

Big Chip Shore-Owners Association
Minutes: Jan. 28, 2000 10:00 A.M.

Present: Jim Otto, Terry Scott, Sara Heim, Carol Cashman

Secretary's report: Sara went over notes of last meeting and read letter sent out to members who were not current with their dues.

Treasurer's report: Carol reported that 41 responded to the second mailing by sending in \$10.00 dues. This brings the total to 116 paid members out of a possible 165-175 land owners. We all agreed that this was a successful mailing. There is now \$1,357.80 in the checking account and \$2,495.04 in the savings account. We have not been billed for our \$1,000.00 contribution to the feasibility study of a new sewer system. We need to pay \$1.00 per member to the Douglas County Lakes Association (\$116.00). We have not been billed for the meeting room that was used for the annual meeting last June. Also, we should anticipate a cost of \$400-\$500 for the printing of the Big Chip Shore-owners Association directories, later this spring.

Discussion: Jim reported on the carp problem. He had spoke to Todd, a DNR officer from Glenwood. Todd said the DNR is not actively managing the carp population in Big Chip but are monitoring it. The DNR won't put new gates in or repair the old ones unless someone volunteers to maintain them..He didn't think that traps have any positive effect in relation to the amount of time and money spent and the good that it does. Terry went over some old fish studies (1997) done by the DNR and it appears that we still have a healthy distribution of different fish species. There does seem to be an increase in rock bass. We agreed that it something that we should keep monitoring.

We discussed the possible increase in weed growth and the need to make people aware of the need to use phosphate free fertilizer to keep the lake clear and healthy.

Carol and Sara brought up the problems involved in updating the directory. Carol will try to get a new listing from the City Assessor's Office and Sara will update files for the directory with new members and address corrections so it will be ready to distribute at the annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be held on June 17. We discussed the possibility of having a pig roast and picnic at the Chippewa park on Devil's Lake. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea and we will pursue plans to have an outdoor picnic meeting instead of using the school.

There was a discussion of the possibility of raising the dues to \$20. There may be additional costs in the future with the possible sewer project and the possible need to spray for tent caterpillars. Terry said that usually individual owners spray their own property or several get together to spray several properties at the same time. He will get in touch with a county extension agent to see what the likely need is. We decided to wait for actual need before raising the fees as it appears as if we have enough funds to handle current expenses.

Carol said there is no new information on the sewer study but she will call Tim Byrell to get status of study and inquire about our billing. We discussed the possibility of sending a newsletter to members to keep them updated on current issues. Sara volunteered to write a rough draft for the next meeting.

Jim said that Virgil had talked to the DNR about debris left on the ice from fisherman. The DNR can mark area with GPS to try to trace who is leaving trash on the ice. We hope that everyone will work together to alleviate trash so it won't go into the lake at ice out.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30.

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The meeting was held at Chippewa Park and was called to order by Jim Otto. Sara read the minutes from the last annual meeting. They were approved as read.

Carol gave the treasurer's report. We started with \$599.98 in the checking account last year. We received \$2,160.00 in dues and contributions. There were expenditures of \$1,835.89, leaving a balance of \$923.94. Our savings account had \$2,499.60 last year, which has grown to \$2,510.98 with interest earned. There have been no deposits or withdrawals. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old business: Ray Lanners reported that the dam at the other end of ^{Little Chip} ~~the lake~~ is in bad repair. He expressed his concern that if one of the logs were to become dislodged, the lake level could drop 4" to 5". The DNR has repaired but is not willing to replace the dam.

^{Dan Folsom & Randy Jennings}
New business: Engineers from Widseth, Smith and Nolting were asked to give their report on the progress of the feasibility study of the proposed public sewer system. They have been hired to do a study of Chippewa, Devil's and Whiskey Lakes in order to find out who would be included in the service district. They reported there is not enough population in some areas around these lakes to be feasible to serve the entire area. They presented a map showing the proposed area to be served. They thought that a lagoon system would work best and have been looking for a potential pond location. They have found several potential sites near Brandon's existing ponds. This would be good because Brandon's existing system could monitor the new systems. The cost of the new system would be approximately \$6.8 million. There are approximately 384 potential lots that would be assessed for the new system. They made an educated guess that it would cost approximately \$17,700 per lot. Assessments can be paid over a 20-year period. A facility plan will be submitted to the state for grants and low interest loans. We can decide at the public hearing if we want to apply for federal funds also. If we receive these funds, the final cost may be half of the assessed cost. We won't know until the beginning of 2001 what funding is available and 2002 would be the earliest that we would see the sewer project begin. After we apply for funds, the state prioritizes the project. It may be put off from year to year.

Virgil Linn asked how far are we from breaking ground. WSN replied that the earliest we would hear about the funding will be early 2001, and the earliest we can begin is 2002. There are some land acquisition and easement issues to work out. A grant writer will be at the public meeting on ~~Monday~~, July 1 and can answer questions about a likely time line.

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Some of the factors that influence the funding priority list are how many septic systems are failing, how much money is available, what other projects are on the list, and the impact to the environment. The county did a desktop survey and found that 2/3 of the septic systems around Big Chip are non-conforming and over 30% are actually having a negative impact on the lake. Carol Cashman asked what could be done in the interim to