

**NSTLRA Board Meeting
Thursday, July 18, 2013
North Bay Café
Phelps, WI**

Members in attendance: President Roger Ganser, Treasurer Dick Donarski, Mike Schindler, Ginny Parker, Joe Wallace, Bob Bailey, Ron Ottoson, John Hyde, Margo Peterson, Steve Bahrke, Cap and Denise Pedersen

Not in attendance: Marti Primich, Don Zirbel

Minutes: Bob Bailey makes a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2013 Board Meeting. Roger Ganser seconds the motion and it is approved.

Nominating Committee: Mike Schindler reports that the following changes were made to the board retroactively from the annual meeting: Terms were expiring for Roger Ganser, Mike Schindler and Dick Martin. There were three vacancies and three candidates. Roger and Mike will stay on through 2015. Steve Bahrke was selected to replace Dick Martin. Ginny Parker is retiring as Executive Secretary but will remain on the board.

Election of Officers: Mike Schindler nominates Roger Ganser for President, Dick Donarski for Treasurer, Denise Pedersen for Secretary, and Bob Bailey for Vice President. All are approved by the board.

Treasurer: Dick Donarski reports the balance in the checking account is \$4,263.60. The AMEN fund has a balance of \$82,578.71. Dick says this does include the monies from the Poker Run and \$2,038 from Laura Babe for merchandise. This also includes \$2,000 given the association by the town of Phelps. We will owe approximately \$23,100 for lake treatment and pulling this summer. Dick reports we currently have 184 members. Mike Schindler says that at this time last year we had 189 members and ended up with 233. Dick thinks the 183 includes only 5 or 6 new members.

Lake Treatment Plan: Cap Pedersen says he has not received anything from Onterra on the North Twin treatment results yet. The pullers worked 3 ½ days on South Twin and we currently owe them \$2,085. They were working about 150 yards off the west shore and were pulling plants 7 to 8 feet tall with huge root balls. Cap says of the \$1,500 from our grant and the additional \$1,000 the board approved spending, we have enough for one more day of pulling on South Twin. Mike Schindler asks if Onterra will monitor what the pullers have done and Cap says it will be included in their post treatment survey. There is discussion of adding money for additional pulling; Mike Schindler motions we approve \$2,500 in additional monies for pulling (, Bob Bailey seconds and the board approves the expenditure. Cap says he will contact the pullers and ask them to work on South Twin for an additional amount of time. Cap will take photos of their pontoon with the weed pile and Roger suggests it be used in the next newsletter along with an article. Ron Ottoson says he heard an interesting comment from people on Long Lake; some people there will not eat fish from the lake as they have heard Agent Orange was used in their lake treatment. Ron asks if we can get a statement from Eddie Heath at Onterra regarding the chemicals we are using. Cap Pedersen says he will call Dan Anderson at Long Lake to find out what chemical they really used in their treatment.

Swimmer's Itch Task Force: Roger Ganser says that in addition to the people at the Annual Meeting who were very upset about Swimmer's Itch, he has received an email from an upset

lake homeowner on this issue. Roger wants to form a task force to continue to try to understand Swimmer's Itch and to get the DNR involved. Steve Bahrke says all you can do is prevent the infection of people and that Deet in oil base, Noxzema both work. Margo Peterson reports that Baby Banana Boat 50 SPF also works. Roger Ganser says Steve is 100% right, but people aren't going to be happy to hear that all you can do is prevent infection. Steve adds that you can't get rid of the snails and ducks. Joe Wallace mentions the gentleman at the Annual Meeting who mentioned using Copper Sulfate. Joe reports that Copper Sulfate has been illegal in Wisconsin since it was used in a lake in 1984 and killed all the fish. Ginny suggests we get that information from Ted Ritter and use it in the next newsletter. Ron Ottoson asks Steve why it affects one person and not another. Steve says there is definitely a difference in sensitivity. Roger Ganser asks Steve to be on the Task Force along with himself, John Hyde and the angry emailed. Joe Wallace asks if have done any research on grants to work on Swimmer's Itch. Mike Schindler remembers that when Kevin Gauthier of the DNR met with us, he felt this was a sign of a healthy lake and offered no information regarding Swimmer's Itch. Joe Wallace has heard a rumor that 3 people have sold their homes because of Swimmer's Itch and Bob Bailey says Twin Pines Resort owner has had people leave saying they are never coming back because of this issue. Steve Bahrke says we need to do a better job on education regarding prevention of infection.

Membership: John reports the membership committee plans to canvas door to door to engage others in our association and build new memberships. People canvassing will be Roger Ganser, Ron Ottoson, Dick Donarski, Chris Mijal, Jim Fruth, Steve Bahrke and John himself. John hopes the committee can gather background information from nonmembers regarding their knowledge of the NSTLRA and their feelings, negative or positive, on the NSTLRA. In addition to talking with non-members, John said another object would be increasing AMEN contributions among current members. They will also collect data on how to contact people and how they use the lake. John will contact committee members regarding meeting. Ron Ottoson says that he feels if we had a Poker Run every Saturday we would have many more members; he feels that the more fun events we offer, the more people will want to be involved in the association.

Newsletter: Margot Peterson hopes to have the next newsletter out the end of September. She asks to email her with articles or photos. She asks that we do not send her PDF's as they cannot be manipulated. Articles suggested would be on the Poker Run, prevention of Swimmer's Itch, and the weed pulling on South Twin. Margot asks if we need to fill some positions; Mike Schindler feels we have a need for people to get involved in Clean Boats/Clean Waters. In the past there were three people organizing volunteers at three boat landings. Now we only have interns at the Phelps landing and we need to decide if we are going to do anything as an organization. Roger Ganser feels that we have the busiest landing covered with interns. Joe Wallace adds that he feels boaters are now conscientious about weeds due to the education of the public on the issue of invasive species. Bob Bailey inquires the cost to do the newsletter and Dick Donarski says the last one cost \$311.

Email Distribution: Mike Schindler is working on email distribution and database. Mike needs to finish our fiscal report first before working on this; perhaps we could realize some savings by sending the newsletter by email to some. Roger suggests we revisit how we are going to distribute the newsletter at the next meeting.

Annual Meeting: Joe Wallace says we need to have a microphone for speakers in the future. Roger Ganser will look into obtaining a microphone. Joe also says he did not see an attendance list at the Annual Meeting. Dick Donarski says it was on the table, but maybe it can be handled differently next year. Cap Pedersen's suggests having people sign the attendance

list as they go through the food line. Joe Wallace says his adult children have said they aren't coming back. Mike Schindler reminds us that Tom Hickson always said this event should be strictly fun; maybe we need to separate the Annual Meeting from the picnic or keep the meeting to a very minimum. Roger suggests we give this some thought and discuss it at the next meeting.

Social: Ron Ottoson reports he and Cap are organizing a NSTLRA Golf Outing for August 9th; more women are needed. Ron says another email will go out and include that spouses can come just for the lunch after the golf. Cap says they will be giving out Gift Certificates to the winners for Lake Association shirts.

Additional Business: Ginny said the Loon Watch signs are gone from the landings. She has new ones and Cap offers to put them up at the landings. Mike has Great Headwaters Trail brochures and suggests that it would be nice if we join as individuals. GHT did not get their funding from the state for the 2nd segment. Phelps Phly In and Pholk Fest is Saturday. Ron Ottoson says Laura Babe is out of town, so Kay Ottoson, Sharon Donarski and Denise Pedersen will be selling NSTLRA merchandise at the event.

Our next Board Meeting will be August 15, 2013.

The meeting is adjourned at 9:26 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Pedersen,
Secretary