

OSPREY LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (OLPOA)

ANNUAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

PROPS LANDING

Present: PJ Schaefer, Jeff Schneider, Rick Neville, Brad Broolsma, Bob Giere, Jeff Schneeman, Joel Swanson, Joey Falch, Tom Falch, Bob Renton, Bryan Renton, Carole Dannehl, Bob Riegelman, Barb Meyer, Mel Meyer, Lynn Sievers, Dave Sievers.

Secretary's Report: PJ Schaefer called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. He asked if there were any revisions to the 2018 Secretary's Report. Hearing none, asked for a motion to accept as written. Moved by Bob Riegelman, seconded by Mel Meyer, unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report: PJ wished to publicly acknowledge the contributions of Brian and Mindy Follett, in their years of managing the checkbook and many other lake-related tasks. "It will take three people to replace them." Bob Giere has been named the new treasurer and Diane Rogala the new secretary. Bob Giere noted that Brian Follett is a hard act to follow. Treasurer's report is attached. Bob explained that "dues" for OLPOA consist of \$20/year of actual dues. The remaining \$180/year is a contribution toward the expenses of the lake (treating milfoil, e.g.) The \$180 is tax-deductible, as a 501(c)(3). Bryan Renton asked why we are in the red. Bob explained that these figures are income/expenses for year 9/1/19 through 8/31/2020 and that there is over \$15k in the account. PJ explained that the milfoil treatment costs increase every year. He also explained the financial history from the Dreaming Trail issue. OLPOA members paid large legal fees at that time, to fight the overdevelopment of the lake. Part of the reason for the \$180 contribution assessment is to build the fund for future legal and other needs.

Old Business:

Walleye Stocking: PJ continues to work with Max Wolter, a fisheries agent for the State DNR. Originally, Wayne Dannehl and PJ funded walleye stocking, with a walleye conservation group kicking in, spending about \$10k on extended-growth fish. Success was non-existent. Governor Walker established new funding for walleyes, to help the tourist economy, so the DNR took over the stocking. They are contributing around 2100 fish every other year and will be stocking this fall. They also shock the lake to check the survival rate of the walleye (and tally other populations of fish). Two years ago, not one walleye was found. The results of the shock is posted on the OLPOA Website.

The DNR is not stocking muskies at this time.

Invasives: A lot of our funds are spent on invasives, primarily Eurasian milfoil, according to PJ. There are also a native milfoil and a hybrid. The Eurasian is everywhere. PJ explained how to discern: if you pull a strand of milfoil out of the water, the fronds of the Eurasian collapse. The native milfoil fronds stand out from the stem. The County has helped us with treating the Eurasian. Pat Brown is our contact, and PJ is trying to get him to remap our E. Milfoil beds, but Pat is spread pretty thin. Once the beds of E. Milfoil are mapped, the DNR decides which beds and how much will be treated. DNR prefers we hire an outside mapper, so Matt Berg (Endangered Resources Co.) will be mapping soon, for a \$1000 fee. That report will also be posted to the Website. PJ reported finding around 4 spots of E. Milfoil this year, didn't think any of them were larger than ¼ acre. Considered a milfoil mowing machine, but that has the potential to increase our problem, as any loose sprig of milfoil can start a new plant. Last year the state budgeted \$2mil for milfoil eradication. PJ doubts that we are a priority, but he will continue to apply for grants. Joey Falch asked about the increased beaver population and activity on the lake. Two new dens and many damaged or downed trees. PJ reviewed the history of Mr. Hausman of Round Lake and his

attempts to illegally destroy beaver dams that affect Osprey Lake, and explained the Tribe's view of the issue, that the beaver are honored guests. Jeff Schneider noted that the County trapped some beaver this spring. PJ will talk to LCO Conservation officer Dan Tyrolt. Joey asked if there were any natural repellants we could apply to trees that the beaver have started gnawing on. Carole Dannehl reported that the Tribe values beaver, as they feel their activity protects the wild rice beds. PJ also reviewed Mr. Hausman's legal battles over the years, as they have affected Osprey Lake.

PJ reported that Osprey Lake now has freshwater jellyfish, about one inch in diameter, an invasive from China. We are one of five lakes in the County. He does not believe that the jellyfish bites are an issue. Joel Swanson expressed concern that three years ago, when they purchased their west shore property, there was no beaver dam at the south end of the lake, and now there is a 150-foot dam there. PJ noted that Hausman (Round Lake) hired someone to blow up a dam, and it dropped the Osprey Lake level by about 10 inches. When the lake is that low, the public landing becomes inaccessible.

Water Safety: PJ has found himself in the position of law enforcement, but doesn't want to be. He reported that we have two law enforcement entities to deal with ...

- a) State regulations. Operation within 100 feet of shoreline, dock or an attached raft must be NO WAKE. Not allowed to boat through the space between a dock and a raft. Jet skis must observe no-wake within 200 feet of shoreline, dock or raft. PJ said there were numerous reports of violations over the Fourth of July: running full-speed after dark with no running lights; boating between raft/dock; paddleboards/kayaks out after dark with no running lights. And other issues of foul language and fireworks in the wee hours. If someone wishes to report a violation, the Sheriff's department doesn't have the manpower to come out. The reporting person needs to take photos or otherwise record the identity of the boat and its operator and provide that to Darren Jensen at the Sheriff's Department. They will contact the alleged offenders and issue a warning. Fines for a second offense are \$225 per offense.
- b) Osprey Lake NO Wakeregulations. Jeff Schneider and PJ Schaefer spent upwards of 20 hours attending town meetings for four entities responsible for Osprey Lake: Town of Hayward, Town of Round Lake, LCO and Hayward Township, to establish no-wake hours on Osprey Lake from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. This is to allow quiet time when fishing and silent sports (kayaking, paddleboarding) can safely occur. Round Lake and Hunter have no law enforcement, and Town of Hayward has no boat for enforcement. To report offenses is the same ... ID the boat and operator, report to the township of Hayward. They will call or follow up. The reporting person will have to testify. If the Township issues a warning, a second offense will cost about \$225.

Lori Sievers asked what one would do if there are multiple offenses. PJ said you may have to contact both the Sheriff AND the Township.

PJ noted that the owners that rent their homes out on the lake are not responsible for violations, it would be the renters'.

PJ sent out a letter after the Fourth, reminding people that the no-wake hours are an ORDINANCE, not a suggestion, and about exercising common courtesy. Behavior seems to have been better since then. PJ suggested sending a letter to the owners that rent, or perhaps to ALL owners about lake etiquette. Voices with rough language and firework noise carries much more than you would suspect, over a body of water. Carole moved, Bryan seconded, and the motion was passed.

Bryan Renton raise the issue of changing the no-wake hours. With long summer daylight, his children often ask to go tubing after 6 p.m. And summers are indeed short here. PJ said we would again have to meet with all four entities (towns of Hunter, Round Lake and Hayward, and LCO) to change anything. It would entail a lot of meetings. Jeff Schneider estimated he spent 1 ½-2 hours a month for 18 months, attending meetings to establish the ordinance. Our no-wake ordinance is pretty standard, was copied from other lakes in the area. Bryan suggested because our density has turned out less than predicted, we should reconsider. The Dreaming Trail condo project fell through and is now slated to be grouse

habitat. Several empty lakefront lots were purchased by existing owners and will likely not be built upon. Bob Riegelman asked, if it is our ordinance, why we cannot just extend the ski hours on our own. Rick and PJ explained that the ordinance must be approved by all four government entities, otherwise it is unenforceable.

Jeff Schneider explained that we pursued the ordinance in 2009 to protect the lake from overuse due to excessive development. He has mixed feelings about the ordinance, as the hours do conflict with what can be ideal ski conditions early in the morning or early in the evening.

Rick commented that he has no intent of developing the former Dreaming Trail property. PJ noted we have seen an increase in quiet sports (kayaking, paddleboarding) on the lake.

Joel Swanson asked if the no wake hours impact fishing boats differently than ski boats. PJ said that there is no difference between ski boat, fishing boat or jet ski, all vessels are prohibited from causing a wake.

Bryan proposed a letter to the owners seeking input on the no-ski hours in the summer. He moved so, was seconded by Carole, carried. Bryan will draft a letter and submit to PJ.

Joel Swanson is concerned about the shoreline, with the advent of wake boats. He has friends that spent \$10k repairing the shoreline on their properties from wake boat damage. Discussion was that that sort of boat is probably not allowed on a lake the size of Osprey.

Bob Riegelman asked if there is a regulation stating how far from your dock you may anchor a raft. Some rafts on Osprey Lake are a great distance from the owner's pier, preventing navigation of part of the lake. Tom Falch commented that if everyone on the lake put out a raft that far from their pier, it would reduce the navigable size of the lake by 1/3.

Jeff Schneider commented that rules must be in reason, that we don't want to outlaw having fun.

PJ asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Bob Renton, seconded by Bob Riegelman and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Falch
o/b/o Diane Rogala, Secretary

Osprey Lake Property Owners Association
Financial Highlights/Treasurer's Report
September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020

Income:

Dues	\$560
Contributions	\$5,070
TOTAL:	\$5,630

Expenses:

EWM Treatment	\$7,500
Other	\$270
TOTAL	\$7,700

Net Income (\$2,140)

Bank Balance: \$45,203.86 should be \$15,203.86