**TLPOA Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 29, 2018**

**Meeting Called to Order** by President Dominic Manzi at 8:35 AM at the beautiful Lewiston Curling Club.

**Attendance:**

Board Members – Dominic Manzi, John Jackson, CaraLynn Pender, Tom Conquest, Judd Wellard, Pat Kish, Bill Siegrist

TLPOA Members – Bonnie Page

**August Meeting Minutes:**

It was moved and seconded to approve minutes from both the August TLPOA Membership Meeting and the subsequent Executive Board Meeting. Passed unanimously.

**Officer Reports:**

Pat reported a current balance of $134K in TLPOA funds. $83K of this amount is with PNC Bank with the remaining $51K with EverBank.

**New Business:**

In preparation for the evening’s annual Wine & Cheese party to be held at the Manor on Fire Tower Hill, CaraLynn issued nametags to Board members present at the meeting. CaraLynn then announced that 140 people have RSVP’d for the event significantly exceeding expectations. As such, Dominic asked all Board members to try and arrive early to help with parking and registration. An ORV will be available to transport people needing help from their parked cars to the event. While TLPOA non-members will not be turned away from the event, they will be encouraged to join the TLPOA during registration. CaraLynn and Pat ordered flowers for Mary Ellen Aria, our host for the event, as a token of the Board’s appreciation. And Dominic will present Mary Ellen with a TLPOA flag at the event. Tom agreed to take photos for the newsletter.

The TLPOA quarterly newsletter is scheduled to go out to the membership in November which will solicit membership dues and EWM / Aeration fund contributions for the 2019 calendar year. The Board discussed our current dues and contribution structure which currently stands as follows:

* General membership - $25
* Lake Steward membership - $125
* East Twin Aeration suggested contribution – $25 to $100 depending on lake access and lakefront footage
* West Twin EWM treatment suggested contribution - $50 to $225 depending on lake access and lakefront footage

While our fund balances for Aeration and EWM remain healthy, the Board discussed concerns over the general fund balance of $13K due to the current amount of activities being managed that are fully supporting our TLPOA mission.

After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to increase General membership annual dues from $25 to $35. The motion passed unanimously. Lake Steward membership dues and suggested Aeration / EWM suggested contributions will remain at current levels. Dominic will offer the following reasons in the November newsletter of the justification for the Board’s decision:

* An overview of the expenditures over the past several years on various projects / events and the benefits seen from these expenditures.
* What potential risks may lie ahead that may need quick action requiring immediate funding (ie the East Twin Water Clarity Study).
* Dues have not increased for the past 15 or so years and a higher General Fund balance is needed for future unanticipated needs.

Bonnie suggested we give additional recognition for our Lake Steward members which make up a large percentage of our General Fund balance. Dominic will add this ‘thank you’ to our Lake Stewards into the November newsletter.

Dominic passed out a Calendar of Events for 2019 to all Board members and asked to send him any suggested changes to this listing.

Dominic passed out the latest TLPOA Board Member Assignment-Activity List and asked Board members provide him with any suggested changes or wishes for new responsibilities. Bill volunteered to be the TLPOA liaison to the administrators of the TLPOA web and Facebook sites. With Mary Ellen Aria now taking on the Facebook page for the TLPOA, the Board showed strong interest in Mary Ellen assuming responsibility for the TLPOA website as well. This potential transition will be discussed in more detail in upcoming months.

In preparation for our upcoming membership drive, Dominic announced he has correlated the latest Albert Township tax assessment listing with the TLPOA membership data base and has found over 100 new East and West Twin lakefront property owners not on our current TLPOA membership listing. Bill announced he has the latest property listings from the county which should hopefully cover any further gaps that may be present. Bonnie agreed to prepare a separate mailing for these new property owners explaining the benefits of the TLPOA and encouraging them to join. This mailing should go out sometime later this year.

**Old Business:**

John reported that RLS tested some unexpected locations on both East and West Twin Lakes as part of their Water Clarity Study which were somewhat different from what they originally agreed to do in their proposal. John will contact RLS to try and understand what they actually did and why the differences. John will also inquire on a more firm date on when we can expect their final report with their conclusions on the reasons for degradation of water clarity on East Twin. John will also try to get an RLS representative to be present at the October TLPOA Board meeting to explain their final report and answer any questions the Board may have.

Tom reported that the EWM treatments on West Twin by PLM this season have knocked down the EWM growth substantially in areas where the plants were rising to the surface last year. However, several new EWM locations have been identified which indicates these treatments will be required into the indefinite future to continue to control the problem. Tom agreed to contact PLM and inquire if EWM was identified in the canal just south of the public boat launch to be able to respond to a TLPOA member’s concern who lives in this area.

**Go Around:**

John announced that some dredging on the canal on East Twin around his residence will begin sometime in October.

Bill announced that some dredging will begin on the Fernwood Beach Canal on West Twin sometime in October. Bill also reported that a property owner mentioned that some dredging may also be planned in the actual lake itself in front of the canal. Judd agreed to contact the DEQ to inquire if a permit had been issued for this dredging since the Board thought it was illegal to conduct any dredging in the lake itself. Bill will also try to get additional details on the information he was told.

Bonnie thanked the Board members for all the work they have been doing and Dominic reiterated the number of ‘thank you’ messages he continues to receive from the TLPOA membership.

Our next regularly scheduled TLPOA Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 at 8:30 AM at the Lewiston Library.

Minutes prepared by Tom Conquest