

**NSTLRA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Saturday, July 6, 2013**  
**Waverly Park**  
**Phelps, WI**  
**12:00 Noon**

Following a wonderful pot luck picnic, President Roger Ganser calls the meeting to order at 12:52 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Rogers asks those in attendance to give a round of applause for the volunteers who worked in the kitchen.

Roger recognizes the current Board of Directors, asking each to stand as he calls their name. Roger recognizes Francis Schuster, who passed away this spring. Francis served as NSTLRA President from 2001 – 2006 and remained on the board for many years after. He was a charter member of the association and was very dedicated to our lakes. \$500 was contributed to the AMEN Fund in his memory. Roger then recognizes Bob and Barb Clem, who hosted the NSTLRA Fish Boil at their Sundown Restaurant from 2001 – 2011. Roger presents Bob and Barb with South Twin sweatshirts. Roger also recognizes Richard Hedburg, Bob Van Slate and Nick Amschlinger who helped Bob Clem catch the fish for the Fish Boil each year.

Ginny Parker honors Mike Schindler for his service as Treasurer from 1999 to 2013. Mike was instrumental in obtaining our 5013C tax exempt status, and for saving money on lake treatment with grants. Ginny says Mike has worked very hard for the association and presents Mike with a silver engraved mug.

President Roger Ganser tells that we have been very successful obtaining DNR grants for lake treatment in the past, receiving them every year we applied for them. He feels that this is coming to an end as the DNR does not have as much funding for grants and there is much competition for the grants. Roger reiterates that Mike Schindler has done a wonderful job with grants. Roger announces that Ginny Parker is retiring as Executive Secretary and thanks Ginny for all her hard work in that position.

Roger Ganser introduces Dick Donarski, Treasurer. Dick reports that we have \$2,093 in the checking account and \$77,685 in the AMEN Fund. The town of Phelps will be giving the NSTLRA \$2,000 this year. Dick says we still have to pay for this year's consulting and treatment.

Roger reports that Cap Pedersen works on our lake treatment program. This year our grant includes funds for hand pulling in South Twin Lake; we have hired a firm, met with them, and they will begin hand pulling the Eurasian Water Milfoil in South Twin soon.

Roger Ganser explains that NSTLRA is trying to communicate through email more often and that if you would like to receive emails, please make sure we have your email address.

Roger reports that we had a terrific growth in membership last year with 233 memberships. Roger expects we will match that in 2013. Ginny Parker has updated Membership Directories if anyone would like one.

Roger Ganser addresses the Swimmer's Itch Survey done last year. The survey told us that Swimmer's Itch is unpredictable with people getting it while their neighbors did not. Ginny Parker has copies of the first NSTLRA newsletter from 1995, and it had an article regarding Swimmer's Itch. Roger introduces John Hyde who has "Summary of NSTLRA's Swimmer's Itch

Recommendations to pass out for people. John explains that the research and treatment summary was derived from on-line research studies from the University of Michigan, Michigan State, Green Lake Association and interviews with medical professionals and Eagle River pharmacists. In addition to explaining how people are infected, John's handout tells what can be done to prevent infection, and what to do if you are infected. John says that NSTLRA will continue to research Swimmer's Itch and update our findings and recommendations annually.

Roger Ganser asks for people to email any incidents of Swimmer's Itch to NSTLRA or directly to John Hyde. A lively discussion ensues with someone suggesting using Copper Sulfate to treat the problem (however, it is later found that it is illegal to use Copper Sulfate in a WI lake as it will kill the fish). Another member says that we don't need more research, we need to formulate a plan to deal with Swimmer's Itch. Another member rises to say that this is a "worldwide epidemic" and that millions of dollars have been spent on research. Roger Ganser assures the membership present that we will continue to look into this problem.

Jackie Fruth announces that the Poker Run will be held on North and South Twin on Saturday, July 13, from 1 to 4 PM. She is hoping to have 100 participants this year. She introduces Jon Racine of Dublin's Sports Bar, where we will be meeting at 5:00 PM after the Poker Run.

Roger suggests everyone take a look at the merchandise that Laura Babe is selling.

Ron Ottoson announces that he and Cap Pedersen are organizing a golf outing for members, Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM at Sand Lake and has a signup sheet for those interested.

Mike and Mary Schindler speak about the Great Headwaters Trail; the trail from Conover to Phelps is 10 miles long, separated into 3 segments. The first segment is funded and will start construction and be completed next year. GHT would like to construct the second segment next year, but it is not fully funded. The bike trail would be invaluable to this area.

There are three board vacancies as Roger Ganser, Mike Schindler and Dick Martin's terms expire. There are three candidates for the board; Roger Ganser, Mike Schindler and Steve Bahrke.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:38 PM.