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THREE LAKES
ASSOCIATION

Lake Bellaire, Clam Lake and Torch Lake

55th Annual Meeting

August 5, 2021

5 – 8 PM

Beach Club

Agenda:

5:00 PM Social Hour

6:00 PM Old Fashioned BBQ Dinner

6:30 PM Business Meeting: Remarks from the President & TLA Accomplishments
Approval of the Minutes from the 54th Annual Meeting
Approval of the Treasure's Report, 2020
Election of Officers
Special Presentation

7:00 PM Speakers: **Deana Jerdee of Paddle Antrim:** *Chain of Lakes Water Trail*
Jenn Wright of Grass River Natural Area: *Protecting Grass River*

8:00 PM Farewell

Slate of Candidates for 2021-2023

Per TLA By-Laws, Article V: Election of Vice President and Treasurer takes place in odd-numbered years. Election of President and Secretary takes place in even-numbered years. Terms run for two years. Terms for Zone Directors and Directors at Large are for two years; terms are staggered so that half the board is elected each year.

Officers:

(Partial term, expires 2022)

President: Fred Sittel

(Full terms, expire 2023)

Vice President: Rick Doornbos

Treasurer: Ed Gourley

Directors at Large:

(Partial term, Expires 2022)

Mike Novak

(Full terms, expire 2023)

Dean Branson

Art Hoadley

Zone Directors *(Full terms, expire 2023)*

Zone A [Clearwater]

Tina Norris Fields

Zone B [Milton]

Greg Fredericksen

Zone C [Torch Lake]

****Vacancy****

Zone D [Central Lake]

Steve Laurenz

Zone E [Forest Home]

Fred Sittel

Zone F [Helena]

****Vacancy****

Zone G [Custer]

Gary Knapp

Zone H [Kearney]

****Vacancy****

Zone Director *(Partial terms, Expire 2022)*

Zone C [Torch Lake]

****Vacancy****

Zone F [Helena]

****Vacancy****

Zone G [Custer]

****Vacancy****

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2020

Three Lakes Association 54th Annual Meeting – August 6, 2020

The 54th annual membership meeting of the Three Lakes Association was held on August 6, 2020, via Zoom in webinar format, with business meeting at 5:00 p.m., results of the pre-meeting poll at 5:20 p.m., and a presentation at 5:30 p.m. by Dr. Jan Stevenson on what we now know about Golden Brown Algae, with a Q&A session in the final ten minutes..

Call to Order:

Executive Director Jeanie Williams presided over the meeting in the place of President Mike Bertram, who has graciously dedicated himself to running the Antrim County Ambulance Service for several months during this pandemic. She explained the tools available to all attendees, such as the Q&A box, the chat box, the hand-raising feature, and in-meeting voting. KC Babb is monitoring the Q&A panel and will bring questions to the TLA Panel for answers. Executive Director Williams reviewed the accomplishments of the past year.

Approval of Preceding Year's Annual Meeting Minutes:

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Fred Sittel, to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting of the Three Lakes Association (which were included in the meeting packet). Motion carried.

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Greg Federickson, to approve the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting of the Three Lakes Association. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was also included in the meeting packet. Treasurer, Ed Gourley, commented that the Association is financially very healthy and offered to respond to any questions. There were none.

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Richard Knopf, to approve the treasurer's report for 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers and Board of directors:

The proposed slate of candidates was included in the meeting packet. Secretary Fields explained that terms run for two years, and half the Board is elected each year. The officers elected in odd-numbered years are the Vice President and the Treasurer. The officers elected in even-numbered years are the President and the Secretary: Mike Bertram, the current President and Tina Fields, the current Secretary, have both agreed to serve again.

Three of the six Directors at Large are up for re-election: Norton Bretz, Leslie Meyers, and Becky Norris.

There are eight zones, by township: Clearwater, Milton, Torch Lake, Central Lake, Forest Home, Helena, Custer, and Kearney. Nominations were opened from the floor. Richard Knopf self-nominated to serve for Helena Township.

There being no further nominations offered, nominations were closed.

The final slate of candidates standing for election, is as follows:

Two-year terms ending in 2022

- President.....Mike Bertram
- SecretaryTina Norris Fields
- Zone A (Clearwater)Cheryl Lynn Fields
- Zone B (Milton)Rick Doornbos
- Zone C (Torch Lake)Rick Welsh
- Zone D (Central Lake)Todd Collins
- Zone E (Forest Home)Phil Weiss
- Zone F (Helena)Richard Knopf
- Zone G (Custer)** Vacancy **
- Zone H (Kearney)Duane Drake
- Directors at Large:Norton Bretz, Leslie Meyers, Becky Norris

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Fred Sittel, to cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed slate of candidates for officers and directors. Motion carried.

Ratification of Actions of the Board:

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Dean Branson, that the membership ratify the actions taken by the Board of Directors since the annual meeting of 2019. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Tina Fields, to adjourn the business meeting. Motion carried. Before the vote was taken, Leslie Meyers reminded the gathering to honor the memory of Chuck Drouillard, who for several years made sure these important official motions were made. The business meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Special Presentations:

Special presentations were made to three members of our Board in recognition of their years of extraordinary contributions to the mission of the Three Lakes Association: Patricia Roush, Duane Drake, and Becky Norris.

Program:

Director at Large and outgoing Chair of Water Quality, Becky Norris, introduced our speaker, Dr. Jan Stevenson, who spoke to us on what we have learned about Golden Brown Algae, so far. Following the presentation, Dr. Stevenson responded to many questions on the possible causes and characteristics of Golden Brown Algae.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Norris Fields
Past President & Secretary

Financial report for 2020

THREE LAKES ASSOCIATION INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

	December 31, 2020			2019
	Operating Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Revenue:				
Memberships	26,050	8,000	34,050	27,280
Contributions	27,714	10,600	38,314	27,623
Grants	-	8,998	8,998	11,125
Other Revenue	162	-	162	151
Releases From Restrictions	7,498	(7,498)	-	-
Investment Income	8,766	-	8,766	9,421
TOTAL REVENUE	70,190	20,100	90,290	75,600
Expenses				
Program Expenses:				
Water Quality	21,172	-	21,172	34,432
Education	3,701	-	3,701	14,383
Membership and Other	5,752	-	5,752	5,319
Total Program Expense	30,625	-	30,625	54,133
Administrative Expenses	32,261	-	32,261	28,337
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,886	-	62,886	82,470
NET INCOME (LOSS)	7,304	20,100	27,403	(6,869)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	140,458	118,052	258,512	237,892
Gain (Loss) on Investments	7,797	-	7,797	27,491
ENDING FUND BALANCE	155,559	138,152	293,711	258,512