

May 8, 2017 Turtle Lake Home Owners Association

Treasurer's Report

- Trace gave update of budget – see slides. No questions

Meeting Minutes from 2016:

- Carl showed 2016 minutes, motion to approve, seconded, approved by all with no neys.

Shoreline Maintenance and Practices, Beth Carreno with Rice Creek

- Beth: Need to fix ice heaves within 1 yr of damage.
- Question: DNR will only let you fix ice heaves in last year – I've had erosion issues the last 30-40 yrs.? Beth: DNR will be happy to work with you for erosion issues that have occurred over the last 30-40 yrs.
- Question: Muskrats tunneling is an issue. Beth is less sure about best practices and policies. Call shoreline specialists. Call Brian Olson.

Augmentation Recap

- Will the homework that has been done be archived so we don't have to redo it all when the issue resurfaces? Carl – yes. If we are in another 7-8 yr drought we shouldn't have to redo that work right? Carl – it depends. We learned the best route to get water in the lake.

Lake Safety

- Carl presented a few slides on lake safety. No questions.

Kevin Ousdigian Invasives and Environment focus on Invasives. Kevin background and career with Medtronic and with these issues. Involved with Ramsey County Invasive Species Task Force on behalf of Turtle Lake meeting with other Lake Associations for best practices to prevent and inhibit invasive species and issues. Prevention is key to avoid or delay issues. Continue projects with milfoil and continued success against Phragmites.

Key avoidance of threats zebra mussels and Starry Stonewort. See slide for specific threats. Focus on zebra mussels and what to prevent and monitor for zebra mussels. Presented lake identification where zebra mussels are currently located, not found in Turtle presently. Discussed best practices to avoid spreading zebra mussels

Discussed inspection process and potential increase of inspections in Ramsey County including weekends on Turtle. DNR will also participate.

Investigate boat cleaning systems including hot water flushing.

Will acquire monitoring devices for zebra mussels.

Milfoil treated 8.9 acres versus 23.2 acres. Related dramatic reduction in treatment costs using a new contractor. Changed surveyor in 2017 Steve McComas from Blue Water Science. Issues in 2016 with surveyor missing infested areas.

Phragmites practically eradicated in 2017 and well controlled. Relatedly lower costs related. Turtle was the first lake in the state to be treated for this invasive and state has positive view of success.

Q&A re: native vs nonnative phragmites. Question regarding coordinating inspections and treatment procedures.

Referenced on having 5 day span between boating in infested waters and non-infested waters.

Question on Horsetail Reed if this has been identified and is it an issue? Claim that it is causing issues in early stages on the lake.

Committee Reports

Goverance/Membership

- Joe presented about the bylaw changes including that some money needs to be contributed to vote.
- What is the average amount that people donate? Trace: \$135, this year over \$150.
- Can you require fund? Joe: Only through a LID.
- Have you taken into consideration – in the early 80s some of us kicked in \$500. Is that lifetime?
- What was suggestion? \$200, Trace, no it was \$150.
- Joe: Committee rec
- John: If get \$175 x 200 properties that would be \$35k.
- Can run for board if not contributing.
- Forecast budget – and suggest each year.

Social

- Tom Presented Social committee plans.
- Should be a concert at Float-tilla.
- Do something for younger kids.

Other business

Marsha: Organize buckthorn

4th of July – so much fun to see all the fireworks

Lake is high – it's above established level. Can we take turns cleaning it?

We need to check to see who owns it.

Comment: 12" above normal, 7" below OHW

Comment: It's Ice expansion: worse when we have extreme temperature variations and less snow on ice.

Randy Jessup: We can't we keep bass? Will be doing another survey in 2019. DNR may take off restriction. They have been experimenting with walleye. The little fry don't make it so they went to fingerling.

3 cabins on east side. 1 down, 1 on north side, 1 on west side.

Meeting Adjourned