



Trego Lake District Mission Statement: To support and encourage the preservation of the natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and recreational value of the shoreline and waters of Trego Lake, and to coordinate and cooperate with the various public and private organizations involved in these efforts.

TREGO LAKE DISTRICT Spring Quarterly Meeting Minutes – 4/5/2008

Meeting called to order by Chair Leehey. Quorum of Commissioners present: Gerrienne Christensen, Dan Frase, John Geiger, P.J. Leehey, Charlie Petersen, and Beverly Stencil. Charlie Lundin, National Park Service also present.

Minutes of the February 23, 2008 quarterly meeting were unavailable.

Treasurer's report: Cash in bank is \$6,839.15. Tax levy funds were received. Only payment was for the quarterly meeting notice.

Commissioner Tonnar arrived at the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Proposed 2009 budget: Motion by Geiger, second by Frase to approve publication of the proposed 2009 budget (**See page 2 of this newsletter**) Motion carried.

Correspondence: WAL annual membership meeting voting entitlement notice and ballot.

President's report.: None.

Masterjohn case: Case is back to the county Board of Adjustment. Motion by Tonnar, second by Peterson, for the TLD Board to send a letter supporting the original decision of the BOA with the addition of the court requested factual information. Motion passed unanimously.

National Park Service report: Charlie Lundin reported on volunteer clean-up. NPS will provide the bags, get rid of the trash, have parental permission forms for minors, and have a volunteer coordinator that needs to be contacted. Leehey will make contact with the coordinator. There will be a St. Croix National Scenic Riverway public information meeting at the NPS visitor center in Trego on April 29 at 6pm and all are welcome.

Insurance update: Leehey will verify we do have directors' insurance.

Water Quality Committee Report: No report

Weed Harvesting Committee report: Discussion related to buoys having to be place prior to fishing opener and we need to verify receipt of the permit. **Individuals wanting weeds harvested beyond the channel need to contract directly with the harvester, Dave Fetzer, at Midwest Aquatics, 262-385-5874.**

Sedimentation Committee report: Geiger reported that the DNR dredging permits have been received. They are awaiting the Corps of Engineers permits.

Aquatic invasive species report: The landing already has two of the three signs. The Town Board of Trego will follow-up on getting the third sign. Mark Fritz is able to attend the Clean Boats, Clean Water meetings.

Lake Celebration report: LAKE CELEBRATION WILL BE AUGUST 23RD AT BAY PARK RESORT. More will be discussed on this at the annual meeting.

Public landing dock report: The Town is interested in partnering with the TLD to financially support a public landing dock. Motion by Christensen, second by Stencel to move forward with this project. Approved unanimously.

Annual meeting agenda: The annual meeting agenda was set and appears below. **There will be openings for two commissioners. Anyone interested needs to be at this meeting.**

Meeting Adjourned on a motion by Christensen, second by Petersen. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Stencel, TLD Secretary

**TREGO LAKE DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
June 7, 2008**

Discussion and action on all items.

1. Call to order
2. Approval of 2007 annual meeting minutes
3. Election of two commissioners (Stencel and Tonnar terms are up. Stencel, who is currently serving as Secretary, will not be standing for re-election)
4. Election of officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
5. Treasurer's report
6. Approval of 2009 budget
7. President's report
8. Committee reports:
9. Dock and ramp report
10. Lake clean-up report
11. Lake celebration report
12. Aquatic invasive species report
13. Public comment
14. Set next annual meeting date
15. Set summer quarterly meeting date
16. Adjourn

Proposed 2009 Trego Lake District Budget

1. Cost of meetings	\$250	7. Insurance	\$1,100
2. Newsletters & postage	\$750	8. Membership dues	\$350
3. Office supplies & expense	\$400	9. Secretary expense	\$1,400
4. Atty. & Prof. fees	\$250	10. Pub Rel. & TLD day	\$500
5. Engineering & planning	\$600	11. Contingency	\$600
6. Convention expense	\$500	12. Weed harvest	

Total operating expenses = \$6,700.00

VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Q: Who can vote at a lake district annual meeting?

A: A person can vote if they are a U.S. citizen over 18 years of age and either:

An elector (a resident in the lake district who is able to vote in other local/state elections). Electors do not have to own property in the district.

A property owner within the lake district:

A person whose name appears as an owner of real property on the tax roll¹

A person who owns title to real property even though the person's name does not appear on the tax roll (i.e. a spouse)

A person who is the official representative, officer or employee authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation, association or other organization owning real property in the lake district.

For more information on voting requirements, see *People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations* (Chapter 5), www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexplakes/districts.

St. Croix National Scenic Riverway REGULATIONS



- An approved **life jacket is required on your vessel** for persons 13 and older. Fine: \$100.00 (*first person*)
- **Children under 13 are required to wear a life jacket.** Fine: \$100.00 (*first person*)
- **Glass beverage containers** are prohibited on lands and waters within the Riverway. Fine: \$100.00
- **Littering** is not allowed. Fine: \$200.00
- **Jumping from cliffs, bridges or trees is illegal.** Fine: \$100.00
- **Drunken and disorderly** conduct is prohibited. Fine: \$200.00 - \$500.00
- **Open alcohol containers** are prohibited in vehicles. Fine: \$200.00

Source: Charlie Lundin, National Park Service

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES THREATENING LOCAL LAKES AND FLOWAGES

Eurasian watermilfoil, curly-leaf pondweed, purple loosestrife, zebra mussels, rusty crayfish, spiny water fleas, New Zealand Mud and Chinese Mystery snails, what are these things? These are just a few of the non-native invasive species from far away that are now present in waters of Wisconsin. As invasive species, these unwanted plants and animals have a tendency to out-compete or replace native or good plants and animals that have always been a part of Wisconsin's lakes and rivers. When native plants and animals are replaced, lake use is

compromised, essential habitat is lost, food sources are lost, and the diversity of our natural communities declines. In most cases, when one of these invasive species is found in a new lake, river, or flowage, it has been introduced by human activities like boat launching and bait dumping, either on purpose or accidentally. In some parts of the state almost all water bodies have been compromised by invasive species. In northern Wisconsin, we are lucky. Only a very small percentage of our lakes and flowages have been compromised.

That said, right here in northern Washburn County, one of these nasty invaders, Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) has been very active. Nancy Lake and the Minong Flowage have had EWM for several years. Last year the Gordon Flowage was found to have EWM in it. The Trego Flowage may be next.

As residents of Trego Flowage, you can take steps to prevent EWM or other aquatic invasive species from compromising the lake. The Department of Natural Resources and the UW-Extension Lakes program offer several opportunities for volunteers to learn how and why these unwanted pests compromise our lakes and what can be done to try to prevent this from happening. Clean Boats, Clean Waters is a program developed to teach volunteers how to set up a water craft inspection program at their boat landings. Water craft inspection involves cleaning off boats and trailers before launching them into the lake. It is a good idea, and a state law. The Citizen Lake Monitoring Network offers Aquatic Invasive Species "Watch" training designed to teach volunteers where, when, and how to look for these invaders in their lake. It also teaches volunteers who to contact when something suspicious is found, and what may be able to be done about it.

Neither of these programs has any significant costs associated with them. Volunteer time is the only real commitment. There are even financial grant program available to help set up one of these programs on the lake. All it takes is a few committed people to get it started. The protection of the lake depends on it. Contact your Lake Association Board members or the Dept. of Natural Resources for more information.

Submitted by: Dave Blumer, WI Dept. of Natural Resources, David.Blumer@Wisconsin.gov

TOO MUCH OF WHAT STARTS ON OUR LAWN ENDS UP IN OUR LAKES AND WATERWAYS

The proof is becoming increasingly evident as toxin-producing blue-green algae blooms mire waterways, water-quality analysts say. Though the algae blooms are helped by hot and dry weather, they are fed largely by phosphorus, a non-degrading nutrient in many lawn fertilizers, said Chad Cook, watershed educator at the Winnebago County office of the University of Wisconsin-Extension.

However, Cook said the link between lawn care and water quality remains murky for many homeowners. "We like a lawn that's nice and green and lush, so, we put on fertilizers and we put on weed-killers," he said. "We're just starting to make that connection back to how that might be affecting our rivers, lakes and streams."

Inexpensive soil tests would reveal that many fertilize their lawns to excess, unwittingly posing harm to surface waters in the process. Soil tests are available for \$15 plus \$3.50 postage through the Washburn County Extension Office, 850 W. Beaver Brook Avenue, Spooner.

Source: Lake Tides, Spring 2007