

Minutes of the May 23, 2015 Annual Meeting of the Trump Lake Protective Association

President Rich Wickershiem called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and invited everyone to briefly introduce themselves to the assembled members.

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- For the 2014-15 season just ending, there were 81 paid-up members, from of a total population of 169 homes in the Trump Lake neighborhood. This membership ratio (48%) is typical of recent past years.
- Income and account balance details were reviewed by members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

- 2014 Regatta winners:
1st Sette; 2nd Schmitz; 3rd Sawall; Funniest Coenen; Free Dues Drawing Sawall.
- Memorials:
Quentin Velicer passed away in March, 2015. In memory of Quinten, a commemorative plaque will be attached to one of the "no wake" buoys at the west end of the lake.
Shirley Simonis passed away in April, 2015. Because her family suggested memorial gifts to the Trump Lake Association, the association has received \$170 in donations.
Roland Verlinde
Donald Polzin
Palmer Clements

A motion was made and approved to repeat last year's donations of \$200 to the Wabeno Fire Department, \$300 to the United Area Rescue Squad, \$100 to the Forest County Humane Society and \$100 to the Forest County Association of Lakes. Following discussion of the fact that the Wabeno police department was recently abolished, a motion was made and approved to donate \$200 to the Forest County Sheriff's Department. A motion was made and approved to donate \$500 toward needed maintenance of the lake pavilion. Moreover, the Walleye Committee was directed to also donate \$500 toward the maintenance of the lake pavilion. Following a report from Mary Beck on the current activities of the Friends of Wabeno, a motion was made and approved to donate \$500 to the Friends of Wabeno.

Bruce Beck was elected Secretary, replacing Mary Beck who has now finished her term of office.

2015 Upcoming Lake Events

- Boat Regatta July 4th: The theme this year will be "Fireworks". The Regatta prizes awarded to contestants will be posted as soon as possible on the website (trumplake.org).
- Annual TLPA Picnic and Golf Outing, July 18th. If you plan to golf, please contact Tom

Barborich so he can submit a headcount to the golf course in advance. The Potluck Picnic will start at 5pm at the lake pavilion. A grill will be available for your use. Please bring a dish to pass.

- Trump Lake Rummage-O-Rama, August 7-8th
 - Trump Lake Fundraiser—August 15th, 12 noon to 6pm, Trump Lake Pavilion.
- Volunteers are needed to help on the day of this event--please contact Tom Barborich.

Ann Books displayed and described numerous beautiful Trump Lake Clothing items, including shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, towels, and cup holders. Net proceeds from the sale of these items are deposited into the Walleye Fund. Clothing items will be available for sale at the August 15th Walleye fundraiser, but they can also be purchased directly from Ann at her lake residence.

The Walleye Committee is still working on a plan to build and install fish cribs in Trump Lake, but there are a number of logistical issues. DNR Fisheries Biologist Greg Matzke has suggested stone reefs may be an effective alternative to cribs. The top each crib/reef will be at least 5 feet below water surface.

Updated Fish Regulations include the following:

1. Bass: daily bag limit of 3 per person when less than 14 inches; daily bag limit of 3 can include one over 18 inches
2. Walleye: daily bag limit of 3 per person when 15 inches to 20 inches; none are allowed between 20 to 24 inches; daily bag limit of 3 can include one over 24 inches.

The Mole Lake tribe was spearfishing on Trump Lake this spring. They fished at night, with lights, and took a total of 19 walleyes, one of which was 19 inches in length.

Trump Lake will be stocked with walleye this fall, following an abbreviated survey of the fish population to be conducted by DNR Fisheries Biologist Greg Matzke. Silt levels in Trump Lake may be interfering with walleye reproduction.

AIS (aquatic invasive species) include Eurasian Water Milfoil, which is the biggest invasive species threat to Trump Lake, especially from boats arriving at the boat landing after being used in other lakes. Prevailing winds from the west may help drive any milfoil back into the boat landing area. Some lake associations in Forest County are spending over \$100,000 to control Eurasian Water Milfoil.

Members were asked to please refrain from feeding ducks. Ducks and snails are carriers in the life cycle of the agent that causes swimmer's itch.

The Walleye committee recently purchased liability insurance for the Trump Lake Association. The coverage amount is \$ 1 million. This coverage will address liability exposure arising from association-sponsored events such as the annual regatta and the annual walleye fund raising

event.

The current members of the Walleye Committee are Rich Wickershiem, Mark Coenen, Tom Barborich, Andy Knotek and Bob Wanke. The name of the annual walleye fundraiser may be changed in the near future.

A dock for the boat landing was offered as a suggestion. The Town Board of Wabeno would need to approve this, but it has declined to do so because of liability exposure, the workload of moving the dock into and out of the lake each season, and lack of interest in encouraging visiting boaters who may bring aquatic invasives from other lakes. On the other hand, it was observed that the public landing may be the only lake access for Trump Lake neighborhood boaters who do not have shoreline property.

Complaints were voiced about misuse of the lake pavilion, e.g. late night noise, including fireworks after 10pm; stolen or damaged pavilion features; and excessive use of the available trash barrels, which attracts bears.

Barb Charlton offered community garden space for anyone who is interested. Water is available.

President Rich Wickershiem announced he will not be seeking re-election next year when his current term expires.

Next Meeting date: May 28, 2016

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Beck, TLPA Secretary