

# North & South Twin lakes Riparian Association

## Board of Directors Meeting

September 6, 2017

### Minutes

1. Call to Order  
In attendance was Joe F., Bob B., Mike W., Peter G., Susan P., Joe W., Jay W. and Roger G. by telephone  
A motion was made to approve the agenda and it carried.
2. Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2017 meeting  
Motion was made and carried.
3. Treasurers Report  
Bob presented an itemized treasurer's report through August 31, 2017. He has submitted a request for Lake Management Plan reimbursement but at this time it has yet to be sent from DNR.  
Current membership is 223. The Board discussed the email reminder that was sent to all Association members and agreed that the next time a membership reminder is sent out we need to send it to only those who have not paid membership rather than the general membership. A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.
4. Clean Boats Clean Waters participation for 2018  
Program is done for the year. We are waiting for UW-Oshkosh to finalize their paperwork for reimbursement regarding intern pay at the boat landing. A motion was made to authorize participation in this program for 2018 and that any director or officer is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board. The motion was carried.

Question was raised if we can increase this program to cover a second boat landing (Lakota). We now cover 200 hours at the Phelps landing. This money comes out of the AMEN fund and the initial payment is about \$3400, but we get much of that money back. 400 hours is the maximum the program would match. Jay suggests we add 100 hours to Lakota and then monitor the data collected at that landing so we can determine the effectiveness. An initial motion was made to authorize 400 hours of intern coverage at the boat landings. The motion authorizing 2018 participation in CBCW was amended to have 300 hours (200 at Phelps landing and 100 hours at Lakota landing) of Clean Boats Clean Water Interns at the 2 boat landings. Any officer or Director is authorized to sign the documents. The motion was carried.

The drink coaster promoting awareness for Clean Boats Clean Water was discussed for distribution to local bars and restaurants. Joe has checked into

it and found we could get a grant from the DNR for \$1000. We should also put our website on it as well as the name of our association should we decide to proceed. Further research needs to be done in order to institute this for our association.

5. Lake District update

54% of qualified signatures have been obtained. In August Mike W. met with Carolyn Scholl of the Vilas County Land and Water Department who will be the officer in charge of the hearing in October. Mike W. presented a packet of information regarding the steps going forward in establishing a Lake District.

Submission date is scheduled for 9/15/17. The attorney working with the Lake District Initiative, Mr. William O'Connor, suggested finding the percentage of Land Area owned by the property owners that have signed the Lake District petition. The answer is 63% of the Land Area was supported by the Lake District property owners that have signed the petition.

An initial hearing is now scheduled with the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation at 5 PM October 9, 2017. The petition will be presented to Carolyn Scholl along with 6 members of the Vilas County Board. The ultimate decision will be made by the entire 21- member Vilas County Board at a later date. Mr. William O'Connor or a colleague will attend the initial meeting. This meeting date and the documents are published in the Vilas County News.

Mike suggests we put forth a great deal of effort in support of this meeting by doing some positive PR, a power-point, and the effects to businesses and tourism if our lakes are not continued to be treated.

A motion is made to authorize Mike Wade to submit the Lake District petition to the Vilas County Clerk's Office on behalf of NSTLRA, Inc.. The motion carried.

6. Lake Management update including LMP and EWM review / possible action

Jay Wittman reported that they are working on an update on the Lake Management Plan with Onterra. Goal is to have the Management Plan to be completed by February 1, 2018. EWM has returned to South Twin at the level of 11-12% and we are awaiting an updated report from Onterra suggesting that it has recently increased. South Twin in 2017 looks similar to South Twin 2014 when the presences of EWM was very high. The cost of treating is very expensive.

A motion was made to authorize Jay Wittman and his Lake Management team to apply for a DNR grant and treatment permit for treatment for South Twin for EWM. The motion carried.

7. Policy on using NSTLRA email list to distribute material for other organizations

Recently an email has been sent regarding activity updates and fundraising for the Great Headwaters Trail. The Board has determined that this is not an appropriate use of the NSTLRA email process to send correspondence to solicit funds/support for outside organizations.

A Resolution Statement was drafted and reads as the following:

*Whereas the North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association (NSTLRA) receives from its Members personal information including names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, and*

*Whereas NSTLRA has represented to its Members that such personal information is not released to parties outside NSTLRA, and*

*Whereas NSTLRA considers the personal information of Members proprietary,*

*Now, Therefore, be it resolved that it shall be the policy of NSTLRA to NOT intentionally release the personal information of Members and further to NOT use that information to disseminate any material (including but not limited to event or fund-raising announcements) from other organizations in either hard copy or email form UNLESS NSTLRA is cosponsoring an event with another organization.*

*Be it further resolved that NSTLRA will, at its discretion, permit organizations it supports to be present at NSTLRA Annual Meeting to provide a brief update and set up a small display table.*

A motion was made and seconded to adopt this policy and post on website and will be attached to the membership directory in the next dissemination. The motion was approved.

8. New Business

Letter from Peter Hansen (Vice President of WVIC who operates the dam on South Twin) was distributed with information regarding the opening of the dam for Pioneer Lake.

Email was received from Ricky Kamil about contacting DNR regarding burning trash on South Twin. He requested alerting the association to pass the information along to members. We will have it put in the next newsletter.

The Board discussed ways NSTLRA might support and encourage Tony and Julie Bau following the fire that destroyed Twin Haven. Joe will follow up with Tony.

Mike W. reported that he has a dialogue with Eagle River Dock regarding the buoy locations. They have been very busy and will get involved as soon as the season allows.

Mike W. also requested that we get more involved in the Phelps Triathlon held last week. More chase boats are needed since some kayakers were in the water for a while waiting for rescue.

Newsletter articles are needed by Margot by Sept 15, 2017. It was recommended that the resolution on emailing be included in the newsletter.

Peter Gloede reported information regarding plans to rehab the Phelps Fire Tower as a tourist attraction. Roger suggested that the Phelps Historical Society may have more information.

Motion to adjourn at 10:12.