

Minutes for 5.23 meeting and agenda for 9.5 meeting

Call to Order

Dale Olson--Land and Water Conservation Dept--Wilderness Lake Classification and impact on the Little Sis property owners

Rick Gauger--Western Wisconsin Land Trust (SNA explanation and signing by WWLT and Little Sis Shoreowners Reps)

Minutes of the Memorial Day meeting (an attachment to this e-mail) Alice Kissinger

Treasurers Report--Mike Skwira

Peter Lytle Memorial--John Montgomery/Jeanne Schnack

Stout Island Taxes--Mike Skwira/J Montgomery

Web site--Chuck Abrams

Report on Stout Island Fund--Dick Fleming ?

Wildlife committee update--Del Anderson

Report on silent Sports Trail progress--Jim Kissinger/Marlo Schield

Flink Property--:House torn down

Election of officers

Other: Dues reminder (both Little Sis Assoc and WWLT), Any grocery store news

Following the meeting will be an environmental tour of Stout Island (2nd Annual). This will be at approximately 11:30 and will be led by Rick Gauger and selected staff of Western Wisconsin Land Trust group. Meet at the "landing" on the Southeast shoreline.

John Montgomery/Alice Kissinger

Minutes of Little Sissabagama Shoreowners Meeting

Memorial Day weekend, May 23, 2009

Pine Ridge on Big Sis

The Memorial Day meeting was called to order at 9:08 am by president John Montgomery.

Ron Zack, representative of Centurytel reported that the DSL installation is complete and all lakeshore owners are eligible for DSL service. In cautioning us, he said it would take a few days to get the information to the La Crosse office, but we would then be receiving calls. He said there would be 2 types of service, and we would get more information from whomever calls. The group thanked Ron for staying with this project through its completion.

The minutes of the Labor Day were approved as circulated.

Mike Skwira reported a balance of \$51,008 in the checking account. He said the trust fund is now \$80,000 after David Siriani did some prudent trading. \$74,000 is invested in Municipal bonds and \$6,000 is available.

Mike mentioned that although we've been paying taxes on 41 acres of Stout Island, there are really only 29 acres, which is 69% of what we thought. Taxes have decreased by \$200. Chuck Abrams mentioned that WWLT has pursued the matter and we should not expect a rebate for the extra taxes we paid over the years. The land trust has stated that the island is now designated as a State Wildlife Area.

There was enough interest income from the Foundation to cover the tax payments. Mike said he received a call from David Siriani who reported that he had sold \$43,000 worth of the foundation's government bonds, purchased two other A+ bonds, which are realizing increased interest rates.

We continue to belong to the Wisconsin Association of Lakes. Jim Kissinger reported that the phosphorus run-off legislation has passed into law, in WI. He also reminded members of a local WAL sponsored Lakes Association conference to be held on June 19 at Telemark. Hours are from 7:30 - 3:45. It would be worthwhile for any of our members to attend and learn more about lake property ownership issues.

Jim also discussed the Silent Sports trail both he and Marlo Shield are working on. The first phase is 2.39 miles going from the Green Lake parking lot through county land to Little Sissabagama Road. Work will begin in June. \$13,500 in funds have already been obtained, with SCOPE being the first group to participate with their \$1500 donation.

There are more phases proposed in Sand Lake and Meteor Townships. They are also proposing a road bike trail near the Edgewater store on the shoulder of the road.

Gene Button mentioned the possibility of his employer donating a walkway to cross a stream in the initial phase of the trail plan.

John reminded us to continue with our annual personal memberships in WWLT.

Everett Myers mentioned that Ann has begun taking pictures of the island and the lake for our website.

Chuck discussed the 2 Facebook pages we have on the Web.

In his Wildlife Committee report, Del Anderson said the loons are nesting across from Dunlaps. He has also sighted wood ducks, mergansers, song birds and turkeys. Del has also tried to contact Frank Pratt regarding lake fish stocking, but has not had his calls returned.

John reported that Scott Sexton suggested we, as a group, try to create an alternate site for landing our boats. He did say that Doug Dunlap has said we could still use his landing, but Scott is thinking this may be withdrawn in the future. He suggested purchasing an easement from Doug, or from some other lake owner willing to help out. No action was taken in this issue.

We are now a Wilderness Lake, as passed by the Sawyer County Board. John will try to get Dale Olson, from the Sawyer County Court House, to attend our Labor Day meeting to explain how this impacts us.

Jim K. mentioned that the Lakes Grocery Store is having their first annual meeting at

9:00 am on June 6. If you are a member, and can vote, it would be good to attend the meeting, as a permanent board will be elected. The present board is just an interim, so this is an important vote.

Marlo informed us that this is the 100th anniversary of Stone Lake, and the historical society has refurbished the former railroad station into a very nice museum. It is open on most weekends, near the Stone Lake and Sand Lake town Halls. He encouraged members to stop by.

He also mentioned the Lion's Club 3 fish fries, and encourages all to attend. The Memorial Day fish fry will be held tonight, May 23, 2009.

Tom Schnack moved, seconded by Jim K. that the officers be a nominating committee to have a slate of officers for the Fall meeting. Motion passed.

The Schnacks said they would continue the tradition of a 4th of July picnic on the island. It will be at noon on Saturday, July 4. All are welcome and should bring a dish to pass plus their own drinks and brats, hamburgers, or whatever they would like to cook on the grill.

Ray Krolak moved, seconded by Tom S. that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Alice Kissinger, Secretary.