MORTON TOWNSHIP

TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

September 1, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis, Sandy Brogan, Karen Slenk, Craig Wernette, Randy Walsdorf, Alex Betker, Kolina Mako, Mark Vrona

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: approved with several changes

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: August 2018, Sandy, motion passed

Total Income $ 230.00

Total Expenses $ 310.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* Dave spoke with Stoney Creek. We are scheduled for the second or third week in October for fish planting. Although we were hoping to have our own shipment (not shared with another lake), their trucks are quite large and that may not be a possibility. Up to $4,000 in deposit funds have been pre-approved when needed.

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Shoreline Permit Applications:

* No new information

Blue Springs Subdivision:

* No new information

Lake Improvement:

* Discussion about recent sightings of gypsy moths, an article will be put in the next newsletter
* PLM spot treated on August 28, they treated purple loosestrife in the channels.
* PFAS discussion; There is only one place in Michigan that is certified to test for them. They are in the process of testing around the state, testing for parts per trillion. State scientists have the authority to test in fish. Region 8, out of Chicago represent the Great Lakes. There is a lot of miss-information out there. Randy highly recommends an informational webinar, a link was sent to all board members.
* North Country Cooperative Species Management will have an informational booth at the Annual arts and crafts festival in Big Rapids on Sept. 3, passing out educational materials on invasive species. Special attention will be given to Japanese knotweed. Recreational boating is a pathway.

Loons:

* Nothing new

Dam:

* All boards are up

Membership:

* We need a new chair and a committee formed.
* Around 220

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

* Myle was absent, no new report

Bass Tournaments:

* We remain a popular venue for fishing tournaments, numbers appear to be up but participants are doing a better job of observing high speed and wake rules.
* Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

* Shooting for October 15 for publishing date, topics should include, gypsy moth photo’s and contact information for reporting, flagging your property for muskrat trapping, season starts in November and proper disposal of leaves.
* Discussion on having information on invasive species available at the launch. Would a boat wash make a difference? Other lakes would have to participate.

Website:

* Alex received an email from a concerned member pointing out that we do not have an encryption on our domain name. Motion to request an SSL certificate at the 2 year rate of $119.98 on automatic renewal, passed
* Alex is going to create several new headings, possibly best lake practices (boater safety, courtesy) and education (invasive species etc), that would combine categories to be more user friendly.
* Request to post the friends of the library champagne and chocolate fundraiser.
* October 13, Mecosta county hazardous waste disposal.

Facebook:

* Gaining a lot more followers on Facebook, tagging people helps.

New Brochure:

* Karen is working on the updated Brochure.

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

* No new report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* Ed from Lakeside Motor Sports might give out an invasive species informational packet with each sale if we put some together. Or donate a couple of dollars for every sale.
* We have sold around 100+ t-shirts
* Alex will meet with a source at Central Michigan University, to help us identify our needs concerning software, setup, data transfer, computer brands and pairing up compatible software, to replace the computer that crashed on Sandy. Possibly contracting with someone in their IT department, or they could recommend another party. Discussion on budget. Myle is also looking into it.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Motion to pay $20 to the state of Michigan for our non-profit corporation annual report, passed
* There is confusion as to what the definitions of no high speed boating and no wake are. All signs should be worded the same.
* Mark will contact Mecosta County Marine Division and Dave will contact the DNR to come to our next meeting to discuss buoy and raft regulations.
* Discussion on putting a sign at the exit of the Blue to Mecosta channel stating boats coming out of the channel have the right of way.
* Is there a possibility of removing, widening or dredging the old bridge foundation, bring up at the next lake improvement board meeting.
* Condominium update: Sandy ran into the chairman of the planning commission, He warned to keep our ears open. Discussion on who should and how well zoning is enforced in Morton township.
* There was a huge beaver spotted in the outlet channel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 6, 2018**

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