

Meeting notes from 2021 Annual Members meeting

Attendees: Dave Sievers, Bob Pellant, Tom Falch, Mel and Barb Meyers, Joel & Lori Swanson, Brad Broolsma, Barb & PJ Schaefer, Jeff Schneider and Bob Giere. Dave Blumer was our featured speaker.

Presentation:

Dave Blumer gave a PowerPoint presentation on what his company has been able to accomplish since we hired him at the start of the year. Included in the presentation was a history of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) treatments and information on the status of the Osprey Lake plant population. The FQI rating for Osprey Lake has averaged around 37 for last 15 years. This is very good news because it indicates that the chemical treatments we've used to date have not significantly hampered the plant population. Our 37 rating is significantly higher than the Northern Wisconsin average ratio of about 27. We have asked Dave to email the entire presentation so we may put it on our website.

As part of Dave's presentation, we needed to have 2 motions brought to a vote: First, that the OLPOA membership supports filing a notice with the WDNR of our intention to submit a new Aquatic Plant Management plan no later than 11-1-2021. Secondly, a motion to recognize that OLPOA was going to be filing a grant request for calendar year 2022. Both motions were made by Jeff Schneider and seconded by Bob Giere, and both motions passed unanimously

Treasurer's report (provided by Bob Giere):

Checking account balance as of 9-1-2020: \$ 13,796.56

Expenses: LEAPS \$2869.98
Beaver removal \$500.00
EWM chemical treatment \$1982.00
EWM Diver removal \$710.00
Postage, Website, Bank fees & misc.: \$181.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$6243.08

TOTAL INCOME \$6920.00

NET INCOME AFTER EXPENSES \$678.98

Checking Account Balance 8-31-2021 \$14,653.49

President's report (PJ gave the following remarks, updates and comments):

- Acknowledged Powell's for letting us use their facility.
- The Spring EWM dive removal support group; Schneiders, Jim Lempke, Bob Giere and Tom Falch

- The DNR ZOOM call for 15-5 panfish review after 5 years; Bob Riegleman, Jack Storer and the OLPOA Board
- Reinforced the request for everyone to complete and return survey which was mailed 8-31.
- PJ outlined why he thought our "no wake" ordinance should not be changed: safety, erosion threat, tranquility, 17 other area lakes have similar ordinances and 14 are more restrictive than Osprey Lake, and finally, it may impact how DNR scores our grant application.
- Asked for people to refrain from cruising behind the island and in front of Birk's and Neville's because of the threat of spreading the EWM which is there. Joel Swanson suggested that we put a few buoys in the area to remind people to stay away. PJ said we would look into it.
- Reported on following up of last year's complaint about beavers and their predication of the shoreline, reported we trapped 16 Beavers (and showed a pelt of one of the beavers trapped)

Fisheries summary:

- NO Muskies to be planted in Sawyer County this year because fish farm deal fell thru
- Walleyes will continue to be stocked because when Gov. Walker began his stocking program he had it written into the State budget and until the legislature removes the authorization for further stocking the DNR will continue to stock Walleyes.
- Panfish, outlined our efforts to have the panfish regulation revised from 25 per day limit to something around 10.
- Explained the issue is that with new technology (Panoptix etc.) it is now possible to easily locate fish in the winter and our belief that the panfish of Osprey would be severely harmed if limit was not dropped. Reported that Max Wolter promised to propose some sort of regulation revision once he learned what DNR was planning to do about the current 15-5 regulation.

Notes provided by PJ Schaefer