

Rushford Lake Recreation District  
Regular Meeting  
March 6, 2008

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Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Chair, Deb Aumick. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Deb Aumick, Chair  
Rick Gaczewski, Vice Chair  
William Sikorski, Commissioner  
Gene Morton, Commissioner  
Dave Hirsch, Commissioner  
William Szabo, Treasurer  
Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary

Guests: Steve Flatau  
Richard J. Malter  
Sheila Holmes  
Janet Gaczewski  
Michelle Weed  
Judy Flatau  
Carol Wilson  
Don Waddell  
Jan Zimmerman  
Ken Boettcher  
Jim Dusel  
Mike Holmes  
John Cappellini Esq. for Earl Rhoney  
Bob Weed

**Old Business**

John Cappellini asked for a private meeting with the board. It was denied because it would be in violation of the open meetings law. A discussion was held with Mr. Cappellini noting Mr. Rhoney was not in agreement with the approved dock plan. The Board noted they believed it to be a fair and equitable plan. Discussion of the issue was tabled upon motion by Dave. To be further discussed at the March 20, 2008 meeting.

Ken Boettcher reported that the John Bernhard / Trail 4 issue is on hold because of a disagreement over how much the wing on the dock should be shortened. John Bernhard wants ten feet removed and the community dock members will agree to removing five feet. Rick stated the board should not set a precedent of others contributing to others breakwalls.

Reported that the channel near the swim beach is being surveyed and a site plan is proceeding.

Rick suggested the gate at the boat launch be closed until April 1 to prevent ruts being made. All agreed.

Rick reported on the dock at the launch. He noted the aluminum dock has been purchased, lumber will be approximately \$1,000.00, Bob Pomeroy and equipment will be approximately \$500.00 and labor for Rick and Tom Thomas will be approximately \$2,000. He noted he will provide drawings and the secretary should apply for the permit. Upon motion by Gene, approval was given to proceed with the dock project at the boat launch. Rick abstained from the vote.

Rick stated that Mr. Balbuzoski is a cottage owner without dock rights and has requested he be allowed to add a slip to dock B181/B182. He noted there is no room for an additional slip. Mr. Balbuzoski also suggested this dock be reassigned to him because the present licensees have left it in a state of disrepair. Upon motion by Bill reassignment is denied. Rick will notify Mr. Balbuzoski.

Discussed generator maintenance. Bill and Rick will set up a time for a load test and oil change.

### **Committees**

Dave reported that he, Brad Coon and Mike Holmes will soon resume working on the surveys. He noted dock tagging will be done this year.

Upon motion by Rick, it was agreed that no more than 8 members will sit on any one committee.

Dam Committee consists of Bob Weed, Bill Sikorski and Dave Hirsch.

It was stated that hopefully a meeting with the town boards will take place soon for discussion of legislation.

### **New Business**

Lt. Chris Finnemore spoke to the board regarding the Sheriff's patrol on Rushford Lake. He noted that in the past the patrol was not as active as it should be. He noted patrols would be "beefed up", boater safety courses will be offered, tickets will be written, and inspections will take place at the boat launch. A suggestion was made to include this information in a newsletter.

Reported the lake level at 1425.7 feet. There is presently twelve inches of ice. On Rick's recommendation, all agreed to bring the lake up to between 1428 to 1429 feet before doing a release.

Discussed concerns with the office such as odors, exhaust fumes, etc. Upon motion by Gene, all agreed a letter addressing various concerns will be sent to the Rushford Town Board.

Dave suggested an ad be placed for hiring launch attendants.

Reported a Dam Safety Hearing being held in Rochester April 18. Bill Sikorski, Rick Gaczewski and Richard Malter plan on attending.

Agreed Deb will telephone Senator Young regarding the grant money. Deb will provide the Senator with Bill Sikorski's contact numbers.

Discussed obtaining a hoist for use at the dam. Clawson quoted an aluminum hoist without a winch at between \$1400.00 to \$1500.00. Bill Sikorski suggested an electric winch. Upon motion by Gene permission was given to proceed.

### **Requests**

Matla/Wolinsky. 8120 C County Road 49. Area J. L095. Request to remove walkway, place 6' by 6' posts, install a boat lift, run electric, and remove tires and debris was approved upon motion by Dave.

Dusel, Jim. 8126 Lakeshore Drive. Area G. L205. Request to add support beams to existing dock and install a boat lift was approved upon motion by Rick.

Rogers, Teri. 8856 Balcom Beach. Area C. L383. Request to remove tree damaged by woodpecker was approved upon motion by Rick.

Schmidbauer diagram was accepted.

### **Finance**

Bill Szabo presented the annual report. Report approved upon motion by Rick.

Upon motion by Dave, approval was given to move \$154,000. from the dam fund to the general fund.

### **Open Forum**

Janet Gaczewski expressed concerns over Bob Weed being on the committee for the dam. She noted she believed it to be a poor decision by the board.

Jan Zimmerman suggested the board contact "multiple players" regarding grant money.

Upon motion by Dave moved to executive session at 9:43 PM to discuss litigation (Weed vs RLRD).

Returned to regular session at 10:20 PM upon motion by Dave.

Adjourned at 10:21 PM.

Submitted by,

Rhonda Kozlowski

District Secretary