

Trego Lake District Meeting Minutes

Quarterly Meeting Saturday, August 24, 2019

Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Board members present: Charlie Petersen, Tim Reedy, John Geiger, Tom Frost

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Charlie Petersen.
2. There was a motion, second and vote approving minutes of Spring 2019 Board Meeting, 2019 Annual Meeting 2019, and June 2019 Special Board Meeting.
3. Board chair Charlie Petersen reported:
 - He proposed allowing Board members to attend meetings by phone. He reviewed an Attorney General Opinion allowing board attendance by telephone at public meetings. He will propose amending the by-laws at the next Annual Meeting. Until then, with notice, board members may attend by telephone if a quorum is physically present at the meeting.
 - He reported that the DNR contacted him to advise that Eurasian or hybrid watermilfoil have been identified as present in Trego Lake. At this point the DNR advised watching and waiting to see if more developed. They suggested a possible aquatic plant survey to establish baselines. Charlie distributed information on invasive species. Hybrid watermilfoil has been observed in Lake Hayward which feeds into the Namekagon and Trego Lake.
 - Lake Board of Commissioners Training will be held in Balsam Lake for the full day on October 4, 2019. Charlie, Tom, John and Dan DuRose have indicated they will be attending.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Tom Frost made the Quarterly Financial Report. Since that Annual Meeting there have been 8 checks totaling \$7,241.03, and a tax levy receipt of \$2,864.37. The checking account balance is \$13,907.30. TLD is within budget and projected to be within budget for the fiscal year (ends September 30). Motion, second, and vote to approve the report.
5. Committee Reports
 - Weed Harvesting: Tom Frost reported the weed harvester came to TLD on August 15-16. Gary Kaiser oversaw the operation. Harvester was paid \$8,000 this year per contract. Request for re-imbursement was sent to Xcel Energy. Thanks, and gift certificates were sent to landowners. Discussion about problems weeds are causing and questions related to whether private landowners could contract for harvesting. In the past the DNR has not been supportive. Discussion regarding possible alternatives to current harvester. Tom Frost and Bob Somermeyer each identified possible less expensive contractors. They will bring information to October meeting.
 - Water Quality: No report.

- Buoy, Public Landing Pier: Tim Reedy reported that the buoys will be pulled out mid to late October. The pier at the public landing will be pulled out late October. TLD had contractors who do both. Tim Reedy will be in touch with them. Buoys have moved and Tim will attempt to re-locate them. Tim salvaged one submerged buoy.
- Fish Stocking / Management: Tim Reedy reported that he has been on contact with the DNR regarding “shocking” activities. DNR conducted tests in April, June, and August. Additional testing is scheduled. DNR representative Craig Roberts will attend a future board meeting to discuss. F.I.S.H. (supporting the fish hatchery) is having a fundraiser chili feed on Sept 7. Information will be on TLD website. TLD is a member of F.I.S.H.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters: Tim Reedy reported that the local 4-H Club is distributing educational information at the public landing on our behalf. This will continue through September. They will be paid out of a grant TLD received. The 4-H Club reported to Tim that they have encountered more than a few rude boaters who gave the 4-H members a hard time at the landing. As a result, the 4-H Club probably won’t be doing this again.
- Sedimentation: Charlie Petersen reported that the Sedimentation Committee is considering two equipment options now. They added another possible small dredger to the earlier one. It is more powerful, though (new) more expensive. They are looking for a used one for purchase and renovation. Additional spoils sites are being reviewed. They will be starting the permit process before the end of the year. They are hoping to have everything in place for the summer of 2020.
- Lake Management Plan: Charlie Petersen reported that he and Tom Frost met with representatives of the DNR to discuss a possible new lake management plan for Trego Lake. Two possible DNR grants are available – Rapid Response for aquatic invasive species (up to \$20,000) and Lake Planning grant (up to \$25,000). Both grants require local match in either cash or volunteer time. The Rapid Response grant could be used for aquatic invasive species survey. The Planning grant is more general and looks to identify goals for the lake. Charlie named the following as members of the Lake Planning Committee: Charlie, Tom Frost, Anna Korinko, and Bob Somermeyer.

6. Other reports

- 2019 Summer Picnic: Linda Wogstad was recognized for outstanding and enthusiastic leadership of the picnic this year. It was held on August 3 at the Trego Town Park. The facility worked well for the event and she recommended it be held there again. Based on the low number of attendees, alternatives were discussed. Further discussion on the event will follow at future meetings. Barb Emerson will put a survey on the TLD website for further input on options.
- Trego Town Board Chair Wes Huffer was present and spoke about his new appreciation and greater understanding of the issues facing TLD.

7. National Park Service – not in attendance.

8. Citizen comments

- Barb Emerson reported on use of the TLD website: 140 people have visited it with 300 page visits within the website.

9. Next meeting: Fall Quarterly Meeting – October 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.