Leech Lake Association Meeting Minutes -- May 15, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Gisvold at 9:35. Board Members Present: Dave Laursen, Bob Gisvold, Chuck Allen, Jeff Brockberg,Ray Gold, Steve Mortensen. Absent: Bob Poirier, Bill Schultz, Jane Ekholm, Gail Tufte, John Eaton. Guests: Timm Rennecke, COE; Carl Pederson, DNR; Mike Sievert, John Owen, Teri Weideman.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Jeff Brockberg moved to approve April 18 Meeting Minutes as written. Chuck Allen seconded.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Laursen reported a checkbook balance of $9,590.50 at the end of April 2016. Expenses during April were $887.81 for Newsletter printing and mailing. There was no income. Total bank balance at the end of April was $25, 772.71. Chuck Allen moved to approve Treasurer's Report. Pat Mortale seconded.

LEECH LAKE WATER LEVELS: Timm Rennecke reported that Leech Lake water levels were just about right for this time of the year (1294.6) Discharge from the dam is 270 cps. The lake was not drawn down much this past winter because of anticipated dry weather patterns and less than usual snopack. Spring rains quickly restored lake levels to normal.

ROOSEVELT CANAL: Jeff Brockberg reported that the Roosevelt Canal appears to be sufficiently deep to allow boat traffic. Bob Poirier to take his boat through on a trial run in the next few days. Jeff to check on graffiti on the bridge which we will have Sentence to Serve paint over and pick up cost of paint.

DNR FISHERIES: Carl Pederson was introduced as the new Large Lake Specialist replacing Matt Ward. Carl has worked in the Walker Fisheries office for the past couple of years in another capacity and is well acquainted with Matt's prior work on Leech Lake. It should be a seamless transition. Carl reported that creel census clerks stationed at Stony Point on Opening Weekend reported slow fishing.

LEGISLATIVE: Jane Ekholm will be resigning her role of doing field visits to Leech Lake properties requesting variances. Chuck remains Chairman of the Legislative Committee, and Jeff Brockberg will be added to receive variances and Conditional Use notices from the County.

AIS REPORT: John Eaton is attending a meeting with the Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) this morning regarding AIS issues and Professor Welle's report on his interviews with resorts along the Boy River Watershed. John will report on the ACCL meeting at our regular June Meeting.

NEW MEMBER SOLICITATION: Pat, Bill, Bob Poirier to draft letter to all Leech Lake property owners with intent of increasing LLA membership. Letter to be reviewed at June 20 meeting and mailed at end of June. Mailing will require a gang approach to help stuff envelopes and attach labels.

Pat mentioned a call from lakeshore resident, Dan Dean, complaining about floating trash left over from Eelpout Festival. May attend one of our meetings to discuss.

AUDIT: Bob Poirier and Bill Schultz to meet with Dave in next week or two t audit LLA books.

ANNUAL MEETING: Tentatively scheduled for August 4. Bob Poirier looking into getting a well known speaker. Speaker will determine the size of meeting room we need.

BYLAWS REVIEW: Dave, Bob Gisvold, and Ray Gold to meet to review inconsistencies in LLA Bylaws and update.

DAVE LAURSEN VACATION: Dave may miss June 20 meeting due to vacation. Jeff Brockberg to take notes in Dave's absence.

Chuck Allen moved to adjourn at 11:35 PM Jeff Brockberg seconded. Minutes submitted by Dave Laursen