



**TLA Board Meeting
July 14, 2019
Minutes**

Item 1 - The meeting was called to order by President Holmer at approximately 4:15pm
Board members present: Andersen, Blazick, Bogard, Holmer, Johnson, Muir
Those absent: Gross (Terry), Gross (Toni), Hageness

Item 2 - The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3 - The agenda was adopted with no changes

Item 4 - The Board approved the May 27, 2019 Board meeting minutes

Item 5 - OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports –

Item 5a - Accounting & Finance – Donna Andersen, Chair

Fund Balances – As of June 30, 2019

CD – \$ 12,597

C/A - 11,838

SPC Acct – 3,726

AIS Acct – 17,556

Total Assn Funds – \$ 45,717

Kay Johnson reported she had not been able to meet with the bank to become an additional TLA authorized signer. The Board discussed ways to communicate the financial picture to the membership at the annual meeting and approved a recommended format

Item 5b - Membership – Kay Johnson, Chair

TLA Membership – Individual - 267 = Entity - 194

SPC Membership – Individual - 142 = Entity - 113

AIS Contributors - Individual - 72

Revenue: TLA - \$ 4,005 - SPC \$ 2,840 – AIS \$ 3,235 = Total Revenue: \$10,305

Kay reported a follow up mailing will be sent to past members who haven't paid 2019 dues

A post card mailing announcing the annual meeting will go out to the mailing list

An email will be sent to the TLA email distribution as the official notice of the annual meeting

Item 5c - Preservation/AIS/Communications/Education – John Bogard, Chair John attended the MLR 25th Celebration @ Walker on 6/15-6/16 representing the TLA and submitted a report (see attached)

The No Child Left Inside initiative was briefly discussed – a major legislative allocation to fund local schools aquatic ecology science curriculums across the state –

The DNR Grant Program is returning as a result of the increase in the boat 3 year license fee

John submitted a brief report on Boat Inspections by Cass Cty inspectors – The county continues to have problems staffing the Thunder Lake public landing – Through the second week in July only 79 hours of inspections have been reported this year vs 85 hours last year –

CD3 (Clean-Drain-Dry-Dispose) Systems – A lengthy discussion about the CD3 portable boat cleaning equipment and its possible use at the DNR public landing was held – The Board agreed to gather more data about the acquisition of the unit and its operation and to explore possible partners in providing financing. (see attached)

John provided additional information on the formation of the TLA AIS Task Force (TLA ATF) (see attached)

Leach Lake/Thunder Action Program – The Board discussed further ways to keep the importance of cleaning boats fresh in the minds of Thunder Lake boat owners – especially those boats which have come out of infested lakes

Facebook Page – The Board approved the appointment of Kim Johnson as Page Master

TLA Email Program – The Board approved the continuation of the TLA Email Program

AIS Membership Dues and Donations – The Board approved the following dues and donations paid for with AIS funds – Dues:

The Association of Cass County Lakes (ACCL) - \$200

Conservation Minnesota - \$200

MN COLA – MN Coalition of Lake Associations - \$50

MN Lakes and Rivers Advocates - \$300

AIS Donation of \$500 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center

Item 5d - Sportsmen's Club – Craig Holmer reported in Terry's absence -

Parking lot upgrade – a major upgrade in the parking lot with crushed concrete -

Pistol Range – Still under construction

Additional trees at the range – Longer range plan

Report on the purchase of picnic like tables approved in 5/27 mtg – not purchased yet as they have not been on sale –

Item 5e - Water Quality Committee – Bob Muir, Chair – Bob reported water sampling would take place on two spots on the Lake during the months of May – September (same as last year) – He also reported the clarity of the Lake continues to be consistently good – average of about 16+ feet

Item 5f - Social Committee – Toni Gross, Chair – In Toni's absence, the general feeling was that the 4th of July water picnic was a smashing success – Deer Haven worked out well – superior to the sand bar

Coffee and treats are planned for the Annual Meeting on August 3rd & plans are underway for the August 3rd TLA Picnic to return to Deer Haven.

Mark Hageness sent a report that the Boat Parade was again a great success – Mark will have some pictures for the annual meeting

Item 5g - Website Committee – Mark Hageness - In Mark's report he noted that the website has been updated with current information.

Item 5h - Member Relations Committee – Linda Hagen and Karen Engh, Co-Chairs

John reported on a meeting he and Linda had recently where the initial items on the MR Committee 'To Do' list were discussed – More will be presented at the annual meeting –

Item 5i - TLA Special Project – Loon Nests – Pat Blazick, Chair – Pat reported there are three portable nests in use currently with the intent to add a 4th next year –

Item 5j - Nominating Committee – Andersen, Bogard, Toni G are up for re-election at the annual meeting

Item 5k - Fisheries Committee – No report – Expect one at the annual meeting

Item 5l - Items of general interest:

Signs on the Sand Bar – No discussion

Light pollution - The Board discussed offering financial assistance to encourage light 'shields' –

The Board also voted to ask Paul Bogard to return to present on the importance of shielding for yard/security lights and some dos and don'ts when it comes to shielding –

Review of 4th of July week – Activity – Fireworks – Boat Traffic, etc – concern was expressed by several members of the Board about the amount of 'illegal' - very loud fireworks late in the evening of the 4th -

item 6 - NEW BUSINESS –

Item 6a - Set the annual meeting agenda – The Board discussed the agenda and requested that the secretary develop the agenda and have copies at the annual meeting for all attendees -

Item 6b - The final Board meeting of 2019 will be held on September 29, 2019 starting at 4:00pm

Item 7 - Any other business – None

Item 7a - Annual Meeting Saturday, August 3 starting at 10:00am – Town Hall

Item 7b - Annual Picnic starting at 3:00pm – Deer Haven

Item 8 - The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15pm

John Bogard, TLA Secretary