MORTON TOWNSHIP

TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

May 4th, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Jay Benivegna, Alexandra Betker, Sandy Brogan, Dave Lewis, Alan McNamara, Myle Turpen, Mark Wrona; Guest – Nicholas Clever of Blue Lake

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

* Minutes from November 3, 2018 minutes reviewed; following discussion motion was made by Sandy Brogan to accept; Jay Benivegna 2nd; carried
* Minutes from April 6, 2019 minutes reviewed; following discussion motion to approve minutes with amendment made to error in the date moved by Sandy Brogan; 2nd Al McNamara; carried

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Sandy Brogan presented the financial update to include:

Total Income

* No income to report to the Tri-Lakes Association;
* Income was received for sponsorships and golfer fees for the June 12th, 2019 event

Total Expenses

* $40.74

Following discussion, Mark Wrona motioned to accept the Treasurers Report; Al McNamara 2nd; carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* Dave Lewis shared photos of the large adult beaver that Carl Meissner trapped in November on the lakes. In totality, 5 beaver were trapped during the season.
* Cade Hicswa submitted photos for the largest fish in 2018. His photos included a 17 ½” Largemouth bass, 32” Northern Pike and 24” walleye all caught between July 26-27th 2018. He is the grandson of Karl and Mary Hosford of Lake Mecosta. The board will be post a photo on our website and also reward him with a trophy for his catches.

Lake Improvement:

* Dave Lewis shared the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program report for 2018. Data has been captured and reported since 1977. Report stated that collectively, lake clarity and nutrients remained largely unchanged over that time frame. Board discussed and reviewed the reports by lake. Alexandra Betker agreed to post a link to the reports on our website.
* 2019 - Dave Lewis has begun testing for this year and completed the phosphorus reading. Jay Benivegna will continue completing the weekly clarity readings.
* Dave Lewis advised the board that he has placed all of the buoys but that they may need adjusting yet this spring.

Loons:

* Loons have returned for the season on Blue Lake and Lake Mecosta, although they are not on the nesting platforms as of yet.

Dam:

* All boards are up; repairs are completed

Membership:

* Open chair position for the membership committee. Sandy Brogan shared that we have 230 current members of the Tri-Lakes Association.

Recreation:

* Golf Outing - Myle Turpen updated the board on the progress of the golf outing; Current sponsors include: 1 platinum, 4 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze. 44 paid golfers; Focus on securing golfers is the committee’s priority. Board asked questions about this year’s event and offered feedback and suggestions. Next golf meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 11th, 9:00am Remus Tavern. Everyone is welcome to attend. Date of golf event is June 12th, 2019.
* July 4th boat parade will be held on July 4th @ 4:00pm on Lake Mecosta this year. Decision was made 3 years ago to rotate lakes. Last year it was held on Blue Lake, 2017 it was on Round Lake.

Communication:

Newsletter:

* Spring Newsletter due mid- May and the board held discussion concerning content. All material must be submitted to Karen Slenk by May 10th. Publish due date is May 15th, 2019 and will include the information supplied by Jackie Fitzpatrick.

Website/Facebook:

* Alexandra Betker shared that she will publish minutes of last two meetings as well as the link to the Cooperative Lake Management Report.
* Alexandra Betker also is assisting with the postings on our Face Book and all golf sponsorships posted as they are received, recognizing their contribution to our event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* Alexandra Betker reviewed feedback received since the last board meeting concerning the proposal to purchase and leverage Wild Apricot. Limited feedback was received and the board held a discussion on the benefits and cost of this platform. It will be a more user-friendly medium that will provide IT updates, a greener approach to paper usage, comprehensive accessibility for all information, advertising and email blasts. It will also require administrative commitment from specific individuals on the board but enable a much more efficient way to manage and communicate to our members and friends of the lakes. Following discussion, Myle Turpen motioned that a 2nd communication should be sent to the board prior to June 1st meeting requesting that all board members attend this meeting. At that meeting a roll call vote will be held pertaining to the allocation of funds and board resources, including commitment from board administrators to secure Wild Apricot as a platform for us to manage and communicate Tri-Lakes Association business. The motion was 2nd by Sandy Brogan; carried

NEW BUSINESS:

* Dave Lewis discussed this year’s execution of a fishing contest for youth of the lakes. Discussion was had pertaining to dates with his suggestion to move it to the public launch. Further discussion will be had at the next board meeting.
* Sandy Brogan motioned that the board approve the allocation of funds to sponsor the Hole in One at the June 12th Fish and Wildlife golf outing, pay for the framing of loon pictures to be used in the silent auction and contribute up to 12 T-shirts as prizes or silent auction items. Mark Wrona 2nd; carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* Nicholas Clever asked if current members that would prefer to have hard copy of newsletters mailed instead of leveraging an email address would be enabled with Wild Apricot, Alexandra Betker responded that we would have that function and that it actually would be easier to manage. Sandy Brogan also advised that as of her last review, of the 230 active members – 200 had email addresses tied to their membership contact information.

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 1, 2019**

**ADJOURN –** Motionto adjourn Jay Benivegna; 2nd Mark Wrona; carried