

NSTLRA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM by Bob Bailey, Vice President.

Veterans in attendance were honored followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob expressed thanks from to the town of Phelps for use of the facilities and to those who organized then picnic and managed the kitchen.

Also a thank you was directed to Laura Babe and Amy Peplow for North/South Twin merchandise sales

Special guest Sandra Wickman from WDNR was thanked for the exhibit on aquatic invasive species and the education it provided Riparians who were present for the information.

NSTLRA Board Members were introduced by Bob. All were in attendance except for Roger Ganser and Jay Wittman.

The minutes from the Annual 2016 Board Meeting were posted at the meeting and can be found on the NSTLRA website. Following a motion and a second, the minutes were approved by the general membership.

Treasurer's report was posted at the picnic and read to the membership. Following a motion and a second, the report was approved by the general membership.

Recognition for past Association members that passed away this past year was given for Bob Clem, Dorothy Hash, and Ben Vanden Heuval.

The Nomination Committee report was presented. The following were nominated for a two-year Board position: Roger Ganser, Bob Bailey, Dennis Babe, and Tony Bau. There were no nominations from the floor. Upon a motion made, seconded and approved, Nominations were closed. A motion to approve the four nominations was made and seconded. The motion was carried.

Mike Schindler (a former Board Member) gave an update on Great Headwaters Trail. At the end of September just over 9 miles of completed trail will be ready for use. A flyer was distributed detailing 2 fundraising opportunities to help fund the completion of the trail from Phelps to Conover.

MAK Holcomb spoke to share information for the Phelps Historical Museum. She described a fund raiser being held at the Orange Boathouse on North Twin to honor a past veteran, Joe McCartney who used to live on the lake. There will be 3 presentations on Joe. Parking will be in Phelps and people will be bused to the location. July 29 starts at 4:00.

50/50 raffle total collected was \$400. Tickets were drawn and prizes were distributed. All dollars granted out were returned as gifts to the Association.

John and Rosie Passer were thanked for their service for Adopt-A-Highway. A reminder was given that we all can contribute to this effort by bringing along a bag for our walks and picking up trash. Six 39-gallon garbage bags were collected in May from the winter trash along with a huge amount of aluminum cans.

The Lake Treatment and Lake Planning report from Jay Wittman was read by Bob Bailey. Treatments for EWM were done last summer and some this summer. Information can be found on this and other related concerns on the NSTLRA website.

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Michael Wade gave a report on Lake District initiative. A guest speaker, Jeff Mason, the chairman of the Long Lake District, was introduced. He shared information about why they started the district and the results of their efforts. Their district taxes by property valuation. This is different than the approach North/South Twin is proposing. Some members asked questions based upon valuation of properties on Long Lake and how they made their decisions.

Mike Wade shared facts regarding the milfoil on North and South Twin and the role of our Association in care and maintenance of our lakes. Total property count is 544 properties. If we are fortunate to develop this district, we will be the largest lake district in Vilas County. He detailed how the District/Association works with the WDNR. He stressed the importance in funding the fight in management of the problem and how it is needed in a time of necessity. We are responding as an organization to the reappearance of milfoil on South Twin where it was treated 1 year ago and the appearance on North Twin in some new areas. The goal is to be proactive rather than reactive which is based upon the amount of revenue we with which we have to work in order to fight this issue. Hence, the lake District initiative.

Question and answer time:

Are we still eligible for grants? Jeff Mason from Long Lake responded that they have been incredibly successful.

1. Petitions were sent out months ago. How long do we have to respond? 49% of property owners have been captured and the goal is 51%. Decision to still be made as to when petitions to be submitted.
2. The Lake District Commissioners present budget(s) to the LD membership at the LD Annual Meeting. The members present at the meeting vote on the desired budget they would like and that drives the flat rate special assessment for the following year. The LD membership does not submit the budget, they merely vote to approve one that is presented at the LD annual meeting by the Lake District Board of Commissioners.

Lake District formation primary purpose is to combat aquatic invasive species. In the future, other forms of aquatic invasive species, may evolve over time.

3. Can you get rid of a lake district once it is formed? Yes, a 75% vote from members can dissolve the lake district. This is a state statute.
4. Does the Lake District have the authority to control the speed of boats on the lake? The Lake District is being formed for the control of aquatic invasive species and to implement best practices, regarding lake shoreline challenges, which are potentially detrimental to the overall health of our lakes. We are not in the policing business to control swimming, boating, fishing activities, etc. Enforcement activities would have to be voted upon by the Lake District membership and a budget designed to support the establishment of some kind of water patrol policing entity.
5. Is there a max assessment? Concerns were expressed by residents of Viking Village about their unique situation. 2.5 mils is the maximum the state allows

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM