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Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2006

Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District held at Beecher Lake Park was called to order at 10:15am on Saturday September 4 by President Joe Siudzinski. There were approximately 60 members present at the start of the meeting.

President Siudzinski welcomed everyone. Memmbers introduced themselves.

Steve Dill, District Commissioner, Town Chairman of Pembine and Marinette County Supervisor was present at the meeting. He answered members' questions concerning; Emerald Ash Borer: This is a serious problem in the Southern part of the state. Mr. Dill cautioned not to bring in fire wood, which may be infected, from other areas as this will quickly spread the disease.

Gypsy moth infestation: We have money held in reserve to do this spray-

ing, as needed. Motion was made by Fran Siudzinski to spend \$20 to have the gypsy moth egg masses counted this year. This data would be compared to previous years' numbers; the decision would be made then whether to spray in Spring 2007. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Jacobson. Motion carried. Fran volunteered to take the required training as the "on ground" person, if the spraying is needed in Spring 2007.

Ordinances in Beecher Township: Several members expressed concern about numerous vehicles/junk cars parked on nearby properties and vehicles parked in the right of way along Dam Road. Some expressed that complaints to the Town Board had not been acted upon. Mr. Dill explained the procedure that the Town of Pembine follows when a complaint is received. The complaint must be a written and signed document. Then an official must act on the complaint. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Town Chairman will go

to the residence with a county officer to cite the property owner. This procedure must be followed in filing a complaint.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting had been printed in the August newsletter and were accepted as printed.

The budget was reviewed by President Siudzinski and approved by meeting attendees with the addition of an expense of \$2,000 to improve the weed cutter launch site as described in the following minutes.

Randy Stradal, Chairperson of the Aquatic Plant Committee, thanked Bob and Pearl Warner for the use of their property to launch and remove the harvesting equipment, Marcia (Ito) Miracle for allowing the use of her property to load the harvested weeds onto the dump truck, Paul Lasee for offering a site to dump the harvested weeds.

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Stradal indicated that a harvesting permit was applied for and issued for 2006 and 2007 seasons. After 2007, the plan will need to be updated per the DNR Harvesting Aquatic Plants Management Plan. This process will cost about \$9000. There are grants available to help cover this cost. The grant application must be in by February 2007 – Stradal will make the necessary application. Mr. Stradal explained that due to low water level, Midwest Aquatics was unable to launch the harvester and harvest the Lake weeds as contracted for the third week in July. Dave Felzer, owner of Midwest Aquatics, has billed the District \$2275 for travel, time and labor, though he was unable to provide the harvesting service. Much discussion followed. A motion was made by Glenn Schilling to have the Board make the decision with bargaining power up to \$1,000 including the \$875 deposit already paid Mr. Felzer to return to the Lake and harvest weeds by the end of September for \$3500. Motion seconded by Randy

Olson. Motion Carried. Discussion followed on improving the Warner launching site. Bob and Mike Warner will contact the DNR, contractors, and landscapers about improving the site. Warners indicated that they would be willing to give the District a “permanent easement” for this launch site. This will be handled legally. Motion was made by Howard Richie, seconded by Jerry Stern to spend \$2000 to establish a reserve account to improve the Warner site. Taxes will be levied to cover this cost. Motion carried. This is the estimated cost that will include the DNR permit, the contractor’s cost and the legal easement.

Fish stocking discussion: The stocking committee would like to spend \$500 per year which is included in the annual budget on feed stock (fathead minnows). Meeting attendees were in agreement with the recommendation. No motion needed.

Joe Siudzinski’s term as President will be completed in December 2006. Fritz Schmeisser volunteered to take the position. The motion was made by Marcia (Ito) Miracle and seconded by Glenn Schilling to nominate Mr. Schmeisser for President. The Motion carried.

Helen Hohl has volunteered to do the Lake Newsletter.

President Siudzinski was thanked for the hard work and fine job he has done while serving as President. Thanks, Joe!

Motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

The picnic, raffle and auction followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wickman, Secretary

Introducing our new President

A warm welcome to our new Lake Association President Fritz Schmeisser. Fritz kindly volunteered to take over for outgoing president Joe Siudzinski. Fritz and his wife Cindy hail from northern Illinois, and are anxious to keep the Lake Association active.



Another rough day on Beecher Lake.

Weed Harvesting 2007

This years aquatic plant harvest on Beecher and Upper Lakes was successfully completed by Dave Fetzer of Midwest Aquatics. Dave arrived here Wednesday July 11th, at 9:15 pm. After a two hour successful set up and launch on Thursday July 12th, he began cutting and harvesting at 8:00 am and worked until dark. On Friday the 13th, at 5:30 am, Dave began another day of cutting and harvesting, completing the job at 4:30.



The launch site at the Warners.

A total of nine truck loads of plants were removed from the lakes, calculating to seventy two cubic yards of material. I would like to thank Bob and Pearl Warner for use of the launch site, Marsha Miracle for use of her property for the removal site and Paul and Bonnie Lasee for the dump site.

Randy Stradal
Aquatic Plant Committee

Remember your non-perishable and canned goods. Last year, we started a new tradition. I'm asking you as a friend to continue to help those who live in Northern Marinette County. Please bring canned goods and other non-perishables to the annual meeting. It is run by Reverend Wadsworth. The food pantry is located in Mathis Hardware old store in Amberg and led by Reverend Wadsworth. If you cannot attend the meeting, please drop off donations at our camp and we will deliver to the pantry or give us a call we will pick up at 920-737-0517. Thanks again-Joe and Judy Siudzinski

Remember the Picnic!!!

Are you picnicked out? Are you waiting for the best, most fun, and informative picnic held at Beecher Lake Park? Saturday, September 1st at 10:00 AM sharp, the Annual Meeting will begin. During the meeting chef Tom Lancour and his assistant Mary Ann will have the grill started. The menu will consist of ¼ lb. Hamburgers, juicy brats with sauerkraut, and tasty hotdogs. On the picnic tables will be the dishes to pass brought by you the members. It could be hot dishes, pasta dishes, chopped onion, salads, trays of veggies & dip, fruit salads or fruit trays, coleslaw, or cheese & sausage. Desserts cover another table – cakes, sweet breads, cookies, or whatever the best cooks bring. We don't give out ribbons, but if we did, each would receive a blue ribbon.

All the meats, buns, condiments, beer, and soda are supplied by the association through money from the 2006 raffle and auction.

The picnic committee is asking the members to donate an item for the auction. Lets all get involved, don't let it to the same donors each year. All monies collected are added to the Association treasury for improvement on the lake.

If you have a question on the picnic or auction, give a call to one of the committee people. Invite your lake neighbors or your neighbor behind you not having lake property.

What to bring: a dish to pass, comfortable chair, sunglasses, visor or hat, auction item, and money for the great auction.

Committee

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What a beautiful, serene setting we have here at Beecher Lake! Some of us have the great opportunity to enjoy this area all year round, while others relax and enjoy their time here as their time permits. There are more and more residents and families vacationing and enjoying their homes around and near the Lake! How wonderful that is! We have great friends and neighbors here on Beecher! As there is more usage of the area, we all need to be more aware and considerate of each other. Here are a few common sense suggestions to keep families (and OUR CHILDREN!) safe here at Beecher Lake.

- Beecher Lake is a NO WAKE LAKE. Please watch your speed – fishing boats and pontoons.
- Remember your life jackets; make sure the children are wearing theirs.
- If you have a dog, please keep it in your yard. Many residents and family members enjoy biking, jogging and walking around our beautiful lakes. To be met or chased by an aggressive, barking dog can be VERY FRIGHTENING. No one should feel frightened while they relax and exercise here.
- Boats can only be launched at the public landing – or at properties with owner's permission! Near the dam is PRIVATE PROPERTY.
- Please keep the speed limit on our Lake roads. There are many people walking, biking, jogging in the area – anticipate their presence by maintaining a slow, reasonable speed as you drive.
- Please “drive to the right” – keep to the far right hand side of the roads. With increased traffic, you will probably meet someone on the road – anticipate that, too!
- As you bike, jog or walk, please watch and listen for cars on the road.
- If you are a jogger or walker – always face the traffic.
- In Wisconsin, it is against the law to drive ATV's on the road. Please, teach your children to drive the machine cautiously, too.

These suggestions all part of being a good neighbor,

A thoughtful neighbor, a neighbor who wants to maintain Beecher Lake as a safe area in which to live and vacation!

Let's keep all family and friends safe at Beecher Lake!

Submitted by Carol Wickman

Hello All..... Helen here, I took over as publisher of the newsletter this year. Many thanks and much appreciation to Judy Siudzinski for her time and energy on past newsletters. I'm happy to be able to give her a break! I also want to thank my other half, Doyle Curtis, for his time and printing expertise on this adventure. Comments-ideas-criticism-articles- all are welcome. I am targeting Spring of 2008 for the next issue— so please submit your copy by May 1, 2008.

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