

Trego Lake District Meeting Minutes
Quarterly Meeting Saturday, October 12, 2019, 10:30 a.m.
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Board members present: Charlie Petersen, John Geiger, Dan DuRose, Gary Kaiser, Tim Reedy, Tom Frost, Dan Frase (by telephone)

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Board Chair Charlie Petersen.
2. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2019 Board Meeting.
3. Board chair's Report
 - Chair Petersen reported that he, Dan DuRose and Tom Frost attended a day long training for lake district commissioners sponsored by the UW Extension Service. The training was held on October 4, 2019, in Balsam Lake. A resource book from the training, *People of the Lakes*, will posted on the TLD website.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer Tom Frost reported one check issued between the last meeting and the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2019). Expenses for the year were slightly lower than budgeted. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Treasurer's Report.
 - Chair Petersen appointed Paul Weyandt, Anna Korinko, and Carolyn Kaiser to serve on the Audit Committee now that the fiscal year has closed.
 - The board approved renewal of TLD insurance for coming year.
5. Committee Reports
 - Weed Harvesting - Tom Frost reported that Xcel Energy had made the reimbursement requested for weed harvesting. In a letter Xcel raised issues related to cost and documentation. Tom responded by letter to these concerns. Tom identified a new potential weed harvester – TSB, located in Chippewa Falls. Guest speaker Dave Blumer volunteered that he has heard of no bad experience with this new company. TSB is substantially less expensive. There was a motion, second and vote to approve entering into a contract with TSB for next summer's harvesting. The cost will be \$2200 per day. Estimated time is 2 days. It was noted that the written agreement incorrectly states that TLD will haul away weeds. Tom will get that corrected in contract and then is authorized to sign on behalf of TLD.
 - Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that Seechi disk readings (water clarity) showed 5 feet at the upper lake and 4 feet by the dam.

- Buoy, Public Landing Pier – Tim Reedy reported that buoys came out early this year due to the unavailability of contractor AAA at a later date. Two had moved from original placement, one needs repair. Additional volunteers are needed to assist in this project in future. The pier at the landing is coming out soon. It was not damaged this year. At Tim’s recommendation, there was a motion, second and vote to change contractor this year to Sam Smith who will take out the pier for \$100. Tim Reedy will make arrangements.
- Fish Stocking and Management - Tim Reedy reported that an additional shocking has taken place on lake. DNR representative Craig Roesler will report on findings at a future meeting.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported on Clean Boats, Clean Water grant. By prior arrangement TLD agreed to pay local 4H Club to distribute educational materials at the landing. TLD will pay 4H Club \$948.00 for 79 hours of work. TLD received \$600 reimbursement in advance in 2019. TLD will receive \$348 more in reimbursement for total of reimbursement \$948.00. Tim Reedy put in 30 hours of volunteer time for TLD’s match for the grant. There was a discussion on future of CBCW grant. Action was tabled until after Dave Blumer’s presentation.
- Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen reported that the committee is looking at two possible dredges – Weeders Digest (previously discussed at board meetings) and Piranha (more costly, but more powerful). Applications for permits are moving forward. TLD will need agreements from riparian owners affected and contracts with spoils sites landowners. John Geiger volunteered to call Piranha to see about used equipment.
- Picnic – Linda Wogstad reported on this summer’s picnic. Location (Trego Lake Park) was good. Attendance is down and continues to fall. Costs for food remain the same and lots of food is being left over. There was a discussion around possible changes and alternatives. Decision on future of picnic was deferred.
- Lake Management Plan – Charlie Petersen reported that he and Tom Frost had met with DNR representative about the advisability of developing a formal lake management plan. There are many issues facing Trego Lake and this would present an opportunity to think about how to deal with them in a coordinated thoughtful manner. Two DNR grant sources are available: one Rapid Response (for the introduction of aquatic invasive species in Trego Lake) and a second to fund development of a lake management plan. Charlie introduced Dave Blumer, a consultant on developing lake plans.

Dave made his PowerPoint presentation and led discussion. The PowerPoint is posted on the website. Key points he noted during the presentation include:

- Trego Lake is complex with multiple issues and multiple parties involved;
- Working on the issues will take time – 3 to 5+ year;

- Due to Eurasian water-milfoil found in lake this year, we are pre-approved and should start with the Rapid Response grant
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters grant needs to be applied for in conjunction with the Rapid Response grant;
- Complete a plant survey to determine extent of invasive species in lake;
- Follow up with application for lake management plan grant to work on other issues.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the Board took the following actions:

Motion, second and vote to approve applying for a DNR Rapid Response grant;

Motion, second and vote to approve applying for Clean Boats, Clean Water grant;

Motion, second and vote to approve applying for lake management plan grant;

Motion, second and vote to engage in a formal relationship with Dave Blumer to assist TLD in applying for and implementing grants. Details of cost and work to be negotiated with Dave Blumer. The board is authorized to work with him on the grants and to commit to paying for this work out of future grant funding.

6. Citizen comments

Request for additional education resources and information on issues (*e.g.*, weed harvesting) on website. Question about why National Park Service did not attend meetings anymore. Answer they are always invited, their resources and availability are being reduced. Volunteer to reach out to them. Question regarding “No wake” zones and signs – to be researched and included in outreach to NPS.

The meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: Winter Quarterly Meeting – January 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.