

NSTLRA BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 26, 2015
Northern Exposure, Phelps, WI

Members in Attendance: President Roger Ganser, Treasurer Dick Donarski, Mike and Mary Schindler, Kay and Ron Ottoson, Cap and Denise Pedersen

Members Not in Attendance: Vice President Bob Bailey, Margot Peterson, John Hyde, Steve Bahrke

Minutes: Ron Ottoson moves to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting, Kay Ottoson seconds and the minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dick Donarski reports that we ended up with 237 members; we received an influx of new memberships from the letter Bob Bailey sent out after the last Board Meeting in the fall. Dick reports that the balance in the checking account is \$6304, which is \$2300 higher than last year. A large expense coming up would be new merchandise. Roger Ganser met with Laura Babe yesterday to transfer the inventory and the current inventory is low. Laura is exploring new ideas for merchandise. Dick reports that the balance in the AMEN Fund is \$76,218.35. This is \$21,000 more than at this time last year. We received a \$15,000 grant payment from the DNR in June and the rest would have been from contributions. The biggest expense in the past year was the aquatic hand pulling. Dick says he wants to recognize Bob Bailey for all his efforts over the winter. Bob has been updating our database to show properties that have been sold and, also, the addresses where members receive their mail. Roger Ganser asks Dick about a large donation we received last year. Dick responded that Nancy Zabriskie donated \$1,000 to the AMEN Fund and that GE, her employer, matched that donation. Cap suggests we mention this donation, anonymously, in the newsletter to give others the idea. Dick received a letter from Susan Pamperin; she is up for the summer and would like to get involved with the NSTLRA. Dick received a flyer on Taste of Conover, which will be held Sunday, June 28th. Mike Schindler mentions that the Great Headwaters Trail will have a booth there; Mike adds they will have a booth at both the Eagle River and Phelps Farmer's Markets, and if you have time, they would welcome volunteers to man the booth.

Lake Treatment: Cap reports that the Phelps Town Lake Board had a fourth lake requesting funds this year, so we are being awarded \$1,500 rather than the \$2,000 we received from the town last year. Cap asks Roger Ganser to send a letter to Marge at Phelps, requesting the check. Cap passes around maps comparing the EWM before and after the hand pulling efforts last summer. The maps show that in South Twin, the EWM colonies increased from 34 acres in 2013 to 121 acres in 2014. In North Twin they increased from .9 to 7 acres. Onterra's report found that the hand pulling in North and South Twin Lakes did not reduce or maintain the level of EWM. As a result, Onterra is recommending this summer to only hand pull in North Twin; this is our second year of the hand pulling grant from the DNR. They suggest that if active management of EWM is to occur in South Twin, a whole-lake herbicide treatment strategy every 5 years is likely the most effective strategy. They would then suggest applying for a grant

in the fall to do a chemical treatment on South Twin. If we wanted to do a chemical treatment on South Twin this year, NSTLRA would have to pay for it in full. Mike Schindler mentions that in Onterra's report they recommended we do a herbicide study to determine what to use to treat the lake. This study would take 2 to 3 months, and cost between \$2,500 and \$3,500. Mike says he has a biologist friend who lives on Cranberry Lake and he believes that you do not need to treat EWM. Cap reports we have 4 weeks of hand pulling scheduled this summer at a cost of \$12,000. Roger feels the herbicide study would be helpful in getting future grants and entertains a motion to approve the study. Ron Ottoson motions we schedule the study, Dick Donarski seconds and the motion is approved. Mike Schindler asks Cap to get Onterra to explain what the final part of their report means; it seems to suggest we not treating EWM. Cap suggests having Eddie Heath, or another representative of Onterra, come to our next meeting to go over the report and answer questions. He will call and see if that can be arranged.

Roger suggests at this point that we schedule our future meetings. They are scheduled for Thursday, June 18th, Tuesday, July 9th, Tuesday, August 11th, and Tuesday, September 22nd. All will be at 8:30 AM at Northern Exposure.

Clean Boats/Clean Water: Mary Schindler reports that she attended a training session for the CB/CW interns on May 22nd. Ted Ritter has retired as the Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator; Mary met the new coordinator of the program, Catherine Higley, at the training session. (Catherine Higley, cahigl@co.vilas.wi.us, 715-479-3738). The DNR will be doing spot checking and reports on the Intern Program and they expect it will work well. The student interns will work from May 23 through August 23rd. Mary chose the Phelps Landing for the interns to work as it is the busiest on our lakes. They will be working on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The cost for the 200 intern hours we have scheduled is \$3,020, with the state grant providing \$2,265 and NSTLRA contributing \$755. Mary reports that WHIP, WI Headwaters Invasives Partnership, came up with the idea that because the interns aren't working with boats all the time they could map the boat landing area for invasives. Mary reports that the fines are: \$232 for weeds on your boat, \$300 for water in the live well, \$350 for live fish in the boat, and \$600 for live bait. Mary passes around the new CB/CW form and a pamphlet on Fishing With Bait from the Bureau of Fisheries Management.

Newsletter: Roger thinks the Spring newsletter is terrific and everyone concurs. He suggest emailing Margo thanking her for her work.

Email Distribution List: Denise Pedersen reports that the email list is up to date; Bob Bailey has been sending her new emails as they've come in with new membership registrations. Roger suggests we wait about three weeks and then email another membership form to the list.

Roger spoke with Laura Babe and she said there are donations that came in for NSTLRA in memory of her father, Steve Hash. The idea of putting a bench in his memory at the South Twin Landing is discussed and Roger suggest we all take a look at

the landing.

Roger Ganser sent an email to new Phelps Town Chairman, Steve Doyen offering for NSTLRA to buy new cleats or fenders for the Town dock.

Social: Ron Ottoson says that Kay Ottoson and Denise Pedersen are going to be planning the NSTLRA 20th Anniversary Party. Ron is hopeful that the Board will push all our summer outings. Denise will send an email to the membership about the Annual Meeting and Picnic and restate the dates for all the events. Ron reports the Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, July 31 at Sand Lake with a lunch to follow at the Sand Lake Club. As the Holiday Lodge has been sold, Kay reports that she and Denise met with the manager and chef at Sand Lake Club to discuss having our anniversary party there. They are unable to do it on August 15 as they have a wedding, but could accommodate the event on Saturday, August 22nd. The cost would be about \$30 per person and there would be a cash bar. Roger entertains a motion to approve going ahead with the party there, Kay makes the motion, Mike Schindler seconds and the motion is approved. Cap Pedersen suggests we use the term "reunion" to attract more people. Roger will put together a committee to honor former NSTLRA Presidents, etc.

The meeting is adjourned at 10:04 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Pedersen,
Secretary