

North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association

Board of Directors Meeting

November 15, 2017
(teleconference meeting)

1. Call to Order

Members present: A quorum was present.

Joe F., Mike W., Jay W., Susan P., Bob B., Peter G., and Dennis B. Also present were Glen Darton, and David Wittingham - initially as guests/nominees.

2. Minutes of the September 6, 2017 meeting were approved by email review and vote.

3. Approval of Treasurers' Report for the period ending October 31, 2017 as previously distributed (Bob Bailey)

No questions by members. Motion was made to approve the Treasurers' report. The motion was passed.

4. Nominating Committee Report and election of two new Directors (Joe Fritzsche/Mike Wade/Jay Wittman)

Two individuals are suggested for addition to the NSTLRA Board of Directors. Glen Darton is the owner of Twin Pines Resort and David Wittingham is the president of the Hansen Hill Association. A motion was made and seconded to approve these gentlemen as Board Members. The motion passed. Both men are now members of the NSTLRA Board of Directors.

5. Final report on Lake District initiative (Mike Wade)

Mike began with a huge thank you for the members of the Lake District Task Force who have done a tremendous effort. Mike and his team have recently attended several County Board meetings held to discuss and approve the North and South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District.

This will go into effect when a governmental unit number is assigned and commissioners are appointed. Our Lake District Commissioners moving forward will be Joe Fritzsche and Jay Wittman with the addition of Joyce Wade. One Commissioner will be assigned from Vilas County and one selected from the Town Board of Phelps. The Town of Phelps and Vilas County have 30 days in which to name their representative.

A motion was made and seconded that the Association recognize the efforts of Mike and Joyce Wade for the initiative taken and the time put in to get the Lake District underway. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Update on LMP and EWM control treatment for 2018 (Jay Wittman)

A document was distributed by Jay prior to the meeting of the cost projections for the treatment of South Twin. Jay lead a discussion about each of the treatment options and their related costs. Jay reported his conversation with Onterra and noted that the milfoil in South Twin, as tested by SePro lab, found that Triclopyr and Fluridone to be more effective than 2-4 D in treating our EWM.

Recommendation for 2018 is explore the use of Triclopyr or Fluridone for the treatment of South Twin. There was a general consensus of the Board to further explore the Fluridone and Triclopyr.

Bob Bailey commented that the balance in the AMEN Fund appears sufficient to cover NSTLRA's 50% of the cost of treatment (based on current estimates) if we receive a DNR Grant for the other half. Jay responded that we will apply for an AIS Control grant for the 2018 treatment.

Our Association expects it will be responsible for the next treatment and follow-up on the Lake Management Plan because the transition to the Lake District will not be complete. Monies will not have been collected via the tax assessment to fund a 2018 treatment of South Twin.

Jay also reported that he is working with Onterra to finalize a draft of the lake management plan to be submitted to DNR by December 1, 2017. Next summer may be the soonest that a final decision on the LMP can be made due to the number of individuals that need to be involved. Jay commented that the Lake Management Plan can be adopted by the Lake District to provide continuity.

7. General discussion about the future of NSTLRA, its mission, purpose, roles, and funding after the Lake District is established.

For some period of time, the 2 entities will exist simultaneously, the NSTLRA and the North and South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District. Questions of the future of the NSTLRA were discussed. A follow up survey will be sent to NSTLRA Board Members for further input. Also discussed was a survey of the full NSTLRA Membership. A recommendation can then be made based on data and a vote can then be taken at the next Annual meeting.

Timeline of initiation of the Lake District was outlined. The Association anticipates it will need to operate into the summer of 2018 or longer until the monies become available to the Lake District. Should we decide to continue NSTLRA, the responsibilities of the organization will have to be sufficiently clear to not create confusion with the Lake District.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made at 10:48 to adjourn.