



56th Annual Meeting

August 4, 2022, 5 PM
Shanty Creek Beach Club

Welcome!

Welcome to Three Lakes Association's Annual meeting on the shoreline of beautiful Lake Bellaire. The month of August finds our organization at the peak of our summer programs, some of which are described in the TLA Annual Summary.

Every year is different and this summer finds our lakes with much lower water levels than recent summers due to limited rainfall. Hopefully, you had the opportunity to attend TLA's educational event on water levels held July 12 at Central Lake High School where more than one-hundred people learned about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrological model of the Chain of Lakes and heard from our County Operator of Dams, Mark Stone, about next steps.

Also, unusual this year is a larger turnover on our Board of Directors. Some are taking a well-deserved break after years of service while others were forced to step back due to health reasons.

At times like these the answer is for our membership to step up and join the board. As a member of the board, you shape our programs, lead others as a chairperson or help on projects out on the waters of local lakes. We currently have openings for Zone Directors in Torch Lake, Forest Home, Helena and Custer Townships. The limited duties of a Zone Director are easy, like being a point person for member concerns in your area. Having these positions ensures geographic diversity of our board and increases the reach of our service area. Once you join the board, opportunities to benefit our lakes and local environment are unlimited.

Tonight, as every year, we require members to approve a slate of officers and directors. As part of that, I will be asking for nominations from the floor. Please consider self-nominating to fill one of our open zone directorships if you are able to, and join us in helping make the Chain of Lakes the best place to recreate outdoors anywhere!

- Fred Sittel, President of the TLA Board

Agenda:

- 5:00 PM Social Hour
- 6:00 PM Taco Bar
- 6:30 PM Business Meeting: Remarks from the President & TLA Accomplishments
Approval of the Minutes from the 55th Annual Meeting
Approval of the Treasure's Report, 2021
Bylaws changes
Election of Officers
Special Recognition
- 7:00 PM Speaker: Pat Bak of the National Weather Service Gaylord Office: Past and Future Weather Trends

Minutes from the Annual Meeting of 2021

Three Lakes Association 55th Annual Meeting – August 5, 2021

The 55th annual membership meeting of the Three Lakes Association was held on August 5, 2021, at the Shanty Creek Beach Club on Lake Bellaire.

Call to Order:

Interim President Fred Sittel called the business meeting to order and explained the process for the business meeting.

Approval of Preceding Year's Annual Meeting Minutes:

MOTION Moved by Ed Gourley, seconded by Rick Doornbos, to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2020 annual meeting of the Three Lakes Association (which were included in the meeting packet). Motion carried.

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Cheryl Lynn Fields, to approve the minutes of the 2020 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 Todd Collins, and seconded by Cheryl Lynn Fields, to approve the treasurer's report for 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers and Board of directors:

The proposed slate of candidates was included in the meeting packet. Interim President Fred Sittel explained the schedule of terms as well as the vacancies we hope to fill. Gary Bart volunteered to serve for Kearney Township; Brian Hayes volunteered to serve for Torch Lake 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 2023

- Vice PresidentRick Doornbos
- TreasurerEd Gourley
- Zone A (Clearwater)Tina Norris Fields
- Zone B (Milton)Greg Fredericksen
- Zone C (Torch Lake)Brian Hayes
- Zone D (Central Lake)Steve Laurenz
- Zone E (Forest Home)Fred Sittel
- Zone F (Helena)** Vacancy **
- Zone G (Custer)** Vacancy **
- Zone H (Kearney)Gary Bart
- Directors at Large:Dean Branson, Art Hoadley, ** Vacancy **

MOTION Moved by Tina Norris Fields, and seconded by Jerry Bloom, to cast a unanimous ballot for the proposed slate of candidates for officers and directors as modified by nominations from the floor. Motion carried.

Ratification of Actions of the Board:

MOTION Moved by Tina Norris Fields, and seconded by Greg Fredericksen, that the membership ratify the actions taken by the Board of Directors since the annual meeting of 2020. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

MOTION Moved by Leslie Meyers, and seconded by Cheryl Lynn Fields, to adjourn the business meeting. Motion carried.

Recognition of Retiring Board Members:

President Fred Sittel lifted up for recognition four members who have left the Board since the 2020 annual meeting. They are: Mike Bertram, Ann McClelland, Richard Knopf, and Becky Norris. He especially recognized Becky Norris for her service to the TLA Board of Directors in several capacities since 2001, including as Treasurer, Water Quality Chair, and volunteer with the Internship Program.

Program:

We next had two presentations: one by Deana Jardee, Executive Director of Paddle Antrim, who spoke to us on the Chain of Lakes Water Trail; and one by Jen Wright, Executive Director of Grass River Natural Area, who spoke on the history and mission of GRNA.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Norris Fields
Corporate Secretary

TLA 2021 Financial Statement (unaudited)

	December 31, 2021			2020
	Operating Fund	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
Revenue:				
Memberships	50,460	8,000	58,460	53,123
Contributions	11,731	31,632	43,363	19,241
Grants	-	14,561	14,561	8,998
Other Revenue	141	-	141	162
Releases From Restrictions	27,845	(27,845)	-	-
Investment Income	7,931	-	7,931	8,766
TOTAL REVENUE	98,108	26,348	124,456	90,290
Expenses				
Program Expenses:				
Water Quality	37,000	-	37,000	21,172
Education	31	-	31	2,986
Internship	8,606	-	8,606	715
Membership and Other	6,515	-	6,515	5,752
Total Program Expense	52,152	-	52,152	30,624
Administrative Expenses	39,874	-	39,874	32,261
TOTAL EXPENSES	92,026	-	92,026	62,885
NET INCOME (LOSS)	6,082	26,348	32,430	27,404
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	155,558	138,152	293,711	258,511
Gain (Loss) on Investments	19,119	-	19,119	7,797
ENDING FUND BALANCE	180,759	164,500	345,260	293,711

Slate of Candidates for 2022-2024

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:

(Full terms, expire 2024)

President: Fred Sittel

Secretary: Greg Fredericksen

Directors at Large:

(Full terms, expire 2024)

Mike Novak

Norton Bretz

Zone Directors (Full terms, expire 2024)

Zone A [Clearwater]

Cheryl Lynn Fields

Zone B [Milton]

Rick Doornbos

Zone C [Torch Lake]

Open

Zone D [Central Lake]

Todd Collins

Zone E [Forest Home]

Open

Zone F [Helena]

Open

Zone G [Custer]

Open

Zone H [Kearney]

Chris Herb

Zone Director (Partial terms, Expire 2023)

Zone F [Helena]

Open