

Rushford Lake Recreation District  
Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2008

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

Present: Deb Aumick, Chair  
Brad Coon, Vice Chair  
Gene Morton, Commissioner  
Dave Hirsch, Commissioner  
William Szabo, Treasurer  
Rhonda Kozlowski, Secretary

Absent: Rick Gaczewski, Commissioner

George Pease	Marveen Pease	Bob Over
Nancy Over	David Klenk	Loren Eastmer
Allen Hirsch	Larry Stephens	Chuck Sherry
Gloria Sherry	Chuck Sherry Jr	Don Waddell
Tom McElheny	Frank Stanczewski	Mary Stanczewski
John Sobczyk	Mike Holmes	Sheila Holmes
Robert Weed	Susan Jaros	Gary Jaros
Janet Gaczewski	Richmond Hubbard	Mary Suto
David Gryzbek	Cecelia Grzybek	Theresa Franger
Mary Jo Hubbard	Gary Clinton	Shirley Stephan
Bob Stephan	Larry Stephens	Bob Penton
Jason Young		

Agenda approved upon motion by Gene. Minutes stand as written.

### Requests

Noontide Drive Community Dock Association. Area K. B447-B449. Dock modification. Tabled for receipt of a survey showing width of right of way and staking out of the area. Dave Klenk noted there are three docks on the right of way. Noted licenses read "to the water's edge" meaning once reaching the water, decisions are at the discretion of the board.

Doran, Winifred. 8601 Sunset Drive. Area K. L029. Dock extension, move hoist. Tabled for receipt of a survey.

Coon, Brad and Carol. 8903 Willow Road. Area D. L333. License. License approved upon motion by Dave.

Terhaar, Richard. 8174 Woodside Drive. Area G. B261. License. License approved upon motion by Dave.

Hock, James and Mary. 8175 Trail 4. Area H. Install lattice as discussed with Commissioners. Approved upon motion by Dave.

Young, Dale and Grace. Hutton Bay. Area I. Upon motion by Brad, licensing of the two docks requested previously was approved. Deb abstained from the vote. All others voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Committees**

Reported on the renumbering of docks noting the committee is up to number 187. Further reported numbers are being skipped intentionally for future changes that may occur. Community docks are receiving numbers and letters. The old numbers will be removed.

Noted a five year plan for dam maintenance and repair is needed. Suggested inviting Bill Sikorski to the October meeting for to give a report on the inundation study, etc.

Discussed the concerns regarding the former Penfold property. Noted an inundation of construction taking place below the 1450' without proper permits. Noted there is a question as to where the 1450' elevation is; it is believed some of the surveys being submitted are not entirely accurate. Noted stakes have been pulled and moved. Reported the R.L.R.D. hopes to contract with a surveyor who to determine that line. The survey is to mimic the 1985 and 1936 surveys which are the only ones the court will recognize. Upon motion by Brad approval was given to have Jim Ball do a survey of this area to determine the 1450' elevation line.

Discussed launching and resident complaints of too much boat traffic. Discussed increasing the fee to launch boats and PWCs to \$100. Noted this is for non-residents only. Noted there is a need to "clarify" fishing boats. Noted a lot more discussion is needed as well as a local ordinance.

### **Old Business**

Agreed to go with a pitched roof for the launch building. Brad voted to table any decision until contractors can explain procedures.

Deb reported the bench is being stored at the Balcom Beach building. Deb would like to see it permanently placed in cement in the spring. She noted there will be an invoice for materials and Tom's mileage.

Noted one of the signs has been placed at the launch. Noted there is a 5 mph sign to be placed also.

Noted a website is being worked on. The address will be [RushfordLakeonline.com](http://RushfordLakeonline.com)

Discussed sheds noting the Trail One sheds are in deplorable condition. Noted all need to be removed. Suggested allowing 2 by 4 chests near the docks for storage. Dave will identify the owners of these sheds so letters may be sent. Noted policy is that "no storage shed or any other structure larger than 24" in any dimension may be built on District property within seventy feet of the water's edge". Noted in the Trail One area it is so badly neglected that there is earth growing over canoes, jet skis, etc. Brad noted the board needs to consistent and look at all sheds. Brad suggested signs be posted on the sheds asking owners to contact the R.L.R.D. Dave will try to contact each person.

Pat O'Connor noted the issue with John Bernhard has been resolved.

Discussed the need for painting the ironworks at the dam. Gene researched materials. Noted the flaking needs to be removed and a gallon of paint will cover 400 sq. ft. at a cost of \$100. per gallon.

### **New Business**

Discussed illegal voting and a verbal complaint of one voter in the last election not being a District resident. It was noted when registering to be an elector, an affidavit is signed. The penalty according to the board of elections is a felony and the possibility of 4 years in jail and a \$1,000. fine. It was suggested a letter be sent to the party informing him of the legal consequences noting a written complaint is needed. Election law requires a complaint be in writing.

Upon motion by Gene, William Szabo was appointed Treasurer. Upon motion by Dave, Rhonda was appointed Secretary.

Larry Stephens reported on hearing of a movement afoot to construct a community dock at the "Sandy Beach" swim area. He presented the 1997 survey of landowners regarding docks and access to the lake for back-lot residents. He gave a history of the area and was thanked for his comments.

Reported on the Federation of Lakes meeting to be held October 18 at Moonwinks in Cuba, NY. All board members expressed an interest in attending. Bill Szabo and Rhonda Kozlowski were invited to attend.

Comprehensive plan was reviewed with Deb noting any lake residents wishing to provide input may do so by submitting changes, additions, etc in writing by October 1,

2008. Added more specifics to the plan for the dam such as cores samples in 2009, repointing in 2009, painting the ironworks in 2010, de-vegetation in 2009, inundation study in 2009, debris removal and security.

Discussed public health with septic systems being of primary concern. It was noted what comes into the creek eventually ends up in the lake.

Discussed obtaining water samples for testing. Upon motion by Brad samples are to be taken in the creek as well as the lake. Bill Witkopf agreed to assist. Upon motion by Brad all agreed to test at least twice a year; once in the middle of June and once at the end of July every year.

Deb reported on looking into pursuing a contract for the sale of water. Bill Szabo noted a study had been done regarding water value and a partnership was offered to R.G.E/Energy East. A new company has taken over and they are very interested in "green energy".

### **Finance**

Upon motion by Brad, approval was given to notify the attorneys for the District to discontinue researching election laws.

Bill Szabo submitted disbursements for board approval.

### **Open Forum**

Charlene Bauer expressed concern that the people on trails and right of ways need a say in the trails organization.

Brad noted he would not support a dock going in the "sandy beach" area. He noted "historical use".

Jason Young reported that Verizon may now work in Rushford because a tower is in the works.

Bob Stephan asked if violators of the rules could be reprimanded or fined? The board noted there is recourse.

Bob Stephan asked why there are only four board members the past few meetings. Dave noted there is a restraining order against the missing board member.

Bob Weed noted Tom McElheny has volunteered to assist with the dam committee. He is the engineer of record for Cuba Lake.

Adjourned at 10:20 PM upon motion by Brad.

Submitted by,

Rhonda Kozlowski  
District Secretary