

LITTLE SISSABAGAMA SHOREOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
September 1, 2007

President Chuck Abrams called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Peter Lytle mentioned there would be a video made of the boom shocking so everyone could see what is done. He also requested more stories and photos for the Little Siss website. Please send to our web master Tim Barsness (tbarsness@barsnesssolutions.com)

Chuck reminded everyone that our annual association dues of \$25.00 are due.

Chuck then mentioned that Peter has updated our Little Sissabagama Shoreowners Association by-laws with the help of an attorney, previous by-laws, and other lakeshore association's by-laws. They will need to be reviewed by everyone so we can ratify them at our spring meeting. He will have Tim post a draft on the Little Siss website so everyone can review.

Del Anderson announced that the boom-shock would take place in the evening, on September 25th. He needs a volunteer to either video or take digital pictures of the process. They will be specifically studying our Northern Pike population on Little Siss. We can follow the DNR in another boat to do the filming or photography.

Ron & Lois Marquis introduced themselves as new members to our association. They bought Ellen Frazer's lot and they are from St. Paul.

Chuck reviewed what the Stout Island fund is and encouraged all lakeshore homeowners who have not contributed to the fund, to do so. Currently, we get a 6% return on our fund investment. A question came up about whether we should review where we've invested the fund in hopes of getting a better return.

Chuck sent out 48 letters and has received over half of them back in favor of the West Wisconsin Land Trust. We requested (with the W.W L.T) that we have the right to keep the Kreofsky Memorial Bench and the small dock. Do we want a say as an association as to how the trees are managed?

Harold Kissinger believes in forest management and is concerned about damage to the island due to drought, insects and fire if it is not managed.

Chuck mentioned it would not be possible to get a majority vote on managing or not managing the trees today (not enough members present) which, according to Harold, would greatly reduce our Stout Island taxes. Chuck said that the W.W.L.T. believes they should be able to get Stout Island a conservation easement, which should lower the taxes.

F.Y.I.: Even if W.W.L.T. gets involved, we will still hold the title to the island.

Dick Fleming suggested that we reconsider the forest management issue.

\$40.00/year per landowner is the recommended fee for membership in the Stout Island Association with W.W.L.T. If the W.W.L.T. ever folds, we would not be responsible for back taxes.

If we get a conservation easement, we will post it on our website. Hopefully, by next spring, we will be granted our easement and we can then make a decision on forest management.

Chuck stressed that using the W.W.L.T. is definitely the direction to go to best serve us and protect Stout Island. Peter reminded us that we have a commitment to Frank Stout to protect Stout Island and that the W.W.L.T. will help us do this. He suggested that we make a decision to go with the W.W.L.T. so we don't have to spend any more time on this issue.

Jim Kissinger reminded us of the 501C3 codes originally set up: 1) preserving Stout Island, 2) land acquisition, and 3) beautification guidelines.

It was suggested that we change the name of Frank Stout Island to Frank Stout Wilderness Preserve. A vote was taken; everyone was in favor of the name change.

Dick brought up the Flink property and how it is a safety concern as well as an aesthetic concern to others on the lake. He mentioned that it currently violates Sawyer County's ordinances because it is vacant and a safety issue.

New officers

President: John Montgomery

Vice-President: Jeanne Schnack

Secretary: Alice Kissinger

Treasurer: Mike Skwira

It was decided that current officers will automatically be the board of directors during their tenure.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Schnack