

North & South Twin Lakes Riparian Association

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

8:30 AM at the Phelps Chamber of Commerce

1. Call to Order

In attendance: Joe F., Mike W., Peter G., Dennis B., Bob B., Roger G., Glen D., David W., Susan, Jay by telephone.

2. Treasurer's Report - Robert Bailey

Bob gave a verbal report of the status of Association finances. A written report will be shared at the end of the month.

An update was provided on NSTLRA annual memberships. The number received so far is similar to previous years.

3. Lake Management Plan update - Jay Wittman

Final plan of the LMP was submitted to DNR for approval by June 12. Activities now need to be planned and mobilized to follow that plan and that is the responsibility of the Lake District and the Association together since it is a year of transition. Present grant expires on June 30. Volunteers will be asked for at the Association Annual Meeting in July and the Lake District Annual Meeting which happens immediately following.

4. Summary of AIS Control Grant and Treatment Permit Denial - Jay Wittman

A grant submitted for treatment of lakes using Fluridone was denied due by DNR due to timeline and lack of use on other Northern Lakes. This was a 3-year grant for treatment and follow-up for \$300,000 of which DNR would have paid \$200,00+. It was denied also due to the aggressive treatment over the past several years and the impact to native aquatic plant life. Consequently, there is no money coming from DNR for treatment this year. No amendment was allowed by DNR for this grant although a 2016 grant amendment may be possible which may provide an additional \$10,000.

There will no treatment this summer of South Twin due to the denial of the permit by DNR. Jay noted that the day after the ice went out there was noticeable visible presence of milfoil.

A notice was placed in the local newspaper as required by law to inform public about the intent to file a grant application for use of fluridone on North and South Twin. There were no negative responses by the public or DNR published in the paper.

It was suggested that the Association put something on our website regarding the permit denial and there will be no South Twin treatment. Joe Fritzsche has made that update to the web site. The best way to get the information out to all Lake District members is to encourage attendance at the annual meeting taking place on July 7. June 23 notice will go out regarding information for the Lake District Annual Meeting.

5. 2018 Activities Update - Amy Peplow

Poker Run date has been set July 14. Amy was not in attendance so more information to follow.

6. Discussion of Newsletter format - group observations and feedback

We need more communication during this time of transition. Discussion was held about the value of a printed newsletter.

7. Discussion regarding planning and agenda for Annual Meeting - Joe Fritzsche

Good time to gather input from the members. Changes will need to be made to the bylaws to remain relevant. The make-up and size of the board may change as well as the dollar amount of the dues.

Question is can a for-profit business participate in our annual meeting? Our proclamation from last year had been approved and we will not have any outside (advertisements in attendance.

There are 7 NSTLRA Board members whose term expire summer of 2018. (Joe F., Susan P., Amy P., Margot P., Michael W., Jay W., Glen D.) Those members have been requested by President Joe Fritzsche to remain on the Board one more year to get us through the transition to Lake District. All have agreed.

8. Lake District update and transition discussion,

Funding for 2019 Milfoil treatment will be the responsibility of the Lake District is another discussion to be held (loans, \$ from the NSTLRA AMEN fund, grants)

A budget will be proposed by the Lake District and it will be voted on at the Annual meeting after discussion and possible changes

Lake District officers will be elected at the Annual meeting and they take office immediately following the Annual meeting.

8. Confirmation of next meeting date and request for agenda items

June 13 at 8:30 AM Phelps Chamber Office. Roger has volunteered to take notes for Susan who will not be present.

9. Other business

Motion was made to join the Conover Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried.

Motion was made to donate \$100 to Phelps 4th of July celebration. The motion carried.

Question asked if we have relation to Wisconsin Valley Improvement who controls the dam and lake level. The dam has to be open 1" or more at all times. Some on South Twin observe the water is very low. The dam is presently open 1" which is the minimum required. Suggestion was made to provide a direct link to WVIC webpage on our NSTLRA website so members who question this can be directed to view the present settings on the lake. This is kept current.

10. Adjournment at 10:22 AM