

Tulaby Lake Association Membership Annual Meeting
Saturday, May 18, 2019
Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Hall

Twenty eight (28) individuals were present to share a potluck lunch at the Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Hall and attend the annual spring association meeting.

President Bryan Vidden called the meeting to order.

Pat Adams presented copies of the the **secretary's report from August 4, 2018**. Scott Skauge made a motion to approve; Dave Adams seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Danny Pinsky read the **treasurer's report**. The current balance is \$5,080.43. Prior to the meeting \$90 was collected and will be added. At this time there are no outstanding bills.

Items paid:

- \$300 Minnesota DNR
- \$500 Waubun Wildlife Club
- \$150 Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department for use of the fire hall
- Costs associated with mailings and website

Anticipated costs:

\$200 COLA (Minnesota Coalition of Lake Associations) - annual dues

MN COLA is a volunteer organization with the mission of preserving, protecting and improving the waters and shorelands of the State of Minnesota through advocacy, education, and sharing of best practices.

Approx. \$200 RMB Labs for 2019 season of lake water testing

Danny reported there are currently 75 members to the association. Typically, in the past, we have had nearly 100 memberships. Brian Ciak, newest member of the Board of Directors, who enjoys the lake from the Evergreen Coop, offered to provide updated Evergreen resident information to the Association. He also reported that the Evergreen Coop wants to be more involved with the Lake Association. Brian attends the Evergreen Coop Association meetings and will share Tulaby Lake Association information with them. We appreciate this connection with the cooperative..

Fred Soch made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Cathy Wambach.

DISCUSSION:

Questions were asked about stocking the lake. The DNR stocks Tulaby every two years. The DNR determines what amount will be stocked based on the netting counts. The Waubun Wildlife Club works with the DNR to determine stocking amount each year. The walleye stocked by the Waubun Wildlife Club are bigger (six-inch fingerlings) than the DNR fish. Typically about 500 fish are stocked each year by the Waubun Wildlife Club. The Tribe has been willing to assist with stocking Tulaby, but they do not have the correct species of walleye available to do that.

Comments were shared regarding the abundance of small perch in Tulaby. Those who have been on the lake for many years reflected this is a persistent problem. Fred Soch reminded those present that because Tulaby Lake is a fertile lake (algae rich), this will continue to support a strong perch population.

Some present wondered if stocking the lake with northern would be helpful in reducing the perch population, however, that approach may upset the balance of the lake.

The motion unanimously passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Donations to the Shelter Project

Several of those who contributed to the Shelter Project have been contacted. There are several more to be contacted to find out if they would like their contribution returned. Danny Pinske and Pat Adams will complete that work. So far, most have indicated they would like to have their shelter donation added to the Tulaby Lake Environmental Fund and used to help preserve the quality of the lake.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Conditions

Many present expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of the gravel road, East Tulaby Lake Drive, (Becker County) around Tulaby Lake from Highway 113 to the culvert.

Carolyn Thorkildson shared that Eagle View Township board representative is Carol Sanders (in the directory #52) Phone 218-734-2524; Cell 218-289-1006. Township Board Meetings are held each second Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Elbow Lake Village Community Center.

Jim Menge, John Ocken and Carolyn Thorkildson will contact the township to ask for improvements to the road quality.

New Directories Distributed

Scott Beaton printed the 2019 Tulaby Lake directories free of charge for the association. These directories are organized in order of location around the lake and off lake (Evergreen Coop). The 2019 directories were distributed at the meeting to those present. Pat Adams will send out the remaining directories to the paid members not present.

4TH of July Grand Marshal 2019

Dave and Pat Adams have agreed to be the Grand Marshal for the 2019 4th of July Boat Parade. Meet in the outlet bay at 10AM. The parade will travel clockwise around the lake.

Environmental Fund

A motion was made by Pat Adams to form a committee to make recommendations (priority and action items) for the Association's Environmental Fund, which was seeded with a donation and added to with donated and unspent Shelter Project donations. This motion was seconded by Mike Thompson.

DISCUSSION:

Some ideas that will be considered

Presentations by lake experts

Distribution of lake management information (booklets/brochures)

Planned and systematic promotional/informational emails to the lake residents

Grants to support environmental friendly lake stewardship

The motion unanimously passed.

This committee includes the following individuals. Recommendations will be made to the membership at the August annual meeting.

Bryan Vidden	John Oncken
Scott Skauge	Brian Ciak
Danny Pinske	Dave Adams

Increasing Participation in the Lake Association

Pat Adams asked those present to consider how we can increase participate in both the social and function activities of the association. Participation at the meetings include 25 to 30 individuals and finding people interested in serving as a director, especially in a leadership role is very challenging. Membership is down about 30%. Pat shared ideas of hosting new social events or enticements to participate in the association. She has brought those to the Board of Directors for consideration and may be implemented. Any other ideas that the lake residents have should be shared with the Board.

Pat suggested that Tulaby Lake host a **Little Free Library** (<https://littlefreelibrary.org>). The nearest registered Little Free Library is near Island Lake off Hwy 71 north of Park Rapids. A Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Each Little Free Library can be registered for a one-time fee of \$40, which puts the library on the map and gives access to some network benefits. Initial costs include building the weather-resistant Library and stocking it with an initial collection of books for all ages. Part of the process includes deciding where you can legally and safely install the Library. The location should have a lot of foot traffic and be highly visible to anyone nearby. One or two people need to be stewards (steward = caretaker); these stewards promote the Library and make sure it is clean and inviting.

Members present felt this would be a great thing to try on Tulaby Lake. Pat Adams will facilitate the initial process of setting up the Tulaby Lake Little Free Library.. John Oncken and Brian Vidden volunteered to built our Library. Members present asked Ray and Carolyn Thorklidson if they would host the Little Free Library by their place, near the 'Hilton'; they agreed. A steward of the library is yet to be determined. Pat will keep the community up on the progress of the Library.

Motion to Adjourn

Cathy Wambach made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Frank Wambach. The motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Adams

Tulaby Lake Association Secretary

APPROVED AUG 4, 2019