

North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association

Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2018

Waverly Park, Phelps, WI

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 1:00.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - All veterans were asked to stand and be acknowledged and there was a "moment of silence" remembrance for Association members who had passed in the last year.
3. Secretary's Report-approval of the minutes 2017 Annual Meeting
Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting were posted at the picnic and were sent via Email to all Association members. A motion was made to approve the 2017 annual meeting minutes. The motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report
The income statement and balance sheet for the Association as of June 30, 2018 the past year was posted at the annual meeting. Treasurer Bob Bailey highlighted the expenditures as well as the monies from fund-raising activities. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report for the past year. The motion passed.
5. President's Report
Joe detailed the activities this past year as being focused primarily the establishment of the Lake District. Michael Wade was recognized as the driving force behind the organization of getting the Lake District vote passed.

The Lake Management Task Force chaired by Jay Wittman continued to be a major focus.

Clean Boats and Clean Water program has been managed this year by Peter Gloede. The program has expanded this year by 100 hours, some of it funded by NSTLRA.

John and Rosie Passer have continued to "Adopt a Highway" on and near Highway K in the name of NSTLRA. A plea was sent out to people who walk the roads to pick up trash to keep our area clean and beautiful.

A thank you was extended to the kitchen crew of Marcia Fritzsche, Ruth Gloede, Joan Wittman who have organized and facilitated the picnic lunch we all enjoyed

6. Lake Management Committee Report

Jay Wittman shared information regarding the Lake Management Plan. He shared the DNR findings for fish and water. Although there was a high harvest of walleye (1700+) by native spearing, the DNR feels that the lake continues to be self-sustaining. He also thanked the group that met regularly to put the lake management plan together: Joe F., Peter G., Bob B., Roger G. Mike W. and himself.

Lake quality: excellent condition in terms of phosphorus, chlorophyll levels are excellent, lake clarity is termed as excellent as average of 12-15 feet down can be viewed, milfoil continues to be a problem and has been dealt with since 1999-2000. It cannot be eradicated but needs to be managed. Escalation has happened in South Twin in the past 5+ years. In 2015 the milfoil was 38%. In 2016 a chemical treatment was done with 2-4-D. This treatment has not been effective enough to provide long term relief as our lakes may be building up some kind of resistance. Alternate approved chemicals have been reviewed, with most research being done on Fluridone. A grant application was prepared using this chemical, but it was denied by DNR. They were concerned with the frequency of the treatments and the aquatic plants being able to rebound. The Lake District intends to apply for the grant next year for treatment of South Twin.

North Twin treatments were done last spring. Escalation of milfoil has not occurred as it has in South Twin. One area of 4+ acres has developed and will need an aggressive treatment in the near future, hand harvesting is not an option because it will be inefficient.

Jay explained DASH (diver assisted suction harvesting). This is for areas with low concentration of milfoil so it does not become a major area that needs a chemical treatment.

The topic was opened to general discussion/questions regarding treatment, options for controlling the spread of milfoil. Property owners had many questions regarding the relationship with the DNR, need for education of how milfoil is spread, how we as an association/lake district can take action.

Swimmers Itch remains a concern. A DNR article will be posted on our website very soon that explains the cause and the ways we can all try to prevent. There is no way to treat the lake for this, only the people using the lake.

7. Activities Reports

Amy Peplow facilitated the 50/50 raffle. Mike Schindler won the raffle and also was the high bidder for the silent auction item. The winnings were donated back to the Association. Thank you Mike and Mary!

A reminder was also shared for the Poker Run on July 14.

Mike Schindler gave an update on the Great Headwaters Trail. He shared 2 handouts, one of the trail map and another for an event which will be a memorial to a former GHT member occurring in later July.

Ron Ottoson shared info about weekly golf. Open to all-meet at 1:30 Log Cabin on Tuesday afternoon if interested.

8. Consideration of a Resolution to gift AMEN Fund balances to the Lake District to treat EWM
The resolution was read out loud so all could hear the exact wording of the resolution. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.
9. Election of Directors
Nominations were made to fill the vacancies that have occurred due to terms expiring. With the approval of the membership, secret ballot voting was suspended. The nominees were those Board of Directors that have had their terms expire and who agreed to once again fill a two-year term to provide consistency during this transition time. The motion to elect the nominees was made and membership affirmed their election by unanimous voice vote.
10. Membership input regarding the future of NSTLRA
Joe opened up discussion of what members want the NSTLRA to be like in the future. Do we continue and how do we continue? What items can the District take over (merchandise, social events). Several members provided comments in support of maintaining the Association. A smaller number of members expressed a view that we can do the same activities and more with only the Lake District.
No negative comments by the membership were made in regard to maintaining the Association with an alternate focus on social activities and education.

At the conclusion to the discussion, Joe stated that the Board of Directors will consider all comments and present a recommendation to the membership at the next annual meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM