

BIRCH BAY VILLAGE LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday *October 10*, 2012

7 PM

BBVCC Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Roll call: *Ken Hecker, Bob Nelson, Bernd Werny, Gary Levy, Rick Whitaker
Gen Manager Ken Hoffer; Board Liaison Jim Lockie;
Guests: Dr. Robin Matthews and Joan Van der Syden (from WWU), and Roy Clumpner (from
Sandy Point)*
2. Review/Approve Minutes of 9/5/12 Meeting : *Passed*
3. New Co-Chairmanship: Ken Hecker & Gary Levy: *Approved by the BBV BofD*
4. Carp Permit Update: application time frame is April 2013. *No change from Sept report. A
letter was sent to DFW by Aquatechnex in support of BBV's request for waiver of the five
year's wait between fish re-stocking, and for staged restocking, based on "Predation" issues.*
5. Chemical Applications Update: *One more treatment due for 2012. Info'd WWU re the
CaCO2 and Blue Dye application history.*
6. Thunderbird Lake Level & Roads & Drainage Projects: *Completed, per Jim Lockie. There
was a large blockage at the Thunderbird Lake end of the culvert from the S GCP to the lake,
that has been cleared.*
7. Lake/Pond Conditions: *Overall not bad. The entire NW region is having a tough time
controlling algae this year.*
8. Status on Aeration compressors *Parts order for rebuild of the compressors is being prepared
by Uelli, for winter project. There are some older S/S fountain type units that all agreed
should be "sold/moved" as we no longer feel they are applicable to our needs.*
9. Muskrat infestation in Thunderbird Lake. *The Trapper was apparently successful as there is
no sign of any Muskrats at this time.*
10. Committee Vacancies: *Gene Carr has stated willingness to serve another term on the
committee. Approved by the Committee.*
11. Confirmation of Next Meeting *March 2013*
12. Other Lakes Business: *Discussions with WWU:*

- *Water test data for July 31, 2012: Chlorophyll levels very low on both lakes c/w historical records (good). Total Phosphorus levels are high (despite the huge amount of CaCO₂ put in the lakes...puzzling) Nitrogen levels are low, but this actually encourages the blue-green algae to thrive over the competing macro type.*
- *Lakes are high in zooplankton, which is the feed for the small fish (sculpins and sticklebacks)*
- *High fecal coli form level in Kwann Lake.*
- *Goose poop is a major Phosphorus source. Undoes the efforts to control algae growth. Discussed ways to discourage resident goose population: Harassment esp by dogs; Hunting by "master hunters"; trapping by DFW for Food Bank (this was done about 10+ years ago, about 500 were removed, at probably 0 cost to village).*
- *Suggest we check out Washington Lakes Protection Association...they have a annual meeting/symposium this month. Workshops to discuss problems/solutions. Many vendor booths; Opportunity to meet other lakes people and compare experience dealing with water/plant/algae issues.*
- *Rick measured Thunderbird lake level on 10/12/12 and it is 27-1/2" below the bottom of the outflow pipe. Also, due to the large infestation of Geese, there is a huge amount of "poop" along the shore. We should anticipate a huge spike in nutrients which will result in big-time weed/algae growth next spring.*

Meeting adjourned about 8:15PM

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