

Tulaby Lake Association Membership Annual Meeting
Saturday, August 4, 2018
Tulaby Lake Landing

Twenty three (23) individuals were present to share a picnic lunch at the Tulaby Lake Landing and attend the annual association meeting.

President Scott Skauge called the meeting to order.

Pat Adams read the **secretary's report from April 5, 2018**, meeting was read. Ray Thorkildson made a motion to approve; Arolene Kallin seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Pat Adams read the **minutes from the June 16 2018 special meeting**. Ron Wasfaret made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by John Oncken. The motion unanimously passed.

Danny Pinske read the **treasurer's report**. Arolene Kallin made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Bryan Vidden. The motion unanimously passed. Danny Pinske added that some lake residents have sent in donations totaling \$75 to support water quality testing.

OLD BUSINESS

Landing Shelter Project

After consideration of the views of the lake community and possible ongoing shelter concerns and responsibilities, the offer by an individual to donate funds to build a shelter has been withdrawn. Per the membership the site will be restored to its original state. John Oncken and other volunteers will assist in removing the posts and leveling the site. Scott Skauge and other volunteers will seed the area.

Carolyn Thorkildson, who has worked in the court system, offered to contact Bryan McDonald, the Becker County Attorney, to gain assistance in collecting on the court-order for Anthony Mertens to pay the \$2,130 by May 14, 2018. She suggested Anthony needs to be pulled back into court or go to jail.

Another member of the Association with court knowledge shared information about process that can be used in regard to the collection of our judgement. This person will use the court file number to research and suggest some next steps that can be taken by the Association. He reminded the group this is a civil judgement and not a criminal case. The process might include getting a Writ of Execution which can be given to the Sheriff. This document will direct the sheriff to start an execution levy on the debtor's wages or bank account. This kind of judgement will cause additional financial difficulties for Anthony. This person shared from his experience these kinds of debts are very difficult to collect. He suggested we consider selling the debt to a collection agency (for may be \$0.40 on the dollar).

Other members present shared they had heard that Anthony Mertens has had or is looking to have judgements against him. These include a lumber yard, a local farmer for \$35,000 and his mother. Best advice is to get ahead of any potential judgements.

A motion was made by Cathy Wambach to have the Board continue to pursue collection. This was seconded by Bryan Vidden. The motion unanimously passed.

It was noted that shelter donations made by some of the members present do not need to be returned to them and can be used to support water quality efforts for Tulaby Lake. (*Scott Skauge, John Oncken, Bernie and Theresa Pavek*)

PICNIC TABLES

Three - 6-foot picnic tables have been delivered to Danny Pinske's residence for the shelter project or use at the landing. Currently there are three 8-foot tables at the landing; two of them are chained to the ground. There was a discussion about what to do with the donated tables at Danny's home. There was concern that if the tables are put at the landing they will be vandalized. A suggestion was made to raffle the tables. The question was raised could we legally offer a raffle without a permit.

Theresa Pavek made a motion to move the tables to the landing and chain them down; seconded by Bryan Vidden. The motion passed.

THE DIRECTORY

The 2018 is being worked on by Pat Adams. There remains about fifteen properties with incomplete ownership or address information.

A motion was made by Bryan Vidden; seconded by Arolene Kallin to divide up those that need to be updated among the Directors to gather the needed information. Once this is complete print the directory ASAP. The motion unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Scott Skauge noted that Brock Risky's position need to be filled and indicated that Cathy Wambach will fill the term. Pat Adams suggested that Brock's term ends in 2019 and maybe Cathy would consider a three-year term and take Dan Peterson's place. Cathy agreed.

Terms that are ending include Danny Pinske, John Oncken and Dan Peterson. Nominations were made for Dan Pinske, John Oncken and Cathy Wambach. The nominations were seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

Ray Thorkildson suggested we think about and consider moving from nine directors on the board to seven. He reflected that it seems difficult to fill the positions. Pat Adams shared that over the years she had been active and on the board all the positions have been filled. We have a vacancy now, but that has only been since January. She suggested we don't have evidence yet that having nine directors is impossible. Frank Wambach suggested the association wait and see if this reduction is needed. Others present suggested they might know someone who could take Brock's position.

LAKE QUALITY UPDATE

Fred Soch has continued to collect water samples and information and report it to RMB Lab in Detroit Lakes. He collects his information the third week of each month. He noted he will be collecting two more samples this season. He reported that we are experiencing unusual clarity in the lake this year. He measured 8 feet on the secchi disk last week. He did, however, suggest we will, as usual, see an algae bloom later in the summer and experience green waters.

The members present thanked Fred for his efforts and his reports.

ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING DAY

To promote more participation and attract younger interest in the picnic and association, there was a brief discussion about whether we should be holding our annual summer picnic meeting on a Saturday or Sunday. Long-term members recalled the picnic being a family day with activities for children. Questions raised included

- Should the picnic focus on a family event or the meeting?
- Does Saturday conflict with other cabin activities?
- Does Sunday conflict with families who need to travel home that day?
- Is there a way to survey our membership for suggestions?

An informal vote was taken of the 23 present asking what was their preference. Nearly all preferred Saturday, with a few choosing Sunday.

A suggestion was made to have an association informal gathering the first Sunday in June.

OTHER COMMUNITY EVENT - Veteran's Ride

Connie Soch suggested we should gather at the Landing the day of the Veteran's Ride. Connie and others at the picnic reported being roadside and greeting the hundreds of riders is very fun. It would also give lake residents an opportunity to socialize. The directors may consider this in their annual association planning and information can be put in the newsletter.

WEBSITE

Dave Adams asked that the board consider having a lake association website again. The feedback was using Facebook did not allow easy access to association information by all.

Fred Soch made a motion to **adjourn the meeting**; seconded by Frank Wambach. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Adams

Tulaby Lake Association Secretary

UNAPPROVED - will be approved Spring 2019