

TULABY LAKE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING, SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017

Approximately 25 members met at noon for a potluck picnic at the Tulaby Lake Landing. President Scott Skauge called the meeting to order at 12:25PM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's Report from the April 29th, 2017 membership meeting was read by Pat Adams, corrections were noted, and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

President Skauge read the Treasurer's report, which was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Scott VanDam shared information on the progress of the shelter construction. Danny Pinske, Dan Peterson, and Scott VanDam have been working with Anthony Mertes to complete the concrete slab and expressed disappointment because this work has been repeatedly delayed despite repeated promises by the contractor. The Directors will continue to monitor the progress. As of today, Anthony has agreed to have the work done the first week of August.

It was noted that Anthony came recommended by a local, long-standing, reputable contractor and the Directors expect that the concrete work will be completed as contracted. The delay, however, puts future work at risk of being done at the original quotes. It was noted that more fill needs to be added and additional leveling needs to be done before the concrete is poured.

Volunteers will be needed for future work. It is estimated the association needs to collect an additional \$2,500 to complete the project.

Thank you to Scott VanDam for leading the 4th of July Boat Parade and for leading the parade clockwise from the outlet bay. It is estimated that 34 - 37 boats participated. Brock Risky flew his drone over the parade; that amazing video is available on the Tulaby Lake Facebook page.

There was a brief discussion on awarding a prize to the boat or pontoon for the best decorated in the parade.

As a follow up to the discussion in April regarding having **logo wear developed for Tulaby Lake** it was reported that LakeShirts in Detroit Lakes could produce items for sale. They require a minimum order of 48 per item for a run. It is possible to have a logo designed, which will cost extra, or to use an existing design modified for Tulaby Lake. Items that could be ordered include hats, t-shirts (\$10), and sweatshirts (\$20).

The Board will ask Brock Risky will follow up with LakeShirts to proceed with this project. Items will be promoted on the Facebook page and the website. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to send out a postcard in September to residents with ordering information.

NEW BUSINESS

Thank you to Becky and Harley Severson for clearing brush along the lakeshore at the landing, which now allows a view of the lake and lake breezes to keep the air moving in the picnic area.

Members and directors present **would like to see the more lake residents and families attend the annual picnic and meeting.** They hope a shelter will encourage participation and make the event more accessible

and safe for our older members. Those present agreed that having the meeting at the landing is a better location than the firehall. While the meeting was held a group out four-wheeling stopped at the landing to enjoy a picnic.

There was a brief discussion on sending out additional mailings to attract new members to the association and to encourage participation. A postcard mailing to all the area residents costs about \$75. It was noted that postcards are sent at the beginning of year to remind residents to send in their membership; without out that reminder membership drops significantly. Per the bylaws notices must be sent out before the spring and summer meetings.

President Scott Skauge encourages use of the Facebook page and website. Everyone agreed that welcoming and encourage neighbors and new residents to join and get involved.

President Skauge reminded the members the **next ditch clean up is Saturday, September 2**. Having 12 or more help makes the work go fast.

Fred Soch presented a comprehensive report on the Tulaby Lake water quality data being collected.

Fred has been collecting Secchi disk readings since May 2017. At that time the disk could be seen to 16 feet. Recent readings are about about 3.5 feet. Fred, and his wife Connie, together go out mid-morning, if they can, to do the reading. They attempt to do this on days when the sun is shining and there is little surface wave action.

Once a month during the third week Fred collects a water sample that he brings to RMB Environmental Labs in Detroit Lakes. The water sample is used to determine chlorophyll and dissolved phosphorus in the water. Information on Tulaby Lake can be found at RMB's website at <https://www.rmbel.info/>.

Both the Secchi disk readings and water sample data go to the Minnesota DNR.

Fred Soch has been living and enjoying Tulaby Lake for decades. He observed that Tulaby Lake is similar in quality as 2000. He recalled that Fred Janusch, who moved to Tulaby in the 30's and lived here for the rest of his life, reported that Tulaby Lake typically has 'turned green' in August. Tulaby is considered a fertile lake with a lot of nutrients in the lake water due to the nature of the lake's geography, watershed, and quality of spring water entering the lake.

Fred encouraged lakeshore owners to maintain as much shoreline and buffer zones in its natural state and to support the health of the lake. Fred reminded those present that any fertilizers used must not contain phosphorus.

Fred reported that currently the walleye caught in Tulaby are fat on perch. It was noted that the Tribe will be stocking Tulaby this fall with walleye in an attempt to control the perch population, which is way up. Current data on the fish population indicates both walleye and perch populations are up. Northern population is down slightly.

President Skauge and the members present extended a thank you to Fred for his work and the report.

This year the terms of Ken Baumann, Scott Skauge, and Pat Adams are up. Ken Baumann informed the Board before the meeting he is unable to serve another term.

A nomination of Scott Skauge, Pat Adams, and Bryan Vidden to the ballot was made, seconded, and passed. The ballot was accepted and those three will serve a three year term, ending in 2020.

Danny Pinske has submitted his resignation from the Board. Danny's term ends in August 2018. The Directors will look for and appoint someone to serve the remaining months of Danny's term. Danny has been active on the association for years and in recent years gave a great deal of time to support the testing of the lake water and as Treasurer of the association. The association thanks Danny for his time and support. President Skauge and other Directors will be calling those suggested to complete the term.

Scott Skauge's term as president ends this year. **Brock Risky is the President of the association for the next year.**

A drawing was made and four \$25 gift certificates for the Elbow Lake Store were given away.

A motion to adjourn was made (Scott VanDam), seconded, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Adams

Tulaby Lake Association Secretary

Approved April 5, 2018