

Tulaby Lake Association Membership Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Hall

Twenty four (24) individuals were present to share a potluck lunch at the Tulaby Lake landing and attend the annual association meeting.

At 12:45PM President Bryan Vidden called the meeting to order.

Bryan thanked Karen and Scott Skauge for donating and cooking the hotdogs for today's picnic.

Pat Adams read the **secretary's report from the May 18, 2019, association meeting.** Karen Ahmann made a motion to approve; Frank Wambach seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed.

Danny Pinske read the **treasurer's report.** The current balance is \$5,509.82, which includes \$1,055 designated for the Environmental Fund and \$100 for fish stocking. Expenses that are anticipated include COLA membership and expenses associated with mailings. There are currently 87 members to the association.

OLD BUSINESS

Carolyn Thorkildson gave an update on the condition and maintenance of the gravel roads around Tulaby Lake.

Carolyn did contact Carol Sanders with Becker County who reported that the dust control application happened before new gravel could be added to the road. Dust control diminishes the need for blading, however, because of the condition of the road there has been increased frequency of blading the road. Carolyn also shared that during the construction of the road near the culvert trees were buried in the roadway, which are now working to the surface. Be aware of this and avoid any xxx. Call the township board with any concerns.

Danny Pinkse gave an update on the Environmental Fund committee work and recommendations. The group of members who discussed the use of the Environment Fund recommend that the funds be used to develop a lake quality plan. This would involve several steps, including, doing a survey of lake residents; collecting lake history; gathering and analyzing lake data; and developing a plan using COLA and the DNR as resources. Members expressed interest in having COLA emails forwarded to them.

Danny reminded the members that COLA and the DNR recommend Tulaby Lake have a lake management plan, especially since Tulaby Lake is on the list of impaired waters determined by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). The process of developing a plan will include doing a survey of the lake community to fully understand resident concerns and priorities. A plan could be developed to establish goals, priorities, and guidelines to support a strategic vision for local management of the lake. Having a plan can balance priorities of environmental protection, economic growth and human social needs while supporting lake quality sustainability.

Several present shared their various concerns and priorities regarding the lake. It was noted that a survey of lake residents would collect this information, which will likely reveal competing values.

Karen Skauge will mail Jim Rislund information from COLA because he does not have email.

Members present agreed that a planning committee should be set up to begin investigating the steps needed to do a survey and develop a plan. Bryan Vidden asked for volunteers. Ray Thorkildson volunteered. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the lake residents explaining the recommendation of doing a survey and developing a lake

quality plan, along with a request for volunteers to work on the planning committee. The letter will also include a questionnaire to do a preliminary survey of residents' interests.

For the enjoyment of the lake community, **Sue and Ken Baumann have volunteered to host a Little Free Library on West Tulaby Lake Drive on what was the Jim Janusch property.** Volunteers from the lake will be building the library and donating books to supply the library with books. Sue has volunteered to maintain the library during the warm months. Pat Adams asked that the lake association pay a one-time registration charter fee of \$40 to the non-profit foundation Little Free Library. With the registration fee, a charter sign will be engraved with a unique charter number and the location of the library will be available on a world-wide Library map. A motion was made by Aroline Kallin to pay \$40 for the one-time fee; seconded by Kathy Wambach, and passed unanimously.

Fred Soch gave an update on water quality and reflected that this has been an interesting year for Tulaby Lake. Fred, a long-time resident and volunteer collecting lake data, reported that clarity on the lake this year is not as good as last year. (Max Secchi Disk reading for 2018 was 16 feet; this year 11.5 feet) He noted that after the last big rain the clarity was 6 feet; now it is 8.5 feet. Fred noted that the phosphorus levels on Tulaby remain steady with no big changes in the past two years. He shared that there is a typical phosphorus spike in August each year. However, this spring there was a spike in May. He said he could not predict Tulaby would have an algae bloom later this summer, but would not be surprised. He emphasized again that Tulaby Lake is a 'fertile' lake with "a lot of stuff growing" in the lake. He has observed an increase in weed growth this year. His research suggests that cooler waters may be the cause. He also mentioned that wind stirs up the bottom (nutrients). Boating can also add to that. Current temperature of the lake is 78.2 degrees.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen and Scott Skauge shared that Dan Peterson, lake resident and past director/president of the association, was recovering from a recent serious auto accident. Karen offered a card for those attending to sign; she will send the card to Dan.

Danny Pinske gave an update on walleye stocking. Historically, the Tulaby Lake Association has donated to the Minnesota DNR for bi-annual walleye fry stocking. With the recent changes to DNR rearing ponds the walleye fry for Tulaby would need to be transported from Morris, MN, which is too far for the fish to survive. The DNR will now contract with the White Earth Fisheries to stock walleye fry in Tulaby Lake. Those present at the meeting view this as a positive change for Tulaby Lake stocking. Tulaby Lake will continue to pay Waubun Wildlife for annual walleye fingerling stocking.

Nominations were made for the three expiring director terms of Ray Thorkildson, Scott VanDam, and Brian Ciak. Ray declined another term after years of service. Bryan Vidden thanks Ray for his contributions over the years.

Pat Adams nominated **Brian Ciak.** Carolyn Thorklidson nominated **Karen Ahmann** and **Lauri Pfeiffer.** Ron Wasfaret moved the nominations be closed. Kathy Wambach seconded the nominations. The nominations passed unanimously.

Danny Pinske made a motion to adjourn. Ed Stevens seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

August 4, 2019

Pat Adams, Secretary

Minutes will be approved at the Spring 2020 association meeting.