logging can begin this winter. Peter also made a motion that we contact a forester to do an assessment and come up with a plan. Tom Schnack seconded the motion. Greg Kissinger will make some calls and Terryl offered to pass on his recommendations to the forester/logger.

Minutes from the September 04 meeting were approved.

Mike Skwira gave the treasurers report. The general fund balance is \$3,021.00

Annual association dues are due in September.

Between June and July they will be paving the road (except the Edgewater township section)

Del Anderson handed out identification cards to help distinguish Northerns from Muskies. Continue to keep all Northerns caught.

Del also handed out information from Blue Water Science about recommended grant studies and costs. Steve McComas has offered to volunteer his time to write the application for the grant.

Jane Johnston offered to do the photography for the grant application, Jeanne Schnack offered the use of their boat.

A vote was taken and approved to make application for the re-planting grant.

Everyone was invited to the 100th anniversary celebration/picnic on July 3 for Isle of Pines. The boat parade starts at 12:00, the picnic at 1:30. Hot dogs, cake and ice cream will be served. Please bring a dish to share.

A motorcross speedway is being proposed for the Summit Lake Game Farm.

Jill & David Fagan brought copies of Cabin Life Magazine for everyone.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Present: Chuck & Carol Abrams, John Montgomery, Mike & Karen Skwira, Tom & Jeanne Schnack, Jane & Renner Johnston, Marlo & Connie Schields, Del Anderson, Mark Johnson, Peter Garretson, Ray & Irene Krolak, John & Janet Amato, David Cook, Jeff Cook, Alice & Jim Kissinger, Greg Kissinger, Peter & Vivian Lytle, David & Jill Fagan, Lucinda Hruska-Claeys & Patrick Claeys, and Elizabeth Pamperin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanne Schnack". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the list of attendees.

September 3, 2005 Meeting

Chuck Abrams called the meeting to order at 9:05.

Waldo from the town of Edgewater was introduced and gave a brief recap of their 5-year road plan and how they prioritize their projects. Safety and accessibility are their main concerns when deciding on future project priorities. Waldo would like input from us ASAP on what we would like to see done with Green Lake Road. He would also like to know what we feel is fair to charge for plowing driveways. It has been \$50.00 /yr. for everyone in the past, but feels that amount is too low since they have come up short in the past. Next there was a discussion about the widening of Mallard Lane. The township requires a minimum width of 20 feet to allow a snowplow to operate. Sand Lake has a minimum requirement of 20 feet wide, 13 feet high clearance for a fire truck, 50 feet right of way. Jim Kissinger mentioned that there is still some confusion about which township is responsible for emergencies on the south end of the lake. Waldo would like some input from us about the widening ASAP so they can finish their 5-year plan.

Jim reminded us, that in the past, Sand Lake issues have been decided upon without our input. The new leaders, however, are much more sensitive to our wishes and clearly want to work together with us.

Next, Mike Skwira gave a treasurers report. Taxes paid this year were \$2,865.00
Chuck reported that the committee is still checking on ways we can reduce yearly taxes on Stout Island. To date we are still classified 501C3. The new assessor dropped our tax exemption status, so we need to check with Marv Nordquist to see if that status can be changed back to tax exempt. The committee hopes to have information for the spring meeting.

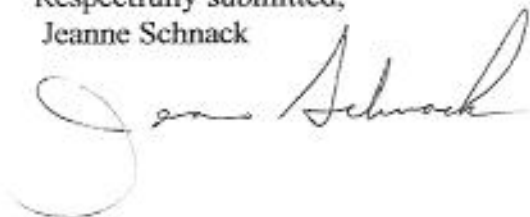
Del Anderson reported there are definitely Northerns in Little Siss. He hopes to have the grant application ready to file by February 1.

The date for the next Motorcross track meeting is October 21 at the Sawyer County Courthouse at 1:00. The track is in Edgewater Township; the campground is in Sand Lake.

It was reported that Ellen Frazer is selling her property on Little Siss.

Some symptoms to watch for with Lymes Disease are low-grade fever, joint pain and skin rash. Remember, it doesn't always show up in the first blood test. There are three different tick-related diseases: Lymes Disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and .
The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Schnack



Present: Chuck & Carol Abrams, Tom & Jeanne Schnack, Mike & Karen Skwira, John Montgomery, Renner & Jane Johnston, Harold Kissinger, Jim & Alice Kissinger, Roy & Irene Krolak, David Cook, Dianne Cook, Jeff Cook, Julie Parroni-Schneider, Lucinda Hruska-Claeys & Patrick Claeys, Del Anderson and Mark Johnson.