

MUDHEN LAKE REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING

5/13/17

Meeting was called to order at the Daniels Town Hall on Saturday, 5-13-17 at 10:00 am by Chairman Dan Heintz with 9 people in attendance.

Secretary's report was read by Mary Sagstetter. Motion was made by Wilhelmina Fischer and seconded by Russ Unger to approve, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read by Kandy Unger. Current balances: Checking: \$2309.15 Savings: \$10,685.44 Motion was made by Ted Fischer and seconded by Russ Unger to approve, motion carried.

New Business:

1. Banking Discussion – US Bank is now charging a \$5 / month fee for the checking account. The Mudhen Lake Rehab checking account has a current fee of \$15 charged against it. Kandy contacted US Bank to see if the fee could be eliminated, the response was no. Motion was made by Wilhelmina Fischer for Kandy reconnect with US Bank to see if the \$15 fee could be refunded and the \$5 fee waived going forward. Included in the motion, is to explore other options and if a suitable plan is found to switch banks. Motion was seconded by Russ Unger to approve, motion carried.
2. Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Dan Heintz spoke to Dave Ferris two months back to obtain a copy of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Dave responded that they are working on completing the APM. To date no plan has been made available. Ted Fischer asked for clarification. Dan explained that we updated the plan last year and the county is working on assimilating all the information into a plan.
3. ILIDS – The ILIDS lake camera is installed and operating at the lake landing. Invoice of \$2150 was provided to Kandy Unger. Ted asked to clarify what happened if a violator was caught. Dan explained the process. Dan mentioned that there is a voice option that can be added to the camera package, which would provide an audio message to remind boaters to clean off their boats. Interest was expressed in learning what that type of option would cost.
4. Zebra Mussels –Mike Huber shared that the WI DNR will be holding an open to the public Zebra Mussel Informational Open House on Thursday, May 18th from 4 pm to 8 pm at the Spooner Ag Research Station on HWY 70, about 2 miles east of downtown Spooner. It is an open house format with Questions and Answer session beginning at 7 PM. Here are the informational stations that will focus on controlling zebra mussels and other aquatic invasive species:
 - Welcome and event information, by the St. Croix River Associations
 - Citizen decontamination recommendations, by the Burnett County Lakes & Rivers Association.
 - Decontamination demonstration for boats, trailers, and personal watercraft by Wisconsin DNR.
 - Clean Boats - Clean Waters Program, by Wisconsin DNR.
 - Zebra mussel biology, by the National Park Service.
 - Aquatic invasive species monitoring and identification, by Washburn County and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife.
 - Lake associations: What they do and how to form one, by the Washburn County Lakes & Rivers Association.
 - Wisconsin DNR grants and public access to water, by Wisconsin DNR.

If attending the Zebra Mussel Informational Open House please notify Dan Heintz -
dheintz@frontiernet.net

5. Water Clarity and Dissolved Oxygen

Mike Huber mentioned that he has been using a secchi disk to monitor the clarity (turbidity) of Mudhen Lake. A secchi disk is an 8-inch diameter disk with alternating black and white quadrants that is lowered into the water column until it can no longer be seen from the surface. The point at which the disk disappears is a function of the lake turbidity. Mike stated that his last reading was 17 ft. without weed growth.

Discussion occurred as to when the DNR is holding a meeting to provide a training how to measure the dissolved oxygen in the lake water. Steve Hoffman has reached out to find out when the next training will be held.

6. Purple Loosestrife - Dan reported that harvesting the Purple Loosestrife last fall appeared to make a difference. Even the interns that help us each year stated a noticeable difference. 2017 Harvest this year will be after the annual meeting in August.

Motion was made by Wilhelmina Fischer to adjourn meeting and seconded by Ted Fischer, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Sagstetter

Secretary