

Trego Lake District Annual Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 10, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

1. Call to order – Board Chair Tim Reedy called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Also present were Board members Dan Frase (Washburn County representative), John Geiger (Town of Trego representative), Gary Kaiser, Dan DuRose, Tom Frost, and Dick Okerlund. Also present were about 20 folks who are landowners on the Lake.

2. Treasurer's Report; 2017-18 budget adoption – Treasurer Tom Frost presented the report of the current state of the District's finances. Treasurer Frost presented the Board's proposed District budget for 2017-2018. The proposed budget includes a proposed non-lapsible fund of \$20,000, consisting of funds left over from the dredging project and funds left over from one or more previous years. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the budget as proposed.

3. Board Member elections -- one board member to be elected. The floor was opened for nominations for the one position, the one currently held by Tom Frost. Tom Frost was nominated and he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Tom Frost was declared elected for a new three-year term.

4. Board Chair's Report

- Website discussion – Board Chair Reedy introduced the topic of the District setting up a website. Barb Emerson made some comments. The District now owns two domain names (tregolakedistrict.com and tregolakedistrict.org). Barb has established a new email address for the District – tld@trego.net. In the future, we will need a committee of lake owners to help put the topics and facts together for the website.
- Aquatic invasive species – Chair Reedy mentioned the presence of zebra mussels in Lower McKenzie Lake. Reedy met with Lisa Burns who works for the County to learn more about the danger of invasive species. She recommended: a committee to monitor and learn about invasive species; a boat inspection program at the public landing; self-identify problems on your own property and shore; know what to do if you identify a dangerous creature or plant. Professional monitoring and identification is also available, done by the County – Lisa herself would visit two times this summer after July 1st. The County also has zebra mussel plaques that are made of wood and metal that can be hung from a dock and checked periodically. The County has training for identification – in small groups. The Board will continue to discuss this and work to establish a committee. The County also has an interest in shoreline restoration, and there are grants available. John Linde reported that he and his wife are going through the shoreline restoration process, working with the County. He said that it is a lengthy process, involving the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service.

5. Committee Reports

- Boat Landing, Dock & Buoys – John Geiger said that the public landing looks good. He noted that there is a sign noting the end of the concrete ramp – the drop off. That shows how far the back wheels of the trailer can go before falling off the ramp. These signs, and the ramp, should be respected, as the ramp will last longer. John Geiger is retiring from his many ongoing responsibilities with the District. Terry Tonnar is the new point person on the public landing. Buoys: Buoys down the main channel are striped up and down. The channel is twenty feet wide. Approaching the top of the river, keep the “slow no wake” buoys on the right side of the boat, keep close to the buoys. Going down river, the buoys will be on the left. Buoys down the main channel are striped up and down. The channel is twenty feet wide. Approaching the top of the river, keep the “slow no wake” buoys on the right side of the boat, keep close to the buoys. Going down river, the buoys will be on the left. Tim Reedy is the new point person on the buoys.
- Weed Harvest –The contract calls for harvesting in late July. A couple of volunteers are needed to inspect the harvesting equipment before and after and check that the harvested has the necessary permit on board. A question was asked about weed harvesting in other areas, specifically Pair O'Lakes Road. They were directed to contact the DNR for individual permits for harvesting. It was also noted that individual landowners can pull weeds by hand and remove them from the river. Dan DuRose has experience with using a bed spring to pull weeds from in front of his property, and had a conversation with a game warden. It turns out that you can use a bed spring if you manipulate it from the shore. You may not use a boat to drag anything to pull weeds.

- Water Quality – Dan DuRose and his son did the testing in April, the last time. Dan now records the water temperature, most recent rain, and sunshine, along with the Secchi disc reading. That disc reading was 7.5 feet. (A Secchi disc is a wood disc on a long rope that is lowered into the water in several places, to the bottom, then pulled up slowly until the sight of the disc is clear, then the depth of the disc is noted on the rope.) The testing also involves taking water samples in several places and sending those samples to UW Stevens Point for testing. The District has many years of such testing data. There are DNR water quality testing specialists who might be called on for explanations and information.
- Sedimentation/dredging – John Geiger passed out copies of a map of the upper lake, showing where the buoys are located and how the channel runs now, after the dredging was completed last year. The river has already moved quite a bit of sand around and some parts of the channels are not as deep as 3'. John noted that it is important to keep using the channels, as this helps keep them open. It may sometimes be necessary to barrel right through a shallow part – that will help deepen it.
- Fish Stocking / Management – Dan DuRose and Tim Reedy are interested in this topic and have been doing some investigation. Muskies were stocked in Trego Lake in September 2016. The previous stocking was in 2011 of walleyes. The DNR believes that walleyes are reproducing naturally in the lake. The next stocking of Trego Lake is scheduled for 2019. Barb Emerson noted that the Spooner Fish Hatchery is the largest of its kind in the world! There are tours available and a nice visitor center, so think about taking your out-of-town visitors to see it.
- Lake Celebration – August 26 noon to 3:00 at Bay Park Resort Campground. Thanks to Dan Frase and his family for allowing the picnic to be at their place. The District provides the protein, the plates, cups, napkins, flatware, etc., and the soft beverages. Members bring side dishes to share. There will be games and activities as well, and lots of good hospitality!

6. National Park Service – No representative of the NPS was able to attend. Note that the NPS has posted some new notices at the public landing. The notices concern: no personal watercraft on the lake; no fireworks over the lake, etc.

7. Citizen comments – A question was raised about the campground proposal from a couple of years ago. That proposal died after lots of opposition, the proposal was withdrawn and the person who proposed the campground was able to sell the property in question. John Geiger and Tom Frost noted that zoning would have to be done by the Town Board, which has shown little interest in beginning that process and following it through. John Geiger asked Tom Ricci to try to attend the Board's quarterly meetings, as he is a good source for information about the County and the Dam.

8. Set next annual meeting date – Saturday, June 9, 2018, beginning at 10 am.

9. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Trego Lake District Board of Commissioners Meeting Notice and Agenda

Saturday, June 10, 2017, immediately following Annual Meeting

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1. Call to order – Tim Reedy called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.
2. Election of Officers – Tim Reedy was re-elected as Chair; Tom Frost was elected Secretary and Treasurer, as he volunteered, and will act as Recording Secretary as well.
3. Set next Quarterly meeting date – For 2017 – 2018, the Board's quarterly meeting dates will be August 12, October 14, January 13 and April 14.
4. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.