

NSTLRA BOARD MEETING Minutes

8:30 AM

August 18th

Phelps

Called to order at 8:30 by Roger Ganser. In attendance Joe Fritzsche, Michael Wade, Peter Gloede, Joe Wallace, Jay Wittman, Bob Bailey, Roger Ganser, Amy Peplow, Susan Pamperin

Absent, Margot Peterson

1. Additions to Agenda

*Thanks to Jim and Jackie Fruth for idea of the annual Poker Run. *Roger entertained a motion to thank Jim and Jackie Fruth for their community contribution.* The motion was passed.

The Wine tasting event last evening was a huge success with people showing up that are usually not in attendance. It was a very good social event and people made many new acquaintances.

Susan will update the 2016 NSTLRA Board of Directors' names and address and email out to board members.

2. Minutes of July 7: Susan P.

Motion was passed to approve the minutes for this minutes. The annual meeting minutes were sent out to board members this morning but will be approved at our next meeting after review.

A request was made to send documents out as a PDF since many cannot open other kinds of documents due to internet speed.

3. Treasurer's Report: Joe Fritzsche.

Joe handed out an itemized accounting of Statement of Activity.

Questions were raised regarding the membership dues, lake treatment monies from DNR, and merchandise sales. Inventory is still available for some of the merchandise.

Mike has also asked in the budget if Lake District expenses can be broken out in the budget individually. It was determined that individual projects (Lake District and Lake Plan) should be broken down individually so that finances can be tracked easily.

a. Membership fees/AMEN received to date

b. Financial Update

c. Debit/Credit card. Joe is applying to BMO for a debit/credit card and 3 years financial records need to be shared with them. Discussion was held regarding that card as well as websites are held in individual names as opposed to an organization. We need to determine a way to provide oversight for this.

**Motion was made to have a credit card with limits of \$1000 for necessary expenses. Motion was carried.*

d. Conference calling. Joe and Jay will work together to select a service.

4. Lake Treatment – Cap Pedersen:

Field work should be completed for management plan. Roger will connect with Eddie Heath (Onterra) regarding treatments that have been completed for this year. Hand pulling and treatments are finished for this year. Joe has already received a bill for this. \$46,000 has been spent for the chemical treatment for South Twin which is less than anticipated.

Roger brought up questions about the suction system being used by Long Lake that he has heard very positive results of regarding invasive weeds. This could be part of the lake management plan which is

limiting chemicals. It is more expensive than chemicals but cleaner and possibly more effective. We can observe Long Lake for their Dynamic Suction...

5. Lake District Plan: Michael W.

Mike handed out literature for us to read, including lake maps and Discussion Points from document

a. Discussion Point #6 Concerns, criticisms,

1. Send out an email to former directors of Association to reach out and provide information in the case that they are approached by others for their opinion.
2. Newsletter, dedication of a section or a page that information such as maps can be included
3. Add a testimonial from long time member (Joe W.)
4. Voice conversations with those that are past directors to share information and find out their personal concerns

b. Discussion Point #5 Agreement on the proposed Lake District Boundary

Bob has made a motion regarding boundaries.

**Bob moved that the Lake District be pursued based upon the area incorporating the properties that abut the North and South Twin Lakes and those properties included in the Viking Village subdivision and included in the Hansen Hill Acres (HOA). This motion was approved by the Board after discussion and passing the following two issues. The motion was broken down and addressed and two mentioned properties looked at individually. :*

1. Hansen Hill Expansion

The 8 properties on Hansen Lane have shared access to South Twin and operate as a HOA. These 8 properties

2. * The motion is made:

The 8 Hansen Lane keyhole properties which have access to the lake through the Hansen Trust are to be included in the Lake District boundary. Mike has taken the responsibility of looking into the legal description. This motion has passed.

3. Viking Village

Deeded access is written in the owner's lot description. Bob read his description as 1/49th of lot with lake access. Mike said that clarification can be obtained through the county.

**Motion made that all 49 properties in the Viking Village Development be included in the Lake District Boundary. The motion was passed.*

6. Lake Management Plan – Grant: Roger/Eddie

Jay shared that he has seen the Lake Management Plan from Gunlock/Shisbogoma Lake near Minoqua. We could use some of that information as we put together our own. Theirs is very comprehensive and may help us with ours.

Roger shared a document via email regarding the Lake Management Plan. We should be looking at the schedule included and plan an event to share the information. A small article in the fall newsletter should be added to inform people of the Plan. We also need to recruit residents from both lakes to serve on an advisory board who are not necessarily connected to the Lake Association.

Jay informed Board that it was reported that there is an area near Jefferson Landing where milfoil has been seen very recently. Jay will get the GPS coordinates to Roger will he will share with Onterra (Eddie Heath) the issue for treatment since they continue to monitor.

7. Swimmer's Itch: Mary Schindler emailed info. Many could not open it.

Some reports of extreme swimmers itch this year. We need to share the name of the cream or lotions that have been effective.

8. 2017 Calendar

a. Annual Meeting – Phelps

July 8 in Phelps

b. Poker Run

July 22

c. Golf Outing

A team is needed to run the outing in the future. Suggestion to forget the prizes and highlight the fun. Some of the prizes are donated, some come out of our account. Cash prizes were high this past year. Peter suggested having a drawing of envelopes for the top winners and what they draw randomly is what they get. Tom Hixon was recommended to be approached as running this event. Suggested date on a Friday in August.

d. Burnt Bridge Beer Tasting event next July is a new social event that is suggested.

e. The Whitehurst family is offering their lodge for touring. It is rented out often but is an opportunity for another social event.

f. Roger suggested taking the Board out for tour of the lake after the next Board Meeting Sept. 6 (Tuesday). Tour of lake on pontoon and stop at Dublin after the ride for lunch. Spouses are included. Mike and Amy have volunteered their pontoon boats. Joe will get a copy of a publication that gives some of the history of the lakes.

9. Updated Member/Owner Directory: Bob

Bob is updating the electronic membership list and will send to Susan to send out in email in fall.

Susan brought up the email list does not get updated regularly. New members are added but old members and those no longer owners continue to have their email in our system. Bob and Susan will get this updated in the fall. Some information goes to everybody since it is informational about our lakes. Other information is determined for members only (electronic membership directory)

10. Newsletter: Margot

Margot is looking for articles for the fall newsletter

11. Clean Boats/Clean Water: Volunteer Coordinator Position

We need to find a person that will be able to take over this duty since Mary no longer will be handling this. A person in this position needs to be able to fill out grant forms. The grant needs to be completed and sent in by spring. Bob will look into the timetable for grants.

12. Marketing-Publicity: Amy

Michael suggested that Amy contact Celeste from Phelps Chamber of Commerce and add our events to the 2017 Chamber events for publishing.

13. 2017 Board Meeting Dates:

Will do at next meeting

14. Other Business

Channel markers need to be addressed. Roger would like to hold off but other members would like to add additional markers to mark it SLOW. This is a strong concern for some Board Members and they would like to see something done about this soon due to the increased boat traffic and speed going through the channel when swimmers are present. More discussion will be held on this manner.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05