**CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHAB DISTRICT**

**Annual Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2007**

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Chair Jim Grier called the August 25, 2007 Annual Meeting to order at 10 a.m. at Moose Lodge, Siren.  Board members  present:  Deb Schoepke, John Carlson, Bill Lang and Tom Stoffel; 61 property owners.

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SECRETARY REPORT:  Annual meeting minutes of August 2006 were read; motion made by Bill Lang to accept minutes; 2nd by John Carlson.   Motion carried.

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TREASURER REPORT:  July 31, 2006 thru July 31, 2007; Audit Report was distributed to all in attendance.  Questions were raised as to why interest earned was low, unemployment costs and insurance costs.  After Tom explained each situation, a motion made by John Schoepke to accept audit report as printed; 2nd by Doris Knopik.  Motion carried.

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CHAIR REPORT:  Chairman Grier reported lots of weeds on the small lake but they didn’t last too long.  We were cutting on the big lake, not realizing we didn’t have a permit from the DNR to cut the big lake.  The DNR requested we purchase a GPS unit; after doing so, we received our permit to cut on the big lake except for the area south of a line from Cumberland Point to the south landing.  Much discussion was held regarding permit process and requirements for receiving harvesting permit in 2008.

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FOREMAN REPORT:  Rod Johnson gave a report of where the wild rice has been in the past. This year the rice is very sparse.  He is checking around the lake on weed conditions and found very few weeds. The crew started pulling machines out of the lake early and did a lot of preventive maintenance.  A question was asked if the weeds that have been cut but didn’t get picked up could be somehow checked for and be picked up at the end of the day.  Rod will address this situation.

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OLD BUSINESS:  None

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NEW BUSINESS:  Members indicated they would like to have minutes and information about meetings more than once a year.  Email was a suggestion; another suggestion was to post the minutes at a location available to all property owners.

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Discussion was held regarding the possibility of reviving the Clam Lake Sportsman Club.  General consensus was one lake organization was enough.

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ELECTION:  Election was held for two board member positions.  Dwaine Persells nominated Tom Stoffel for secretary/treasurer; 2nd by Tom Knopik.  Nomination for John Carlson as board member made by Tom Knopik; 2nd by Sue Nelson.  No other nominations were made and white ballot was cast.

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FLOOR:  Discussion was held regarding our GPS purchased from Spooner Machine.  Question has been raised if it is the appropriate GPS for our type of operation.  The board feels that we will eventually be able to make it work for us with the help of the DNR at St. Croix Tribal.

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BUDGET:  Tom brought up we have enough money to pay off our cutter; which has three years remaining on the loan schedule.  We will save approximately $1100 in interest by doing this.  John Schoepke made a motion to leave it up to the board to make the decision on paying it off.  Jim Lang 2nd motion.  Motion carried.

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Jim Grier suggested applying for a grant to purchase a new elevator to replace the oldest elevator, once the Lake Plan is in place, .  Motion made by Dwaine Persells to table the idea until the cutter is paid off.  2nd by Bruce Stafford.  Motion carried.

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2008 Annual Meeting will be August 23, 2008 at the Moose Lodge on State Road 70, Siren at 10:00 a.m.

This date is different from our usual last Saturday in August meeting date because of Labor Day weekend.

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Motion to adjourn made by Jim Lang; 2nd by Dave Clemens.  Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stoffel, Secretary/Treasurer