



**TLA Board Meeting
May 27, 2019
Minutes**

Item 1 - The meeting was called to order by President Holmer at approximately 4:30pm
Board members present: Anderson, Blazick-Peterson, Bogard, Gross(Terry),
Gross(Toni), Holmer, Johnson –

Those absent: Hageness, Muir –

Item 2 - The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3 - The agenda was adopted with no changes

Item 4 - The Board approved the September 30 Board meeting minutes

Item 5 - OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports –

Item 5a - Accounting & Finance – Donna Andersen

Fund Balances – as of date: April 30, 2019

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| CD – | \$ 12,562.31 |
| C/A - | \$ 5,771.86 |
| SPC Acct – | \$ 3,990.95 |
| AIS Acct – | <u>\$ 16,513.35</u> |
| Total Assn Funds – | \$ 38,838.47 |

Treasurer Andersen indicated the current total of Association funds was similar to the past several years.

The Board approved a motion to add Kay Johnson to the Bank records as an authorized signer for making bank deposits, writing checks and receiving reports of association accounts from the bank.

Item 5b - Membership – Kay Johnson

TLA Membership – 247 Individual - 181 Entity

SPC Membership – 131 Individual - _____ Entity (3 new)

AIS Contributors -- 67 Individual

Revenue: TLA = \$ 3,705 - SPC = \$ 2,260 - AIS = \$3,100

Total Revenue: \$ 9,625

Kay reported that the printing and mailing of the President's letter and 2019-2020 Membership form this spring was \$ 423.

Kay also reviewed comments that had been made on this year's membership forms.

There was discussion of what a program to increase membership might include in addition to what has been done in the past. It was felt the Association could do a better job of contacting new property owners and introducing them to the Thunder Lake Association and discuss why they should join. It was agreed that the new Member Relations Committee should work on developing a 'new member program' -

Item 5c - Preservation/AIS/Communications/Education – John Bogard

Plans are underway to form the TLA AIS Task Force consisting of individuals who are committed to supporting the AIS Prevention efforts for Thunder Lake and the lobbying efforts of MLR at the state legislature.

Concern was expressed over the lack of Cass County boat inspector coverage at the Thunder Lake public landing – It appears that Cass County does not consider the AIS threat to be as severe on Thunder Lake as it is on other Cass County lakes – Efforts will continue to get Cass County to staff the TL public landing more frequently –

Concern was also expressed over the number of TL based boats that travel to Leech Lake to fish and/or boat and then return to TL and by-pass the public landing when re-launching into TL – Leech now has Zebra mussels and Milfoil. There was much discussion about this perceived increase in risk to TL – It was decided that the Board would work to increase the awareness of TL boat owners about the increased danger to TL this represents. It was decided to create a post card mailing to the TL mailing list alerting everyone and to offer free boat cleaning at Thunder Lake Sports – The Association will cover the cost of the cleaning. The Board will revisit this issue at its July meeting.

Item 5d - Sportsmen's Club – Terry Gross

Terry reported the parking area is much improved with the spreading of crushed concrete last fall. The new pistol range is progressing and will hopefully be completed this summer.

Plans include the planting of additional trees at the range.

Terry also requested Board approval to purchase 10-12 foot fold-up picnics like tables to be used at the range and during the August 3 picnic and other Association events. The Board approved the purchase of 10 tables with a maximum expenditure of \$2,000 to be paid by Association funds.

Item 5e - Water Quality Committee – Bob Muir – In Bob's absence Craig Holmer reported that water testing will continue this summer during the months on May through September.

Item 5f - Social Committee – Toni Gross

The Board agreed that the 4th of July water picnic should be moved from the Sand Bar to another location that will provide a stable environment for the crew preparing and serving the food and will also allow folks to eat on the shore or in their boat. Terry G will research alternative sites around the lake.

The Board also agreed with moving the Annual Meeting Day picnic from Big Springs to Deerhaven this year.

Item 5g - Website Committee – Mark Hageness – In Mark's absence John Bogard asked the Board members to review the website content and let Mark know what they would like to see. The Board did pass a motion that no 'for sale' announcements will be allowed on the website, but that they could be posted on the Association Facebook page.

Item 5h - Member Relations Committee – Karen Engh – John Bogard asked the Board members to review a list of possible activities for this new committee –The Board suggested the following items be included for consideration:

Maintain the 3 TLS Display Boards (Public Landing, TL Sports, SCP Clubhouse)

Encourage TLA members to provide pictures for posting on the TLA Website

Develop samples of gear (hats, sweatshirts, tee-shirts, boat flags, dock flags, etc) that could be sold by the TLA (the Board voted to remove the word “association” on the TLA logo for this gear)

Develop a “Welcome to Thunder Lake” Brochure for distributing to new property owners and visitors-

Item 5i - TLA Special Project – Loon Nests – Pat Blazick-Peterson

Pat reported that several loon nests have been placed in Thunder Lake and several more are under consideration –

Item 5j - Ideas regarding use of Cash Luck Donation – The Board felt Cash would want her donation to go toward protecting the Lake from AIS and other activities that would be detrimental to the quality of the water and surrounding shorelines.

Item 5k - Several items of general interest were discussed:

The property owners on the Sand Bar may now be interested in some signage.

There was discussion of the light pollution around the lake and that an effort should be made to encourage property owners to modify their yard/security lights with shields and/or replacement of current lights with new ones with shields. It was felt the Association could encourage compliance by assisting with the expense to the property owners. Action on this item was tabled until next meeting.

item 6 - NEW BUSINESS – No new business was introduced.

Item 7 - 2019-2020 Calendar – (Subject to change)

Early Spring – Membership mailing with President’s letter –

May 26 (Sunday) – First Board Meeting (1) (Held on Monday May 27)

July 4 (Thursday) – Fourth of July Water Picnic and Boat Parade

July 14 (Sunday) – Board Meeting (2) - Plan Annual Meeting Agenda

August 3 (Saturday am) – Annual Meeting

August 3 (Saturday am after Annual Meeting) Board Meeting (3)
To elect Officers

August 3 (Saturday pm) – Annual Meeting Day Picnic

September 29 (Sunday) – Last Board Meeting (4)

Item 8 - Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55pm.

John Bogard, TLA Secretary