Leech Lake Association Meeting Minutes -- November 20, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:37AM by President Gisvold. Board Members Present: Dave Laursen, Bob Gisvold, Mike Seivert, Ray Gold, Tom McGovern ,Bill Schultz, Steve Mortensen,Gail Tufte, Pat Mortale. Steve Mortensen Absent: Bob Poirier, Jeff Brockberg, John Eaton.

 Guests: Doug Schultz,DNR; Timm Rennecke, COE; Mike Frank, Sharyn Nepsha.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Pat Mortale moved to approve October Meeting Minutes as written. Gail Tufte seconded. Unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave Laursen reported that Association bank balance on October 31 was $34, 562.96. Checkbook balance was $18,315.28. There was $250 in membership deposits. Major expenses were $936 to RMB Labs for water quality testing, $327.53 to Hummingbird press for printing Reminder Mailing, and $225 for Postoffice Non-profit mailing permit. Dave also reported that $3400 in additional membership dues was deposited in November. Mike Seivert moved to approve. Tom McGovern seconded. Unanimous.

LEECH LAKE WATER LEVELS: Timm Rennecke reported that dam outflow has been increased from 120 cps to 200 cps but no winter drawdown planned at this time due to already low water levels and uncertainties regarding winter moisture. Lake at 1294.2 and in holding pattern for now. Typical winter drawdown takes lake down to 1293.8.

DNR REPORT: Doug Schultz reported that the only adult zebra mussels found in Leech Lake to date were on the sailboat anchored for the past two years at Bluewater Marina. No additional adults were found by divers in the harbor. No veligers were found in this summer's zooplankton sampling. Doug and Steve Mortensen discussed the ongoing cormorant diet study and how important it is to know the effect of cormorants on various walleye year classes and YOY as they grow during the summer.

AIS MEETINGS: Bill Schultz will attend a day and a half meeting in the Twin Cities to hear presentations on AIS developments and plans going forward. This has become an annual gathering of AIS experts and stakeholders. Bill to meet with ACCL member, Vic Rinke, to explore common AIS objectives and areas of cooperation and areas of cooperation.

RMB WATER CHEMISTRY TESTING: Moriya Rufer from RMB Labs will attend our December meeting to discuss water chemistry data resulting from water samples collected over the summer. RMB Labs also submitted a $750 invoice for algae testing they performed as part of this project.

LEECH LAKE RIVER 1 WATERSHED 1 PLAN: Pat Mortale and John Eaton attended a second meeting of this group and report that the responsible consultants and facilitators are still in a data collection mode. No progress to report. Another meeting of this group in December is anticipated. Pat will attend, as will Carl and Timm.

OSPREY CAMERA: No update but apparently on schedule.

ROOSEVELT CANAL: August meeting at Chamber cancelled due to lack of response from area resorts and businesses. No future meeting presently scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE: Gail reported that there were a couple variance requests regarding guest cottages, and one from Bluewater Lodge seeking to reduce the number of lots on their plot.

REMINDER MAILING: Dave Laursen reported that the reminder mailing to our membership with unpaid dues was a success, with over 100 households renewing for 2017/2018. Renewals are still being received. Our paid membership is presently around 360 households.

NEXT MEETING: Our December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14, the same day as our X-mas party, to save out-of-town Board Members two successive trips to Walker.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Gail is making arrangements with the Ranchhouse Supper Club now under new owners. Dave to handle preparation and mailing of Invitations. Party will be on Thursday, December 14

Tom McGovern moved to adjourn at 11:20. Bill Schultz seconded.

Minutes prepared by Dave Laursen