



Trump Lake, Wabeno, Wis.

TRUMP LAKE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Velicer at 9:05am. New members were welcomed and a quorum was present.

Chris Hamerla, Forest Co Aquatic Invasives Coordinator, discussed his inspection of Trump Lake for invasive species. While not an extensive survey of the lake, Chris found no evidence of harmful invasive species, in particular Eurasian Milfoil. He believed our lake had a healthy balance of plant life and clear water for fish habitats. Chris also provided an overview of a wide variety of aquatic plants-both healthy and harmful. He saw no evidence of zebra mussels or rusty crawfish, though Trump is listed as having the later. He alerted members to watch for zebra mussels who attach themselves to boat water reserves and structures such as piers. Chris's presentation can be found on the Association website www.trumplake.org

Mary Beck presented the 2010-2011 Treasurer's Report which was approved by the membership. Our annual budget is around \$2000 plus special project money for walleye restocking.

Quentin Velicer summarized the Fish Population Study of Trump Lake conducted by Forest Co. Fisheries Biologist, Greg Matzke. Greg and his team conducted their study 2 evenings 2 weeks apart in May 2011. The main findings were:

- Our lake has a dense population of large mouth
- An estimated 50% of the bass were 12.0 and 13.9" with over 97% of the bass under 14"
- The walleye restocking of the bigger 5-6" fingerlings seems to be improving the walleye numbers. Of the 26 walleye captured, they were between 10.9 - 19.5" in length.

Quentin indicated that the next step was completion of the fish scale analysis which will determine bass growth rates. After that, Greg will make recommendations to the Conservation Congress <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/nrboard/congress/>. The next meeting of the Congress will be in Spring 2012 and any changes to bass size limit wouldn't take effect until 2013.

Mary Beck gave the secretary's report. The Association sent a memorial gift to the family of Joyce Larson who passed away during the year. The membership thanked Jerry Diny for coordinating and managing the webcams at 3 locations on the lake. The 2010 Regatta winners were announced and 1st place winners-the Sette's- brought the traveling trophy for this year's winner. Volunteer's were requested for judging this year's contest. Quentin discussed the cost of the Association's website and made a motion for the association to pay the annual fee of \$83.40. The motion passed. Special thanks to Bruce Beck for creating and managing the website.

Quentin reviewed the Association Member Survey sent to members requesting feedback on the date of the annual meeting, association activities and fund raising options if needed. The meeting date results gave a slight edge to the Saturday of Memorial Day, May 26, 2012. A motion was made to change the annual meeting date to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The motion passed on a voice vote. Another motion was made and approved to add a friendly amendment to the By-laws to pilot the meeting change for 1 year.

A group of lake residents have taken the initiative to raise funds for restocking with walleye fingerlings. Tom Barborich and Mark Coenen are organizing the event for August 20, 2011 at the Pavilion. There will be brats and beer, a silent auction and raffles. Interested volunteers were to meet at the pavilion on July 4th at 10am. Quentin had requested the Town Board to contribute to the restocking effort but was told that it was not budgeted for in this round of the town budget.

There was discussion and concern about jet ski's and their operators lack of safety measures when weaving around boats pulling tubers. Members were reminded they should report offenders to the Wabeno Police Dept.

A member asked about extending the Saturday night no wake hours to 6pm. Prior to the annual meeting, he brought the request to the Town Board and the Board said they would consider the recommendations of the Association. Many ideas were expressed both pro and con; such as, not enough time to enjoy boating on weekends, lake takes a couple of hours to settle down so people can fish, small lake with good water quality so why threaten that, and the need to balance the preferences and interests of all residents. A motion was made and seconded to extend the no wake hours to 5pm everyday except Wednesday which would remain as 10am-dusk. The motion was defeated by 26-31. This led to further discussion related to who is eligible to vote. A motion was made, seconded and approved that the TLPA officers clarify the definition of membership for the purpose of voting and bring recommendations to next year's meeting.

A motion was made and approved to have a Spring Clean-up Day to clean lake roads. The first clean-up day will be April 28, 2012 at 9am. Volunteers will meet at the Pavilion. There was further discussion of the survey but no motions to act on any of the suggestions or concerns.

Annual donations were voted upon. A motion was made, seconded and approved to donate \$300 to the United Rescue Squad and \$100 to the Forest Co Association of Lakes.

Mary Beck was the only nomination for Secretary/Treasurer and *handily* won the election.

Dawn Ashbeck won the door prize of a Trump Lake fleece jacket.

Meeting adjourned at 11am. **Next year's meeting will be on Saturday, May 26, 2012.**

Submitted by Mary Beck