**CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHAB DISTRICT**

**Annual Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2008**

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Chair Jim Grier called the August 23, 2008 Annual Meeting to order at 10 a.m. at Moose Lodge, Siren.  Board members  present:  Deb Schoepke, John Carlson, Bill Lang, Tom Stoffel and 67 property owners.

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Larry Damman, WI DNR Fisheries, presented the fishery data from past surveys done on Clam Lakes as well as the most current survey.  He explained the difference of the growth rate of fish that were part of the past survey as opposed to the latest survey.  His numbers based on the latest survey indicate the size of bass and numbers of bass haven’t changed in ten years.  The blue gills in Clam Lakes adulthood are commonly eight to ten inches, which are up to two inches larger than other lakes in our area.  There was a big change in the “year class” for walleyes in the 2004 survey.

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Also in 2004, it was a huge “year class” for crappies.  He said they should be about nine inches now.  He answered questions regarding the number of bullheads in the lake, the reduction of weeds in relation to the cranberry bog, the wild rice situation, use of commercial spray to control individual land owners weeds, the number of carp in the lake, lamprey in the lake and how the draw down of the lake for the winter effects the lake.  In regard to the draw down, he thought it was a good idea for our lake, especially with our wild rice.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER/AUDIT REPORTS:  Annual meeting minutes/treasurer/audit reports were distributed to all landowners present.  Tom asked if there were any questions regarding either the secretary or treasurer’s reports.  After questions were answered Jon Schoepke made a motion to accept secretary/treasurer’s reports as printed.  Roger Durbahn 2nd motion.  Motion carried.

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CHAIR REPORT:  Chairman Grier reported he had nothing to report.

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FOREMAN REPORT:  In the absence of Rod Johnson, Bob Gideo reported a couple problems with machines this year.  One being an alternator went out on one of the machines and in another case we had a bearing go out on one of the wheels.  Fortunately, in both instances, it happened after the first growth of weeds had been cut.  He also reported we bought a new truck; this truck is a diesel with an automatic transmission.  The new truck works very well by itself to pull machines out, as opposed to in past years, we have had to use two trucks hooked together to remove machines from the lake.

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OLD BUSINESS:  Tom reported:

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Ø  a website has been built using Homestead.com.  We purchased five pages for content and have links to DNR sites.  The website is www.clamlakeprd.com.  Email address is tom@clamlakeprd.com;

Ø  post pertinent information, minutes, notices of meetings, etc on the bulletin board at the pulbic access on State Road 70;

Ø  cutter has been paid off;

Ø  board has authorized up to $1500 for the purchase of a computer, printer and necessary software.

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NEW BUSINESS:  Tom reported in 2009 we would be doing a lake plan required by the DNR.  The cost of which will be covered by a grant written by the company that would do the plan on a 75/25 cost sharing basis.

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BUDGET:  Tom explained our financial position at this time.  He indicated that it was possible that we could reduce our levy to the landowners by one third to one half.  Question was asked in regard to the purchase of a new elevator as long as we have so much money on hand.  Bill Verdick made motion to check on the purchase of a new elevator with a grant.  Motion 2nd by Bill Peterson.  Motion carried.  Statement was made suggesting leaving the budget alone, “nothing wrong with having money in the bank”.  More discussion was held in regard to expenses the last two years versus the amount of money on hand—why not reduce the levy?  Jon Schoepke made motion to leave budget up to the board.  Seconded by Dave Hauan.  Motion carried.

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ELECTION:  Election was held for one board member position.  John Miller nominated Keith Larson.  Keith withdrew his name.  Tom read a note from Mike Hendrickson that he would like to nominate Dave Clements.  Mike was not able to attend meeting.  Jim Lang nominated Bill Lang.  Dave Clements was elected by a 24/18 ballot.

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2009 Annual Meeting will be August 29, 2009 at the Moose Lodge on State Road 70, Siren at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion made to adjourn and 2nd.  Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tom Stoffel, Secretary/Treasurer

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