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White Lake Property Owners Association
2007 Annual Meeting and Picnic
July 7, 2007

The White Lake Property Owners Association's annual meeting and picnic was held on July 7, 2007 on the property of Dick & Carol Ollenburg. It was jointly hosted by Mike & Diane Wilcox. There were approximately 77 people in attendance representing 39 lake properties.

1. **Welcome and Open Meeting:** WLPOA President Leo Souder called the meeting to order at 10:40am and welcomed everyone to the 32nd Annual Meeting and Picnic. He thanked the Ollenburgs and Wilcoxes for hosting the meeting and thanked all the volunteers who worked to make the event a success.
2. **Meeting Minutes:** Eric Elfner read the minutes from the July 1, 2006 WLPOA Annual Meeting and Picnic. Eliot Elfner moved to accept the minutes as read. Fred Forest seconded and the motion carried.
3. **Financial Report:** Pat Olson reported that with the 4 members who paid their dues this morning, we have 68 paid-up members of the WLPOA for 2007. She also reported the 12/31/2006 balance of WLPOA accounts was \$10,878.24.
White Lake Management District Update: Adam Pientka announced that on July 7, 1967 this boathouse was 58.2 feet away from the edge of the lake. This morning (July 7, 2007) it is 56.2 feet away. So the lake has been lower, but not by much. Mike Wilcox reminded the membership that the new 06.1 ordinance for White Lake is in effect. This new ordinance includes a 35mph speed limit as well. The Lake District has purchased a laser gun to monitor speeds. Adam also thanked Jim Kohlmeier for updating the signs.
4. **Muskrats:** Bill Vich reported that 21 muskrats were trapped last fall. He said that homeowners had reported more muskrat activity this spring. While they were not active now, he expected them to be back in force in the fall. Bill has contacted the DNR and they said homeowners do not need a permit to trap or kill muskrats on their own land. Bill is still in discussions with the DNR to determine suitable means to repair muskrat damage to beaches.
5. **Board of Directors Election:** Leo Souder announced that he has appointed Judd Gastel to fill the empty board seat on the WLPOA. Judd introduced himself and said he has been on the lake for 9 years in Schmudlach's former cottage. Eric Elfner, Mike Coursey and Bob Wunderlich's terms are up, and all have agreed to run again. Fred Forest made a motion to close nominations and vote the proposed candidates by acclamation. Eliot Elfner seconded the motion and it carried.
6. **Recognition of Stan Young's Work:** Leo announced that Stan Young's work collecting water quality data on White Lake had been recognized in the Wisconsin Association of Lakes' newsletter, The Lake Connection. He thanked Stan for all his work on our lake and the membership applauded his efforts as well.
7. **Research Project on White Lake:** Ken Pientka spoke about a research project the WLMD has begun with Professor Wallace from Ripon College. The goal of this study is to confirm the high phosphorous levels found in recent testing and try to identify the source. This is important to stem uncontrolled weed growth and nuisance alga blooms on the lake. The study will analyze surface water levels at numerous locations, sample down the water

column (different depths) at 2 stations, take bottom sediment samples and use sand point wells to try to pinpoint the direction of groundwater flow.

Professor Wallace introduced himself and his graduate assistant, Ryan deRegnier. He handed out his "Comments to White Lake Stakeholders" about the study and discussed it. He stated that White Lake is a valuable research and the stakeholders need a plan to maintain it. The lake is a "commons", meaning everyone owns part of it. His study is attempting to identify specific human activities that contribute to it. Preliminary findings of the study include:

- Secchi disk readings for water clarity are still very good.
- Oxygen levels are dropping very fast (faster than they were in the last study 3 years ago.)
- Phosphorous levels are indeed up, almost to last fall's high reading.
- It is likely that there is high phosphorous in bottom sediments, and that stirring up those sediments increases phosphorous in the water.
- His study will be testing sediments and sand point wells if provided.

Professor Wallace answered questions from the membership.

(Mike Wilcox of the White Lake Management District sent a transcript of Professor Wallace's entire presentation to all White Lake property owners shortly after the meeting.)

8. **Old Business:** None.
9. **New Business:** Eric Elfner reminded the membership of the new White Lake Property Owners Association website, www.whitelakepoa.org.
10. **Award Door Prizes:** Bob Wunderlich and Eric Elfner distributed the door prizes Bob had arranged. Amy Elfner's ticket was drawn for the 2008 dues.
11. **Adjourn:** Fred Forest moved to adjourn to brats and hot dogs. Eliot Elfner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.