

**Regular Meeting of the  
Five Lakes Association Board of Directors  
May 10, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the Farwell High School's Library Media Center, 399 E. Michigan Street, Farwell, MI on May 10, 2010. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 6:01 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken:

**Members present:** President David Southworth, Vice-President Cory Gingery, Secretary Rhonda Goin, Area Representatives Steve Cohoon, Dave Peterson

**Members absent:** Dick Haynak, Bob Jeffords, Tim O'Neal, Treasurer Karen Wittich

**Community Members present:** Vito Marinello

**Minutes:** Moved by Steve Cohoon supported by Cory Gingery to approve the April 23, 2010 Minutes. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

### **Committee Reports**

**Tim O'Neal (Weed Control, Landscape Maintenance and Dam Management):** President Southworth reported on behalf of Committee Chair Tim O'Neal that Savin Lake Services will be on the lake May 19<sup>th</sup> to draft a grid map of the weed beds. Each area of the lake will be given a zone number so that we will be able to communicate to Savin Lake Services which weed beds need treatment.

**Len Wittich (West Bay Silt Trap Project):** Secretary Goin reported on behalf of Committee Chair Len Wittich: Four people from the DNRE visited the silt trap site during the week of April 26, 2010. A compromise was reached as to the size and location of the silt trap, the access to Mr. Lang's property, and the protection of the wetlands area. The dimensions of the silt trap will be modified to 20' by 30' and we will be able to dig to a depth of 8' instead of the original 6'. Mr. Lang will have the 30' feet necessary to access his property. The DNRE stated that we do not need to apply for a revision to the permit. Work on the silt trap should begin mid-July.

**Karen Wittich (Beach Restoration Project):** No report.

**Onita Oles – (Election Committee):** No report yet.

### **Area Representatives' Reports:**

**Area S – Dave Peterson:** Nothing to report since last meeting.

**Area 1 – Tim O'Neal:** No report.

**Area 2 – Dick Haynak:** No report.

**Area 3 – Bob Jeffords:** No report.

**Area 4 – Steve Cohoon:** Just an FYI that a non-resident boat was reported missing from a dock.

### **New Business**

a) **Improper Distance Law on the Water** – Dave Southworth read an excerpt from the Michigan

Boating Handbook regarding improper distances on the water:

1. While operating a vessel or towing a person, at greater than 'Slow, No Wake' speed, the vessel or persons being towed must not be within 100 feet of:
    - A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
    - Any moored or anchored vessel
    - A dock or raft
    - Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water
  2. While operating a personal watercraft (PWC) at greater than "Slow, No Wake" speed, PWCs must:
    - a. Not cross within 150 feet behind another vessel other than another PWC
  3. **Improper Direction** – is defined as the failure to operate in a counterclockwise direction except in areas marked by well-defined channels or rivers.
  4. **Failure to Regulate Speed** – Faster than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions (weather, vessel, traffic, etc)
  5. **Reckless Operation** – Causing damage from the wake of your vessel.
- b) **Michael Yaklin Property** – Need new owner's name and address for records and collection of dues.
- c) **Association General Liability Insurance** – Dave Southworth has been in the process of obtaining quotes for an Errors & Omissions Policy for the Five Lakes Board, and reported that the Allen Agency in Clare can provide a policy through Auto-Owners.
- d) **Other New Business** –
1. **Newsletter** – Has been mailed per Mid Michigan Industries (MMI).
  2. **Grass Mowing** – The grass needs mowing at the Picnic Area soon, but definitely before the Memorial week-end. Cory will call Tim O'Neal to see if Blades in Motion remains interested in maintaining our grounds this year.

**Recognition of Audience Members & Public Comment:** Vito Marinello voiced his concern about the muck and silt accumulating in the bay area near the picnic grounds. He reported that the water coming into the bay from the East Silt Trap is moving very slowly, like it is dammed up or blocked somewhere. Discussion regarding the muck, silt and weed beds followed, along with the Board's research into other measures such as aeration. Mr. Marinello asked about having the bay area treated for weeds soon. Steve Cohoon explained the timing of systemic spraying of weeds in the lake, the necessary water temperatures, etc. Savin Lake Services has projected that they will service our lake the first week of June.

**Board Comments:** No further comments.

**Adjournment:** Moved by Steve Cohoon to adjourn the meeting, supported by Cory Gingery. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

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Rhonda Goin, Five Lakes Association Secretary