

ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 27, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Ernie Chiodo. All Board members present except Rich Gossling(excused) and Steve Kuksa (excused).

1. Approval of Minutes of 2003 Annual Meeting. Fred Ekornaas/Bob Chudy
Motion carried.

2. Committee Reports

WEED CONTROL Carrie Miner, Chair, stated that mechanical harvesting was done from June 11 through August 4 with a total of 120 loads and 114 working hours. Carrie handed out a map showing the number of times each area of the lake was cut during the season.

Francis Svoboda commented that a summer resident cannot get the weeds out on the dock by 8 am on Friday or Monday. She asked if the weeds could be picked up after 1pm. Ernie Chiodo stated that after 12 noon there can be wake boating and it is too difficult for the harvester. A compromise was made with weed pick up at noon on Fridays for the next summer season.

Tuleen Weiss stated that she was very disappointed that the harvester was not in working order for the beginning of the cutting season. The harvester should have all necessary maintenance to begin the cutting on time. On Memorial Day the lake looked like “_____”. She has observed that the harvester cuts only on the east side of the lake. She suggested the harvester should pay attention to who gets cut and switch from year to year. The committee should also inform the DNR about the herbicide treatment and be careful not to treat property that does not want treatment. She was very disappointed.

Bill Serritella asked if the Board has considered the big mechanical harvester again next spring. Pearl Seavitte read a motion made by Rich Gossling at the Annual meeting on August 23, 2002. “The motion was that we cancel using an outside contractor to help control the weeds. Diane Taylor seconded the motion and passed”.

The next newsletter should ask “who has the large rakes to pick up weeds that the Lake District bought some years ago”?????

Julie Serritella asked why did George Lake wait so long to apply herbicides when Kathy Aron suggested an early application of herbicides? Answer: the water has to be a certain temperature before herbicides can be applied.

It was noticed that Purple Loose Strife was much better this year...the beetles were a success!

GRANTS Pearl Seavitte reported that Kathy Aron’s Grant for the Lake Plant Study is completed. There has been no information from Jeff Thorton about the Grant for Lake Management. He will be contacted to attend the next quarterly meeting in November.

WATER QUALITY AND TESTING There is a high amount of nitrogen crossing Hwy 45. This is a concern and something to look into this coming year.

Tuleen Weiss asked if the new Boat Parking lot has any type of shield. Bob Chudy stated that he planted 1500 trees and prairie grass. Most of the silt coming into the lake was from farmer's fields. This is a 15 year program that will eventually help the lake. Ernie Chiodo stated that putting in ponds to catch silt before entering the lake is another helpful project. The committee is working with the DNR for a permit for Retention Ponds, Hwy 45 and near Boat Launch.

Bob Chudy conducted E-coli testing on July 18. The report was East Beach = 3/100ml and North Beach = 360/100ml. The North Beach was over the 235 limit and could be closed. Therefore, he took 2 additional samples. The North Beach was split in half for 2nd test. The results were the East (North Beach) Section = 15/100ml and West (North Beach) section = 7/100ml. This 2nd testing was well within the limits. Question?? What happened? 360 vs 15 and 7. Could argue that the lab made a mistake and also someone in the area is feeding the geese on this beach. During the testing, 5 families of geese came up...Bob Chudy asked that we talk with people and tell them about the geese problem or notify Bob and he will make a point to talk with them. He recommends that perhaps there could be a notice on the Beach about feeding the geese. Feeding the geese will result in closing the beach due to high levels of e-coli. Sea gulls were no problem on either beach.

Ernie Chiodo reported that water testing was the same as last year. There is still 1 ½ months of water testing for the remaining season. The 3 ft to 6 ft seichi depth level is a good reading; 6 ft to 9ft level is stressful to fish. DO testing will be discussed later on the agenda.

Tuleen Weiss stated that she has pictures of underground springs in George Lake but now they are all silted over.

Frances Svoboda stated that dredging has been discussed for 35 years. Ernie Chiodo stated that dredging is too expensive now. (He looked back at some paperwork and noticed all the paperwork regarding dredging years ago.) Unfortunately, at this time, the expense of over \$1 million and too much paperwork makes dredging a difficult project but would not say "never".

Ernie Chiodo would like to form a Committee to check into the possibility of dredging George Lake. Anyone interested, please contact him.

Julie Serritella questioned legality of the expense under herbicide treatment in the budget for 2004. Pearl Seavitte referred to the minutes at the Annual meeting on August 15, 2003 on page 4. "Fred Ekornaas called the question of the amendment and moved to vote on the amendment of striking the \$8220 from the budget. Jeff Coultrip seconded and the decision was carried in favor of calling the question and terminating debate by 38-1. Rich Gossling called for a secret ballot method of voting. The final tally of the vote was 26 – 17 in favor of keeping the \$8220 in the budget under the line item of herbicidal treatment."

SPECIAL PROJECTS Pearl Seavitte read a letter from Susie Tarsa reporting on the progress of the projects that have been completed this summer and the ones that are to be completed using all the remaining funds. Ernie Chiodo complimented the Special Projects Committee for all their work on behalf of George Lake.

BUDGET HEARING Time to look over the budget as proposed was requested. A question of where the harvester is being stored. Rich Gossling has indicated that it should be able to be stored at the same place as last year.

Julie Serritella questioned the office expense. Pearl Seavitte gave a breakdown of expenses of copying(very expensive), stamps, newspaper notices, ect. A vote for approval of office expenses was requested. The vote was 17 – 4 in favor.

ADOPT BUDGET Fred Ekornaas made the motion to approve the 2005 Budget as proposed. Bob Chudy seconded. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF ONE (1) BOARD MEMBER POSITION Bob Chudy's position on the Board is open for re-election. The requirements are to attend 4 Quarterly meetings and the Annual meeting. Sam Seavitte nominated Bob Chudy. Bill Serritella nominated Tullee Weiss. The voting is to be by secret ballot. All voters registered before the meeting and were given a slip of paper to be used as the ballot. The ballots were counted. Bob Chudy 17 Tuleen Weiss 4 Bob Chudy is elected as a member to the Board for the next 3 years.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A LAP-TOP COMPUTER The cost of a used Lap-Top computer will be \$330. Fred Ekornaas stated that the reason for the computer is that the software and records relating to George Lake will be able to go to the next Treasurer for continuing and constant recording. He stated buying the computer is like buying a file cabinet which will go to the next treasurer. It makes sense to do this. Fred Ekornaas made the motion to purchase the Lap-Top computer. Bob Chudy seconded. Motion/Carried

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN ELECTRONIC METER FOR TESTING FOR DISSOLVED OZYGEN Ernie Chiodo suggested that this item be tabled until further research. Craig Haulker (DNR) estimated that the DO testing meter would cost approximately \$800 and up. Fred Ekornaas made the motion to table this item until further information is available. Jeff Coultrip seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS Bob Chudy reported that the Parking Lot is completed. Randy Kirkman decided that is was not necessary to have a culvert. Coarse gravel was used for runoff and the parking area was pitched. The original cost of the culvert was \$2200. The original quote for the entire project was \$5000. The question of reducing the actual final bill by the cost of the culvert of \$2200 will be pursued by Ernie Chiodo. He will contact Randy Kirkman.

Tuleen Weiss questioned why George Lake had to pay the cost of the Parking Lot. She stated that she thought that the Town of Bristol should pay. Fred Ekornaas stated that it is very common that taxing bodies pay for different projects. It is a matter of moving tax dollars around.

NEW BUSINESS NONE

DATE FOR 2005 ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Meeting has to be held anytime between May 22 and September 8. The idea of having the Annual Meeting in September

after school starts would possibly be a time when more residents could attend rather than in the summer vacation schedule. Julie Serritella stated that George Lake has too many summer people so we cannot wait until September. Fred Ekornaas made the motion to set the next Annual meeting on August 26, 2005. Bob Chudy/seconded. Motion/Carried

ADJOURNMENT Fred Ekornaas made the motion to adjourn the 2004 Annual Meeting. Jeff Coultrip/seconded Motion/Carried
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectively submitted

Pearl Seavitte, Secretary