

Minutes for NSTLRA'S 13th Annual Meeting & Picnic  
Phelps School Commons  
Sunday, June 24th 2007, 1 – 4 P.M.

President Joe Wallace called The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of NSTLRA to order at 1:45 P.M. He thanked the entire board for their service and then thanked Suzanne and her committee for organizing the luncheon. Eighty-four members signed in.

Minutes of the Twelfth Annual Meeting were distributed for review when members signed in. While a motion was made to accept the minutes and the motion carried, Priscilla Vandenhuevel later suggested that we not tell her husband, Ben, about Alfred, and the minutes were corrected.

Joe Wallace altered the agenda to give Mike Schindler an opportunity to finish his lunch.

Special Recognition - Joe thanked Bonnie Kuhrt, the outgoing secretary. Then he spoke about Ginny Parker's work on Clean Boat/Clean Water, the NSTLRA Newsletter, and the Wisconsin Lakes Association. She is tireless in her work for the association.

Fundraising – Mike Hoffmann directed the members' attention to the blue and yellow T-shirts on sale. The money made on the project will be placed in the AMEN fund. The shirts will also be sold today and at the July 3rd Taste of Conover where NSTLRA will also be hosting a Crayfish Boil. In addition, money from today's raffles will be placed in the AMEN fund. Steve Hash and Laura Babe will organize the 7th Annual Fish Boil on the first Wednesday in August. Suzanne Wallace is in charge of organizing the pies, so be ready for calls. The men have already made a couple of trips to catch the fish needed for the boil and plan on continuing until we have the fish we need. A suggestion was made for members to buy gift certificates from local businesses for the raffle and to let the merchants know that they are being used for a NSTLRA fundraiser. Since all the groups approach the merchants for donations, purchasing gift certificates shows our support for businesses that support our organization.

Treasurer - Mike Schindler displayed the June 25, 2006 Treasurer's Report for membership review on the wall. A complete treasurer's report will be published in the next newsletter. The beginning balance on 6/1/06 was \$4,211.79. The income from memberships and the Fish Boil came to \$10,654. The total expenses for the year amounted to \$9,633.63. The AMEN balance totaled \$20,025.46 with an additional \$23,517.42 in an AMEN Fund CD. Jerry Parker made a motion to accept the report, Don Zirbel seconded, and the motion carried.

Lake District – Roger Ganser presented an overview of the Lake District structure, goals, and the history of contributions. Next he presented his rebuttal to the six common reasons for opposing the Lake District. Another hundred families are needed to assure the Lake District passes. Long Lake approved the formation of a Lake District last spring. They have given us their booklet to facilitate the process. However, signatures of members who currently approve of the Lake District must be reviewed to assure that all the names on the tax bill have signed the petition. As a final note, Roger pointed out that our district received thirty-five percent of the grants given by the state; however, the average amount was \$5,000. Canvassing will continue.

Rusty Crayfish – Following his presentation on the Lake District. Roger reviewed the procedure for trapping crayfish and shared how to prepare them. NSTLRA will be hosting a Crayfish Boil at the Taste of Conover. The information shared with the group is on the back of the Lake District presentation.

Program - 2007 Research Study of Fisheries of North & South Twin Lakes presented by Marty Kiepke of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources – Marty Kiepke has worked in the area for forty years and took part in the Treaty Assessment Program this spring. The program involves shocking and netting fish. During the process, they handled 3,000 walleyes and estimate 10,000 walleyes in the lake. A pamphlet on Tribal and Angler Walleye Harvest Management in the Ceded Territory and charts of the Adult Walleye and Muskellunge Population Length and Frequency Distribution were distributed to the members. This year ninety percent of the 3,000 fish were less than fifteen inches. While we have a three bag limit this year, the size limit is fifteen inches long. Following the results of the study, the size limit rules may change,

but since it has to be voted on, the changes would not go into affect until 2009. One thousand two hundred and twenty-five fish is the maximum number the tribe could take, but they must declare what they will take. There are paid monitors that must be on the lake, and the tribe must have a permit. Marty stated that spearing is not biologically detrimental to the lakes. With rod and reel fishing the ratio of male to female is 50-50. The walleye tribal harvest has about eighty-five percent males. The average size of the walleyes collect during the tribal harvest on Lac Vieux Desert was 15.3 inches. In comparison, the average size on the Twin Lake chain was 13.7 inches. This may be due to slow growth because of high density. The average number of one-year-old walleye per mile of shoreline is usually 34; however, on the Twin Lake Chain, the number is 59. This is why the association is not allowed to restock. In contrast with these figures, distribution charts for the Muskellunge population show an increase in size for that population. In addition, northernns are now common on the lake. Rusty crayfish are not detrimental to the walleye but may bother nesting fish. Marty remained available for questions following the meeting.

2007-2008 Board – Tom Hickson made a motion that all the candidates be unanimously accepted. The motion was seconded and carried. All the incumbents and Mark Wisnefski were elected to the board.

Following the program, Joe Wallace asked for committee reports that were skipped until after the program.

Recreational Safety – Tom Hickson showed samples of how the chain used on the buoys disintegrates. Since the new buoys are bigger, he had to add more anchors to them. Tom also showed samples of the current condition of the milfoil and treated milfoil. He explained that the die back does not occur immediately.

Fishing - Marti Primich reported on fishing at the resort. A lot of little walleyes are being caught and a 48 ½ inch musky. However, the total number of muskies caught at the resort is down six from the same time last year. The perch appear to be moving into their summer pattern.

Lake Plan/Grant – April 18th there was a \$72,000 shortfall. Changes and additions were made to the grant process. Dan Meyer's bill to shift money to address the problem was defeated 8-8.

Well Testing – Don Zirbel reviewed the information about the well testing. Information and packets were available on the back table, and he offered to deliver all the samples.

Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to organize the Loon Watch on North Twin and to measure the water quality of both lakes. Sign-up sheets were on the back table for Clean Boats/Clean Water. Mike Hoffman discussed the work planned for the signs. Don Zirbel has new pictures of the Invasive species for the signs at the boat landings. In addition, a sign-up sheet was available for volunteers to work the Taste of Conover crayfish boil.

Final recognition of the social chair – Suzanne Wallace.

Raffle Winners – Raffle 1 - Jim Fruth, Raffle 2- Marg Best, 50/50 – Bea Morgensen

Marg Best made a motion to close the meeting, and Jim Fruth seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Kuhrt, Secretary