

Minutes of September 4, 2010 Little Sis Shoreowners Assn. Mtg--Pine Ridge Lodge

Jeanne Schnack called the Labor Day meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Chuck Abrams moved and Marlo Schield seconded that the minutes of the Memorial Day meeting be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Skwira gave the Treasurer's report. He reported a bank balance of \$3328. He reminded members that their \$25 dues are due today. He discussed the fact that now the IRS required the filing of a 990N form from tax exempt organizations. Without this form, they would lose their tax exempt status. He suggested that there be a back-up person who is familiar with this filing in case he is no longer the treasurer. He suggested his son, Joe Skwira, also a CPA. Since Joe is part-owner of their lodge, he is a member of the shore owners and eligible to take this position, if needed. Jane Johnston moved that Joe be appointed to file this form and Ron Marquis seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Abrams gave the stewardship report. He updated Margaret Schneider's suggested ordinances for behavior on the lake. There was discussion and it was suggested that people who rent should make certain that these rules are given to the renters. The no-wake areas are of particular concern for the shoreowners. These rules will be posted on the website along with a map which shows the no-wake areas.

Island Fund report - Dick Fleming discussed the new bond purchased for the fund by David Sirianni. The new bond is paying 6.7% and can't be called until 2028. We will earn \$3500/yr from this bond. The other bond is earning 6.76% which yields \$2028/yr. We have a balance of \$92,705 and an annual income of \$5,950. The bonds average 6.73% The property taxes on the island were \$3494 last year. We have not applied for tax abatement because of the issue of hunting on the island.

Jeanne Schnack announced that the Peter Lytle Memorial dock has been installed. She will order a plaque for it. Karen Skwira asked that the other deceased shore owners names also be placed on the plaque. The plans are to keep the dock in the water for the winter. The West Wisconsin Land Trust has not done a walk on the island this year. This is not required at this time.

There was a discussion about the number of people who are putting their boats into the lake on Fagans's land. There has been some erosion because of this problem. It was suggested that private property signs be posted in this area. The shore owners are fearful that invasive species may enter the lake on these boat motors.

There was no wildlife report. However, Chuck Abrams and Krolaks discussed the fact that fresh water jellyfish are in the lake now. Evidently, they appear every 12 - 15 years. There were two baby loons this summer and on the July 4th week-end, the Schnacks saw 11 loons together on the lake. Two Sand Hill Cranes have been on the Island. There was concern that the frog population was down and there were very few Great Blue Heron sightings.

Chuck Abrams reported on the Co-op store. There is a new store manager and they are thinking about cutting down the store hours after Labor Day. People are encouraged to buy memberships and shop at the store.

Connie Schield discussed the low-flying two prop helicopter which came over their home on the week of July 20th. The jet propelled helicopter appeared at 12:10 a.m. on a Wednesday morning. She reported the event to the Sawyer Co. Sheriff who told her

there were no emergency or military activities in the area at that time. Several local residents said that this was typical of "drug drops" into the forests.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 am.

Connie Schield for Alice Kissinger, Secretary

Attendees:

Jeanne and Tom Schnack  
Marlo and Connie Schield  
John Montgomery  
Dick Fleming  
Ray and Irene Krolak  
Chuck and Carol Abrams  
Renner and Jane Johnston  
Ron Marquis  
Mike and Karen Skwira