

**NSTLRA Board Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 2013
Ganser Residence
Phelps, WI**

Members in attendance: President Roger Ganser, Vice-President Dick Martin, Treasurer Dick Donarski, Executive Secretary Ginny Parker, Mike Schindler, Ron Ottoson, John Hyde, Bob Bailey, Don Zirbel, Cap and Denise Pedersen.

Not in attendance: Marti Primich, Joe Wallace, Margot Peterson

Guests in attendance: Andrew McFarrin and Christian Wahman of Aquatic Management, LLC.

President Roger Ganser calls the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. Roger suggests that Andrew McFarrin and Christian Wahman of Aquatic Management speak first as they are guests attending at the suggestion of Cap Pedersen. Cap has contacted them in regards to our \$1,500 grant for hand pulling Eurasian Milfoil in South Twin Lake. Their company dives to hand pull Eurasian Milfoil as a means of reducing the use of chemicals. They have a crew working for the Minocqua/Kawaguesaga Lakes Protection Association, and another crew available to hand pull on other lakes. They are in contact with Eddie Heath at Onterra regarding the hand pulling on South Twin Lakes, but have not received a final map and GPS coordinates yet. Andrew and Christian described the methods and equipment they use to hand pull; snorkels are the preferred method for weeds growing 5 – 12 feet deep. They have scuba equipment should pulling be required at greater depths. They work off a specially modified pontoon. Andrew mentions they will be working for a week on Long Lake and that they were told they can dump the weeds at the Phelps Shooting Range; Cap believes they can dump the weeds from South Twin there as well. The \$1,500 grant would cover 3 men for 3 six-hour days. Mike Schindler asks how much acreage they can do in 50 diver hours; Christian replies they can do between ¼ and ½ acre. Andrew and Christian leave a contract with Cap for our board's consideration.

Minutes: Ron Ottoson makes a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2012 Board Meeting; Dick Donarski seconds and the motion is approved. Bob Bailey makes a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2013 Board Meeting; Dick Donarski seconds and the minutes are approved.

Roger Ganser reports that Jackie Fruth received an email from John Racine at Dublin's Sports Bar and Grill; he thinks he will be open by July 4th. He asked if NSTLRA would provide him with a letter of endorsement to take before the Conover Board in his effort to obtain a liquor license. Ginny Parker and Dick Martin both express their opinion that this is not something our association should do, and the remainder of the Board agrees. John Racine also told Jackie Fruth that if he isn't open by the July 13th date of our Poker Run, he would handle our event as a private party.

John Hyde contacted the Conover Board regarding promoting our Annual Meeting/Picnic and Poker Run; however, board member Jim Hedberg said they won't promote private organizations. John contacted the board president, and they will provide a link to our events on their site.

Mike and Mary Schindler met with Jeff Currey of the Great Headwaters Bike Trail, following his presentation at our last board meeting. Jeff is looking for people to help the organization fundraise. Mike and Mary will be handing out brochures for GHT at our Annual Meeting/Picnic.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dick Donarski reports that he has received 81 membership forms to date. The checking account balance is \$4929.75 and the AMEN Fund balance is \$73,240.25. Member Nancy Zabriskie, who works for GE, made a \$1,000 donation last year, and GE matched her donation recently. Ginny Parker says Ms. Zabriskie needs to be thanked, and Roger says he write her a letter. Dick reports that the largest outgoing check was for our final payment to Onterra for last year's work.

Ginny Parker mentions that if anyone sends out a single mailing using an envelope with the indicia, they must add a stamp, as the indicia is only for bulk mailings.

Nominations Committee: Roger Ganser suggests we should follow some protocol for nominating members. The committee consists of Mike Schindler, chair, and Ron Ottoson and Ginny Parker. Three board member terms are up in 2013. Ron Ottoson has spoken with Steve Bahrke, on South Twin Lake, about joining the board and Steve has agreed.

Lake Treatment: Cap Pedersen reports that Stantec treated 11.7 acres on North Twin Lake on June 3rd and 4th. The post-treatment report has not been done yet. Cap reports that the town of Phelps is giving the association \$2,000 this year. Denise Pedersen suggests we use some of that money to increase the number of hours of hand pulling. Bob Bailey agrees and says that if we talk about the hand pulling at the Annual Meeting, people more agreeable to that versus chemical treatment may increase their AMEN donations. Bob Bailey makes a motion to add \$1,000 to the \$1,500 grant for hand pulling, Don Donarski seconds, and the motion is approved. Cap will contact Aquatic Management, LLC to contract for the additional hours of hand pulling.

Owner Directory: Ginny Parker has been updating the directory. Ginny is adding property ID numbers to the directory. Ginny will have an updated directory printed on 8 1/2 X 11 papers. Mike Schindler will work with Ginny to proof the directory and they hope to have it available at the Annual Meeting. Mike sent out an email to owner's regarding their preferred permanent address, but only received a response for a third of owner's for whom he had an email.

Annual Meeting and Picnic: Katherine Naherny is heading up the picnic and is working on staffing, etc. Ginny Parker reports than Dave Sadenwasser, Deputy Zoning Administrator for Vilas County Zoning and Planning is not available to speak at the Annual Meeting. However, Dawn Schmidt, Vilas County Zoning and Planning Administrator would be available. Ginny will contact her about speaking about shoreline restoration at the Annual Meeting. Ginny Parker has the first NSTLRA newsletter from 1995 and will have copies made for the Annual Meeting. There is an article in that first newsletter about swimmer's itch. Dick Donarski received a note with a membership form; the writer was very concerned about swimmer's itch. Dick feels we should be prepared to respond about swimmer's itch at the annual meeting. Denise Pedersen suggests that we prepare a handout on prevention of swimmer's itch for the meeting. Dick Donarski suggests that if the Dr. Sewells are available, it would be helpful to have them at the meeting to answer potential questions. Roger says that he will recognize Francis Schuster at the annual meeting. Bob Bailey mentions recognizing Bob and Barb Clem. Cap will invite them to be our guests at the meeting.

Clean Boats/Clean Water: Mike Schindler reports that the UW interns are working at the Phelps Landing.

Social: Ron inquires if there are many sailboats on our lakes. Roger says there are and he has had discussions about moving the Long Lake Regatta to North Twin. Long Lake offers a

perfect place to put in and party at Hazan Inn. A discussion ensues about if we would have similar facilities. Ron Ottoson says that Dublin's Sports Bar and Grill is close to Lakota Landing which would be a place to put in sailboats. Ron asks Ginny Parker for the map and information about the pontoon historical tour that the NSTLRA did for the Phelp's Centennial. Ron will look into doing the tours again in coordination with the Phelp's Phly In and Pholk Phestival in July.

Membership: John Hyde is getting "door to door" callers together and hopes to begin calls by the end of July. The callers will speak to property owners about NSTLRA and gather useful information. John believes he will need a dozen volunteers and asks board members to email him with suggestions of people. Roger thinks a talking point could be that we are unlikely to have DNR grants in the future and that NSTLRA will most likely be paying for any lake treatments going forward.

Roger asks if there is any other business to discuss. Dick Donarski presents a letter he has received from the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company. They are offering a program to improve entrance roads, board ramps, erosion control, etc. Roger Ganser says the Lakota landing only has one dock this year and perhaps that would be an improvement project for WVI. Roger also asks John Hyde to contact Conover to inquire why there aren't two docks at Lakota. Mike Schindler adds that on the WVI website you can see a measurement of the lake level.

Meeting is adjourned at 10:01 AM.