

2019 Long Lake at Vergas Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Hobart Township Hall

In Attendance: Long Lake Property Owners

Guest Speaker: Jim Wolters, Area Supervisor, Fergus Falls Area Fisheries, MN Dept of Natural Resources, spoke about the fish stocking on Long Lake with Q & A

Continental Breakfast was provided by Connie & Denny Breitzman

10:00 Business Meeting

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Pam Kirsch.
- II. The meeting agenda was approved by Brad Offutt, 2nd Phyllis Elliot
- III. Secretaries Report with Past Minutes approved by John Leach 2nd Tim Nephew
- IV. Treasures Report given by Maria Roesch Approved by Tracy 2nd Betty
- V. Spraying Report given by Eddy Roesch – spraying was completed Thursday, spray was a bio insecticide, safe for environment.
- VI. COLA Report given by Rick Kirsch: He attended the last COLA meeting which included discussions of Aquatic Invasive Species. In Ottertail County there are 25 water inspectors that will be at our public landing 2 times a week for two hours from May through September, funded by a grant from the state. There is also a full time decontamination Unit open from 7am to 5 pm 7 days a week to treat your boat at no charge. The decontamination unit is located at the public landing on Ottertail Lake. Ottertail County now required a permit to move used docks and lifts. They must be out of the water for 21 days. Rick also tested water clarity on June 14th and the result was 16 feet. Average is 9.6-10.2 feet.
- VII. Stocking Report given by Tim Nephew. In 2018 the DNR put 530 pounds of fingerlings in Long Lake. There is an option for the Lake Association to add fingerlings every other year, which would mean we could do stocking this fall at a cost of \$8000 - \$10,000. Slot Limits were also discussed.
- VIII. Announcements:
 1. 4th of July Parade will take place on the 4th of July, meet at the public beach at 2:00.
 2. Hwy 60 Ditch cleanup will take place September 21 at 10:00, if raining September 28. Meet by Long Shore Road.
 3. The 2020 Annual Meeting will be June 13 at Hobart Town Hall at 9 AM
 4. Watch for a December Mailing for the 2020 dues and spraying fees. Bills need to be paid by April 1.
- IX. Motion to adjourn by Phyllis, second by Roger

- X. Door Prizes were awarded to: Mike Pitzel, Steve Tharaldson, Craig Nyhus, Barb Aksamit, Chuck Ponto, Roger Wang, Dan Buerde, Elaine Palmer, Tom Thiessen, Jane Nephews, Dwayne Leidholm, Colleen Slough, Tom Wollin, Judy Eades, Allan Shaner, Kathy Jenniges, John Lotzer, Robert Jacoby, Denny Breitzman, Chris Odden, Janelle Lotzer, Denny Botlner, and Polly Reitan.

Guest Speaker Notes: Jim has been with the DNR for 30 years, mostly in Fergus Falls. A fish catch survey will take place on June 18. Every four years fish are netted to evaluate stocking needs. Walleye is the only fish they stock in even numbered years. Private stocking can take place in the odd numbered years and cannot interfere with DNR stocking. The DNR has been monitoring stocking since the early 80's. Private stocking does not affect DNR stocking as they can determine the age of the fish during netting. Because of this, the DNR can help lakes determine a plan for private stocking and provide a list of venders to purchase fingerlings from. Private stocking does require a permit from the DNR. Fry are placed in lakes in the spring, and weather does affect their food supply and they are also vulnerable to predators. Fingerlings are placed in lakes in the fall and have a higher survival rate. Since this lake has northern pike, the biggest fingerlings we can afford would be better. If we wanted to modify walleye regulations in our lake, we would need to send Jim a letter explaining why we want limits.

Current List of the Board of Directors:

- a. President: Pam Kirsch
- b. Vice President: Eddy Roesch
- c. Secretary: Joy Stumbo
- d. Treasurer: Maria Roesch
- e. Past President: Rich McCrady
- f. North Central Beach Captain: _____
- g. Northwest Beach Captain: Mike Goettel
- h. Northeast Beach Captain: Brooke Hamann
- i. South (narrows) Beach Captain: Brad Offutt
- j. South Central Beach Captain: Rick Lewis
- k. Southeast Beach Captain: Ron Aksamit
- l. Vergas City Beach Captain: Robert Jacoby
- m. East Beach Captain: Pat Greenwood
- XI. Appointed Positions include
 - a. Conservationist: Tim Nephew
 - b. Water Quality and Cola: Rick Kirsch
- XII. Web Site and Facebook Page: Kris Whalen

Respectfully Submitted by Joy Stumbo, Secretary