

# **North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**February 20, 2018**

### **METING MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order.**

Association President Joe Fritzsche called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM CST. A quorum was present and included M. Wade, R. Bailey, G. Darton, D. Babe, D. Whittingham, P. Gloede, R. Ganser, J. Wittman and J. Fritzsche.

#### **2. Review and approval of expenses associated with the NSTLRA sponsored lake district initiative.**

Bob Bailey, Treasurer, initiated the discussion about the expenses associated with the Lake District initiative. He sent each Director a complete list of the cost incurred by NSTLRA in the lake district petition process. The Lake District Task Force, under the leadership of Mike Wade was successful in achieving the goal of having Vilas County approve the establishment of the Lake District.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the actions of the Lake District Task Force and approve the expenses incurred in the process of pursuing approval of the establishment of the Lake District. Following discussion, the motion was approved.

#### **3. Discussion of Dues and Membership mailing in the spring, 2018.**

Joe Fritzsche commented that it was important to make a decision on this agenda item at this meeting to facilitate planning for a membership mailing in early April. Bob Bailey initiated the discussion commenting on his analysis of the cash flow needs of the Association for the remaining months of this year. The group discussed how much the dues should be. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the membership dues for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 to \$20. The motion was approved.

**4. Set the date for the Annual Meeting of the Association.**

Joe Fritzsche commented that the NSTLRA Annual Membership Meeting has, for several years, been scheduled for the Saturday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and that the location has alternated between Phelps and Conover. The Conover Town Hall Town Hall multi-purpose room is not available the Saturday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 2018.

A motion was made and seconded to set Saturday July 7, 2018 as the date for the Annual Meeting from Noon to 2:00PM and to hold the meeting at Waverly Park in Phelps. The motion was approved. Joe will reserve Waverly Park.

**5. Authorize the transfer of all navigational buoys and the Memorial Fund balance that has been segregated and designated for buoy maintenance and replacement.**

Joe Fritzsche stated that a proposed resolution on this agenda item was sent to Board members as an attachment to the agenda. He commented that transferring the ownership of the buoys and the Memorial Fund balance will facilitate the transition of lake management responsibility from NSTLRA to the Lake District. Bob Bailey reported that the Memorial Fund, which has been designated for buoy maintenance and replacement, was \$3669.08. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution transferring the ownership of navigational buoys and the memorial Fund balance to the Lake District. Following discussion, the motion was approved. (see NSTLRA Resolution 2 FEB 2018).

**6. Approve a resolution supporting the transfer of the 2018 CBCW Program grant and management from NSTLRA to the Lake District, as part of the transition of lake management responsibilities.**

A proposed resolution on this agenda item was attached to the meeting agenda that was sent to Board members. Joe Fritzsche commented that the DNR has a process to accommodate this type of grant transfer. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution that when approved, endorses and requests the transfer of the 2018 CBCW Program Grant to the Lake District. Following discussion, the motion was approved (see NSTLRA Resolution 4 FEB 2018).

**7. Discussion and possible action to authorize the Treasurer to enter into a loan agreement with the Lake District Commission – lending the Commission funds needed for “start-up” operations.**

Bob Bailey and Jay Wittman introduced this topic. Jay has been elected Treasurer of the Lake District Commission. A proposed resolution on this agenda item was sent to Board members as an attachment to the meeting notice and agenda. Bob and Jay provided background information on Lake District start-up expenses and NSTLRA’s ability to make a loan to the District. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing a loan to the District.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution increasing the authorized amount of the loan from \$4700 to \$5000. The motion to amend was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended resolution authorizing a loan to the District. Following further discussion, the motion was approved (see NSTLRA Resolution 3 FEB 2018). Jay Wittman abstained from voting.

#### **8. Lake Management Plan update.**

Jay Wittman reported on the meeting he and Joe Fritzsche had with the DNR to review the draft Lake Management Plan (LMP). Jay continues to work with Onterra, LLC to craft the response to DNR questions and observations made regarding the LMP draft document. The goal is to have the final 2017 Onterra report to the DNR by 3/1 and NSTLRA comments on the LMP to the DNR by 3/31.

#### **9. Update regarding the AIS Control Grant application and permit to treat South Twin in 2018. Consider a resolution approving the engagement of Clean Lakes, Inc. as the applicator; authorizing Jay Wittman to submit an application for a permit to treat South Twin; and approving the permit application fee.**

Jay Wittman provided an update on the status of the AIS Control Grant Application to complete a whole-lake treatment of South Twin in the spring/summer of 2018. Jay discussed herbicide options considered and explained why Fluridone was selected as the best option to treat the EWM in South Twin.

Jay directed the attention of the Board members to the proposed resolution on this agenda topic that was distributed as part of the meeting notice email and explained why it is important.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution authorizing the engagement of Clean Lakes, Inc. as the herbicide supplier and applicator for the planned treatment of South Twin; authorized Jay Wittman to submit an application for a AIS Control Treatment Permit to the DNR; and further authorized the NSTLRA Treasurer to issue a check for the Permit fee.

Following additional discussion, the motion was approved (see NSTLRA Resolution 1 FEB 2018).

## **10. Lake District update.**

Joe Fritzsche commented on the first Lake District Commission meeting held January 25, 2018 at the Phelps Town Hall. All Commissioners were present. Highlights of the meeting were sent to all NSTLRA Directors and was posted on the NSTLRA Website under the Lake District tab on the main menu.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Saturday March 17, 2018. Notices will be posted in advance.

Jay Wittman, as Commission Treasurer, is working on a budget to be presented to the Members at the first Annual Meeting.

We are reviewing District property ownership data to prepare to lead a discussion at the Commission of the implementation of the flat rate assessment once the budget is approved by the Members.

Joe apologized to the Directors for not developing and sending a survey regarding the future of NSTLRA. He commented that after several attempts to draft a survey, he concluded that it was too early to decide the future of NSTLRA. Joe stated that he believes we – as an Association Board – need more of the “transition” to be completed and work-through to effectively assess the need/role of NSTLRA in the future. This topic will be visited again as more transition actions are completed.

## **11. Adjournment.**

Being no further business and upon a motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.