



Little Tamarack Flowage Baker Spring Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

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JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 1, 2018 LAKE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING:

Karl Jennrich called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Present were Commissioners: Karl Jennrich, Art Kunde, Clancy Senechalle, Al Williamson and Rich Ruffalo. Also present were recording secretary, Bob Senechalle and Sue Holloway.

Clancy Senechalle made a motion, seconded by Rich Ruffalo to approve the agenda for today's meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public comment was invited. No public comment was made.

Rich Ruffalo made a motion, seconded by Clancy Senechalle to approve the minutes of the Board's October 14, 2017 meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Al Williamson gave the treasurer's report. The current cash balance is \$21,923.69 Clancy made a motion, seconded by Karl Jennrich to approve payment of the insurance coverage renewal premium for 2018 in the sum of \$1,168.00 reimbursement to Al Williamson in the sum of \$50.00 for website fee, and \$11,294.56 for the loan repayment installment due March 15, 2018. This motion carried by unanimous vote.



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Al explained that the Lake District Board had been under the impression that a lesser sum could be paid to the Wisconsin Dept. of Public Lands towards our loan balance in 2018 because we had pre-paid such a significant sum. However, the Department clarified that the regular amortization scheduled payment is due each year, regardless of the loan's principal balance, until the loan is paid in full.

Rich Ruffalo handed Al Williamson a check from the Flowage Preservation Alliance made payable to the Lake District in the sum of \$962.71. This amount represents the FPA's balance on hand after the winding up of the operations of the FPA.

Karl believes that the dam outlet grate has been picked up by the Town and stored for the winter but he will confirm that this is the case.

Rich reported that the Dam Operations committee is in the process of being formed. Rich has confirmed that Tom Setum, Bob Vogt, and Bob Senechalle will serve on the committee, with Rich as committee chair. Rich also intends to ask Jay Richman if he wishes to serve. The committee will

meet in March and will have a report for the Board at its April meeting. Water levels, Dam inspection and maintenance and possible inlet side grate will be among the items on the committee's agenda. The committee will also take responsibility for updating the Lake District's Inspection, Operation and Maintenance (IOM) document and its Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that are currently on file with the DNR. Bob prepared these initially and will help submitting the updated version.

Clancy described the expected mission of the Water Quality committee. She and Sue are organizing the committee and will have more to report at future meetings. They intend to invite participation by interested Lake District members.

Sue presented a revised version of the Lake District Brochure. Sue explained the updates. The Board complimented Sue on the excellent brochure and agreed that it is ready to be printed and used.

Bob explained the results of his research into the ownership issue of the filled in portion of the former outlet stream at the old culvert. That property (which was an outlet stream until June of 2016 when the Lake District filled it in) was not deeded out when the Hembrook and Hazelwood parcels were created. It was not included in either the Hembrook or Hazelwood deeds, except for a small portion just west of the western bank of East Flowage Road, which was deeded to the Hembrook's predecessor in ownership and now owned by the Hembrooks. All surveys and deeds confirm that Hazelwood does



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not own any of the land which used to be the outlet stream and has now been filled in. The Lake District has rights in that land by virtue of the Flowage Easement transfer from Vilas County to the Lake District in 2015. The Board was of the unanimous opinion that it is detrimental to the Lake District's interest in protecting its easement rights to permit Mark Hazelwood to erect "No Trespassing" signs on that filled in land and to otherwise treat the land as though it were his own.

Karl Jennrich made a motion, seconded by Rich Ruffalo directing Bob to draft a letter for the Lake District to Mark Hazelwood and to John and Betty Hembrook setting forth the Lake District's position regarding the Lake District's rights to the filled in outlet stream property. The letter will be circulated for Board approval prior to being sent out by Karl on the Board's behalf. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was agreed by the Board after discussion, that Bob's report on the float plane issue which was raised at the October meeting, would be presented at the Board's April meeting.

Other than those previously mentioned, there were no line item transfers, bills or refunds.

Items mentioned for inclusion in the Agenda for the April meeting were: annual meeting planning, float plane issue, update on filled in outlet stream land issue and committee updates.

It was agreed that the annual meeting will be held on July 7 at 10:00 a.m.

The Board's next meeting will be on April 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Center.

Clancy made a motion, seconded by Al to adjourn the meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.



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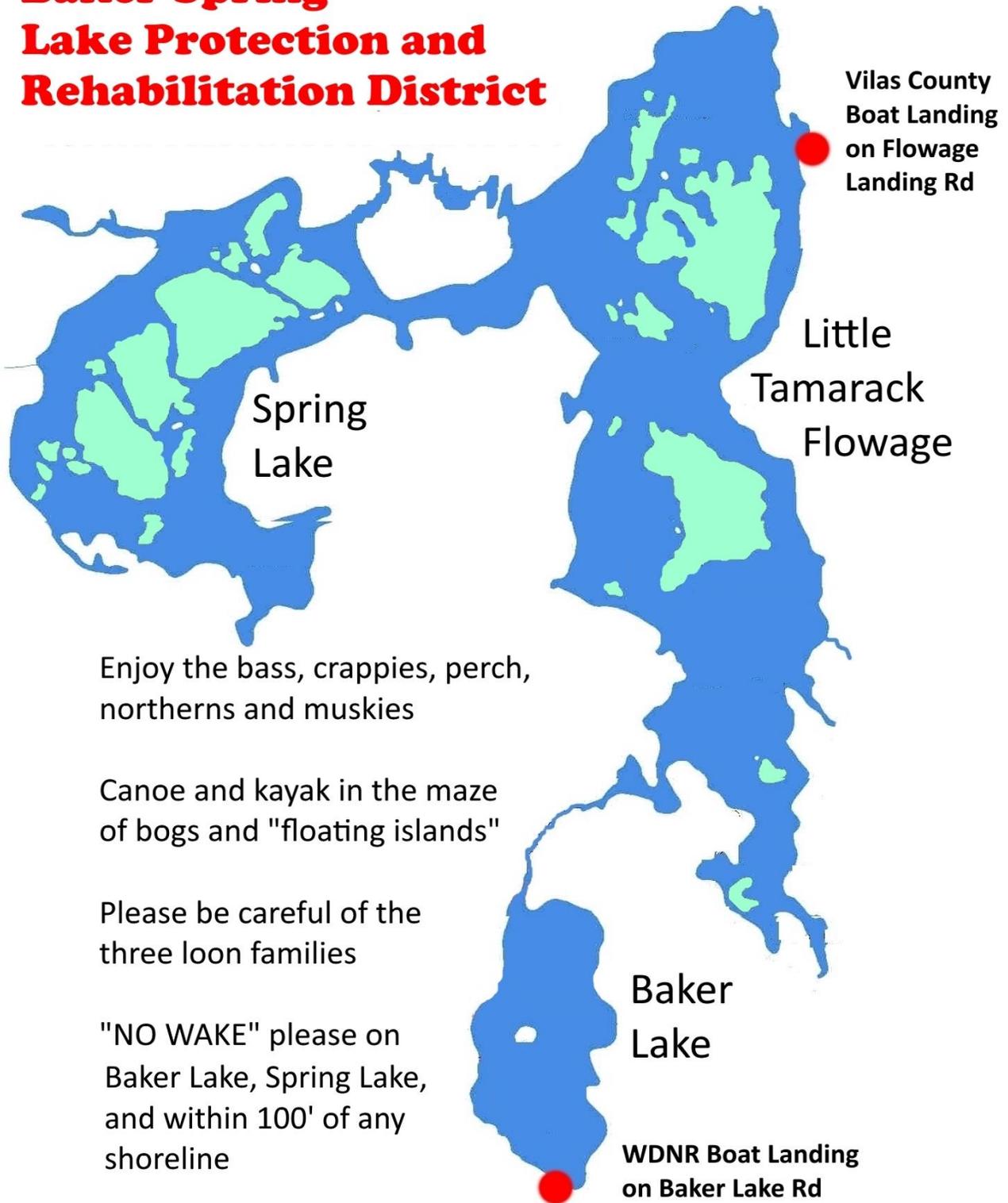
IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE SEEN IT ALL, HERE'S THE NEWEST SPORT ON THE FLOWAGE
(courtesy of the Senechalle family)



UPDATED BROCHURE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE TWO BOAT LANDINGS:

Below is a preview of the new brochure that will be available to folks using the boat landings. In addition to a map of the Flowage, Baker and Spring Lakes, and the wetland “maze”, there are also reminders about aquatic invasive species “no wake” areas.

**Little Tamarack Flowage
Baker Spring
Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District**



Enjoy the bass, crappies, perch, northerns and muskies

Canoe and kayak in the maze of bogs and "floating islands"

Please be careful of the three loon families

"NO WAKE" please on Baker Lake, Spring Lake, and within 100' of any shoreline

ABOUT THE FLOWAGE: The Little Tamarack Flowage is located in the Town of Conover in Vilas County, Wisconsin. It includes Baker and Spring Lakes and connecting bogs, wetlands, and waterways – a total of approximately 370 acres.

Fish include bass, northerns, perch, crappies, bluegills, and muskies. Canoeing and kayaking are popular, since the Flowage provides many interesting channels and backwaters for the nature-lover. Flora and fauna are of the wetland varieties, and many rare species are at home on the Flowage. There are two public boat landings providing access, and one-third of the shoreline is undeveloped Vilas County Forestland.

The Little Tamarack Flowage flows into Little Tamarack Creek, which flows into the Wisconsin River near its headwaters.



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HISTORY OF THE FLOWAGE: The dam creating the Little Tamarack Flowage was built in 1942, to “increase fire protection and opportunity for public recreation”. (Translate the last part of that quotation to “fishing”!)

However, in 2008 the dam was found to be no longer in compliance with Wisconsin dam safety regulations.

A Lake District was formed to take ownership of the dam, and bring it up to State standards. In 2016 the dam reconstruction project was completed, assuring the long-term survival of the Flowage and its connecting lakes and waterways.

The Lake District operates the dam, supported by property owners around the Flowage through their property taxes.

It took a lot of work to save the dam, the Flowage, Baker Lake, and Spring Lake. Please help keep the waters pristine. We don't believe we have any invasive species, and would like to keep it that way. Remember to “CLEAN, DRAIN, AND DRY” your boat and trailer. Your help is greatly appreciated!

