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Formation of Natural Resources Task Group

Issue: The complex lake management projects for preservation of lake health that will be occurring in the next few years as well as the recognition and initiation of forest management to preserve our natural forested land requires a focused task group involved primarily in those issues.

Background: Ever since the 2016 algae bloom at Lake Holiday, a group of members has been intensively involved in understanding lake biology and ecology and the resulting need to manage the phosphorus and sediment entering the lake. This has led to extensive research, inquiry and hiring of experts culminating in a clear understanding of what is required to maintain lake health.

This has always been part of the Lake Committee. A task group within that committee has performed all the work and reported findings to the committee as a whole.

Two years ago, a private forester, invited by a community member, visited Lake Holiday and educated those involved (BG&SA members primarily) that our forested common areas are not healthy and that in order to sustain our forest we will have to learn how to manage it just as we have had our eyes opened to the needs of the lake. The Forest Management Task Group was formed under the auspices of the Master Planning Committee.

We have also learned that the health of the lake depends significantly on the health of our other natural resources such as our riparian zones (plants at the edge of the water), wetlands, grasslands and forests. Everything is interconnected.

Recommendation: At a recent Master Plan Task Group meeting, the requirement for a comprehensive long term natural resources plan was discussed. The group recommended that the two task groups should be combined into one task group called the Natural Resources Task Group under the Master Planning Committee.

The members of the lake management task group (Jim Pagenkopf, Steve Herring, Pat Majewski) would move from the Lake Committee and join with members of the forest management task group and report to Master Planning Committee.

Motion: Approve formation of the Natural Resources Task Group under Master Planning Committee.

Sponsors: Pat Majewski and Charles Nieman, Master Planning Committee

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