

Minutes of the May 28, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Trump Lake Protective Association

President Rich Wickershiem called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM and welcomed everyone to a meeting having a full agenda.

The minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- For the 2015-16 season just ending, there were 80 paid-up members, from of a total population of 156 homes in the Trump Lake neighborhood.
- Income and account balance details were reviewed by members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

- 2015 Regatta winners: 1st—Wickershiem, 2nd—Sette, 3rd—Sawall, Funniest—Coenen, Free Membership—Behrndt
- Memorials:
Dan Seis passed away on October 25, 2015
Judy Clark passed away in May 2016

The members in attendance approved the following donations to community organizations:

- \$300 Wabeno Fire Department,
- \$100 Forest County Humane Society and
- \$100 Forest County Association of Lakes.
- \$200 Forest County Sheriff's Dept for the D.A.R.E program.
- \$500 Friends of Wabeno.
- \$200 Wabeno Open Water (WOW) Swim Competition (see more below)

Last year's TLPA offer to donate a combined total of \$1,000 for Town of Wabeno improvements to the lake pavilion has not been used, but this offer still stands for whenever the Town completes its decisions on how to proceed with pavilion repairs.

There was a discussion on whether it would be helpful for the association to hire a local resident to help monitor the status of Trump Lake properties during winter months. It was noted the sheriff's department monitors the lake area twice each day. Also, recent experience shows the sheriff's department exhibits fast response times to emergencies. Moreover, when year-round residents and neighbors observe events affecting properties, they can usually report these to the property owners by consulting the TLPA directory. A hired watchman may have difficulty trying to improve on this coverage, except by trudging around in deep snow to view properties from all angles. Tracks in the snow, however, may confuse the sheriff's department. No motion was made.

Elections:

Barb Charlton was elected President

Dan Staackmann was elected Vice-President

Ann Books was re-elected as Treasurer

Rich Wickershiem and Tom Barborich were applauded for their service to the association as officers

2016 Events at Trump Lake:

- Trump Lake Spring Clean-up, Saturday May 7 resulted in a truck load of trash.
- Boat Regatta Sunday **July 3rd** at 5pm near the Pavilion. The theme will be "Yankee Doodle Dandy". The Regatta prizes awarded to contestants will be posted as soon as possible on the website (trumplake.org).
- Annual TLPA Golf Outing and Potluck Picnic, **July 16th** 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.
- 1st Annual Wabeno Open Water (WOW) Swim Competition – **August 6th** - 9 am to 11 am
- Walleye Fundraiser—**August 20th**, 12 noon to 6 pm, Trump Lake Pavilion
Volunteers are needed to help on the day of this event--please contact Tom Barborich.

Graham Charlton provided information about the August 6 Wabeno Open Water Swim Competition. There are likely to be 20 to 30 swim contestants for 1k and/or 5k courses at the east end of the lake. The swim course will be marked out with buoys and has been approved by the Wabeno Town Board. A few volunteers are needed to help monitor the perimeter of the swim course using their boats or kayaks. Other boaters should please avoid the area of competition during this 2-hour period. Graham Charlton can be contacted at charlg15@gmail.com. WOW also has a website with additional information: <http://charlg15.wix.com/wowswim>. Following this discussion, a motion to co-sponsor the Wabeno Open Water Swim Competition, together with a \$200 donation, was approved.

The Walleye Committee is still working on a plan to build and install fish cribs in Trump Lake, but logistical issues are still unresolved. DNR has suggested stone reefs and/or wood logs may be effective alternatives to cribs. However these alternatives may be unsatisfactory to lake shore residents because they would need to be built close to the shoreline.

This year, the Mole Lake tribe is seeking DNR approval to spearfish on Trump Lake to take 8 fish. Last year, they took 19 walleyes. Subsequently, the tribe stocked Trump Lake with 18,000 little walleye fry free of charge. DNR reports these fry had a good

survival rate. October 2015, the tribe also sold us 1,700 8-inch walleye fry at a reduced cost of \$1.75 each. These were stocked into Trump Lake and the results should become apparent within two years afterwards.

Tom Barborich reported the DNR is scheduled to re-survey the Trump Lake fish population in 2017. That survey should reveal how the recent walleye stockings are impacting other fish species.

The Wisconsin Legislature has made major changes to shoreland zoning in 2015-16. These changes are described in three short video presentations provided by UW Extension showing how changes in shoreline regulations can affect fish populations. Mary Beck suggested the TLPA website include links to these videos. Rich Wickershiem mentioned a book entitled "Saving Our Lakes & Streams: 101 Practical Suggestions" available for \$9 a copy if we buy 90 copies. Some further evaluation of the book is needed, however, before we would proceed with this purchase.

A motion was made to approve proposed changes to the TLPA by-laws to conform to requirements to obtain recognition as a non-profit corporation. Benefits could include increased eligibility for grant money needed to combat invasive species; reduced liability for TLPA officers; and subsequent eligibility for tax exemptions. The proposed by-laws also create a 5-member Lake Needs committee to administer expenditures from the Walleye Fund to promote fishing quality, fish habitat quality and lake water quality. Following discussion, the motion was approved.

Tom Barborich described an opportunity for lake residents to support an effort to bring improved internet service (up to 100 megabits per second) to the Trump Lake neighborhood. Packerland Broadband, a company currently providing cable service to the Wabeno downtown area, is seeking grant funding to build cable that would connect Trump Lake to its existing network. Lake residents can support this effort by sending an endorsement message to cory.heigl@plbb.net by June 6.

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

Next Meeting date: May 27, 2017

The meeting adjourned at about 10:15 AM.

Following the meeting, Ann Books displayed and described numerous beautiful Trump Lake Clothing items, including shirts, sweatshirts, hats, tote bags, towels, cup holders and golf balls. Net proceeds from the sale of these items are deposited into the Walleye Fund. Clothing items will be available for sale at the August 20th Walleye fundraiser, but they can also be purchased directly from Ann at her lake residence.

Minutes submitted by Bruce Beck, TLPA Secretary