

NSTLRA ANNUAL MEETING

July 9, 2016

Conover Town Hall

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Ganser. Roger Introduced present Board members and recognized retiring Board members. Roger also noted that 87 association members had registered their presence at this Annual Meeting.

Patrick Goggin reported on status of bike path. Update passed out to all attendees in form of brochure. Website can be found on back of handout. Segment 1 completed, segment 2, will be 5 1/2 mile with a cost of \$500,000 60% of which is already funded (\$300,000). The hope is to have it completed this year yet. Mike Schindler put out a plea for funding and ways to donate.

Mary Schindler gave a short report on the Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative. Organization formed last year to respond to legislative attack on our lakes and rivers. She encouraged us all to go to website for me information.

Roger offered special recognition of Mike and Mary Schindler for their work with the Board and recent award for conservation.

Motion made by secretary for approval of 2015 Annual Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Joe Fritzsche gave the treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. A copy of the treasurer's report was posted for review by members of the association. Joe noted the revenue and expenditures for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and pointed out that most of the expenses were related to lake treatment. Joe also presented an amendment to the by-laws for approval. The amendment removes the requirement for two signatures on checks more than \$100 and establishes a requirement to comply with a Board approved expense authorization process when paying bills and writing checks. Joe made a motion to approve the amendment. The motion was seconded and the amendment was unanimously approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was approved.

Kay Ottoson gave the Nominating Committee report and presented Jay Wittman, Amy Peplow, Peter Gloede as nominees for Membership on the Board of Directors. Motion made, seconded to approve these nominees, and there was unanimous approval for new board members.

Cap Pederson made a lake management report. Hand harvesting of EWM in North Twin will be completed this month near Lakota Landing. Full lake treatment on South Twin was completed in June, 2016.

Mary Schindler announced that the association needs a volunteer to coordinate the Clean Boats Clean Water program. Duties include getting grant from state, 200 hours of students from UW Oshkosh. Detailed job description was posted on walls and was electronically made to all members. Anyone interested should contact Roger Ganser.

Bob Bailey requested members to provide email addresses since information is dispersed electronically.

Upcoming social events were announced including the Poker Run. It is scheduled for next

Sat, July 16, 2016.

The annual Golf Outing at Sand Lake Club will be held on July 25.

On August 17 wine tasting open house will be held at Lannys.

Mike Wade provided an update on the Lake District Initiative. He introduced Carolyn Scholl from the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department. Mike & Carolyn shared a power point handout to all attendees highlighting key elements of a Lake District; the makeup of the governing board of a Lake District, the authority of property owners to approve the budget at the annual meeting, the right of out-of-state property owners to vote at the annual meeting, and the ability of the District to apply for grants to control EWM.

Question and Answer Opportunity

Main points that were discussed include:

- 2/3 of votes can dissolve a Lake District
- Provisions for voting-out of state people, annual meeting must take place same time every year from June to September.
- Boundaries are only lake frontage rights
- 51% of owners must pass, if name is on tax bill from previous year are able to vote, LLC trust get only 1 vote. Bob has counted 720 individual names for 480 properties due to # of names on tax bill.
- condo association if separate tax bills get separate votes
- multiple trusts are still to be determined
- mill rate of 2.5 was an example from another lake. We are looking at a flat rate here.
- year cycles are what determines the amount of assessment. Plan is to do a 3 year budgeting cycle so the assessment is consistent for that 3 years.
- DNR and county are very supportive when it comes to money grants. DNR does not do any directing, District is a democracy and members all vote for changes, budgets, and governance
- request to write in that not governing other aspects of the lake (boating, etc)
- no paid staff on district
- looking at \$130-140 per property per year
- fundraising AMEN fund etc) can be combined and eliminate some other fundraising events
- main purpose is to get all property owners on the same page and share the costs
- time frame: attorney to draft by-laws, boundaries,

Meeting was adjourned