

North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association

Board of Directors Meeting

August 9, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

8:30 meeting called to order. Present are Joe F., Michael W., Joe W., Jay W., Bob B., Amy P., Dennis B., Susan P., Roger G. and Margot P. by telephone

Visitor was Marv Peplow speaking about an initiative in California that he heard about from Ron Ottoson. He shared knowledge of an approach being used in Nevada and California. Marv is pursuing this approach both ecologically, financially, and for its effectiveness. This procedure uses UVC lights. Discussion followed regarding targeting the invasive species opposed to the good plants. It is more affordable than the procedure we use now of adding chemicals. He will share more information regarding this as he becomes aware of it. At this point we will continue as planned

2. Approval of minutes from meetings on July 5, and July 8 Annual Meeting . Susan will send organizational meeting minutes out to members and we will approve electronically after review.

A motion was made to accept the minutes for the July 5 Board Meeting

A motion was made to accept the minutes for the 2017 Annual Meeting and was approved.

3. Treasurers Report and updated Banking Resolution.

Bob submitted a statement of income and expenses for July 2017. Discussion and clarification followed prior to a motion to approve report. The motion carried.

A new banking resolution was introduced. The names have been updated to reflect the present officers that are able to sign. Otherwise, the resolution stands as voted on last summer. A motion was made to accept the resolution and it was approved.

Membership right now is 215 members. Last year's number was 274 at the end of the calendar year.

4. Lake District initiative update.

Michael Wade shared documents and updates regarding where we stand. We are getting very close but still not at the goal number of signatures. Mike is also still acquiring candidates for those who may be interested in being a Lake District Commissioner. He is also suggesting that those interested attend a Lake District Commissioner Training. Many of the contentious decisions to be made regarding property/assessments regarding the Lake District will not be made until the Commissioners are in place.

5. Lake Management Update including AIS treatment and LMP development

Jay presented his report and gave an update on AIS treatment. He said that the Eurasian Milfoil is back and more present in North Twin than before. The resistance to the treatment for those more established is strong. The team has had discussions with Onterra regarding treatments that are approved and effective. Discussion has been held by the team to conduct a lab experiment with plants from our lakes to try different treatment options. A comprehensive lake management plan following a process is our most positive way in making the necessary treatment decisions. Consideration is being made for spot treatment in the worst areas on South Twin.

5. Special presentation on dam operations by Wisconsin Valley Improvement

Company (WVIC). Presenters were Ben Niffenegger and Peter Hansen

Two members of WVIC attended and presented a slide show outlining their history, mission, operations, and responsibility. They detailed why and how water is diverted from Twin Lakes and where it goes through their Wisconsin River Reservoir System. Handouts were shared with maps to detail the flow of the river and where it is controlled.

Question was raised as to when the concrete structure was initiated in South Twin. An answer was not provided but will be forwarded to us soon. By going to the WVIC website (wvic.com) we can view within 48 hours real-time lake levels. Minimum flow from Twin Lake Dam is always 7.7 cfs. (It can never open to go below 1").

Board members asked questions about the Pioneer lake matter. WVIC advised the Board that any proposed changes to their dam operating protocols would trigger an opportunity for NSTLRA to provide input and discuss the impact on the Twin Lakes.

When we form a Lake District we would still have a working relationship with WVIC as would a Lake Association. The company actually owns the dam and hence owns property on South Twin. A book was left (Stewards of the Wisconsin II) to be shared with our membership.

6. Events Update.

Amy updated us on events. 32 people have signed up for the Lake Historic Tour. Participants should meet at Phelps dock at 1:30 and 3-4 pontoons have been arranged. Drinks are to be provided by the participants. Call Amy if others are interested.

Poker Run was a huge success and provided a good amount of revenue for our Association.

The Conover location for our 2018 Annual Meeting was not available until July 14. Decision was made to reserve Phelps for the 2nd year in a row since we historically do the Saturday after July 4th. Joe has reserved Wavering Park in Phelps so we are able to continue holding event the Saturday after the 4th of July holiday.

7. Discussion on Newsletter schedule and content.

We will revisit this at the September meeting due to the length of this meeting. Margot asked about the content and if it will be focused on the Lake District initiative. Joe suggests the focus remain on our typical content in mid-October and we will have an additional newsletter once the Lake District is established. Margot will not be attending the Sept. board meeting but will take any decisions from that meeting.

8. New Business.

Mike is looking into an alternative buoy tender for installation. Buoys that were missing were located.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM