MORTON TOWNSHIP

 TRI-LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

April 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: PresidentDave Lewis

Board Members in Attendance; Dave Lewis (President), Myle Turpen (Vice President), Sandy Brogan (Interim Treasurer), Karen Slenk (Secretary), Mike Burnard (Incoming Treasurer), Al McNamara, Alex Henry, Martha Boetchner, Bruce Miller, Joan Parker

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion to approve the March 11, 2023, minutes, passed

APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT: Mike: March 1 - March 31, 2023, motion to approve, passed

Total Income $ 45.00

Total Expenses $ 427.26

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fish and Wildlife Management:

* Beaver Trapping update: Dave and Carl trapped two. They may go up dead stream again and check other areas before the end of April season end date.
* Lots of little Ducks

Lake Improvement:

* Dave collected phosphorous samples. 2022 CLMP reports. Got a hold of Progressisve AE posted the reports on the LIB website. TSI levels have been creeping up slowly in all three lakes, check out on page 3 summary. Question about whether the wake board boats are contributing. Round lake readings were clearer last summer, which may be due to starry stonewort.
* Mike wrote a document on the difference between the Tri-Lakes assoc. and the LIB

Loons:

* They are here, the water is high, hopefully they make a nest on higher ground

Dam:

All boards are up, will be re-assessed in the middle of May

Public Landing:

* Table discussion for now.

Membership:

* 278 current
* Mike emailed those (with current email address’) whose memberships expired in 22.

Recreation:

Golf Outing update:

* Date is, June 7, 2023. So far we have 17 paid teams and 4 platinum sponsors. Sponsor dollars are at $4,700. Board members are encouraged to solicit donation, sign up to work and/or contribute a raffle item.
* Youth Fishing: Date set for July 15, 2023 at Dave’s, alternate rain date of July 22. Alex asked about how participants could access the waiver for sign up, should we put out an electronic version? Alex will send Dave a sample. Come by boat.
* Discussion on what date to hold the 4th of July parade, decision made to hold parade on Saturday the 1st with Sunday as a backup at 4:00 pm. Craig and Joan? will lead the parade

Bass Tournaments:

* Permit information available on the mich.gov website.

Communication:

Newsletter:

* Due out by the end of May. All content should be submitted by May 1. Shall include; Progressive A&E spray schedule and update, Ads, golf outing information, Address to the new LIB website, Address for the website for shoreline improvement regulation, address for the DNR EGLE site, where you can take a survey to rate your shoreline for permit requirements. Martha will write an article about shoreline improvement information, this article can include other links for further information. Presidents letter to include; emphasize need for email addresses from members, gypsy moth update but direct them to the township website, heads up that someone will be coming around to handout a “Shoreline Living Brochure.” Boater Safety classes, contact the sheriff’s department for dates (can be done online), meetings, possible boat wash events.
* Check documents in Money Minder
* Preference to sign up for membership online, however we will still accept application by mail.

Website:

* In the process of full re-design of the website, rebuilding will take while.

Facebook:

* Post that someone will be coming around to hand out a “Shoreline living brochure,” A Link to the new LIB website. Point to the website for shoreline improvement regulation and the DNR Eagle link (and other links) to the survey covering requirements for shoreline permitting. Alex will tag Martha and Mary Schregardus
* Main focus is the golf outing, creating the events for youth fishing and boat parade.
* Boater Safety, can be completed online, boat wash events

Audit Committee:

* Nothing new to report

TOWNSHIP REPORT:

* Nothing new to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* Signs are in progress, hopefully will be installed in May. Buoys will go in soon. We may have to order a new one, to replace one that is water logged, Dave will try to repair it.
* Discussion tabled on lighting existing flagpole and possible new one in Round Lake channel
* Directors insurance tabled
* Allocation of funds to apply for a 501c4; motion to allocate up to $700 toward filing for tax status 501(c)4 to the IRS. We have a current EIN number. Money to come from the legal fund.
* Discussion of new membership fee structure. Money Minder Pro has a payment section called Cheddar up. We can set up an electronic account to rebill members automatically annually. For an extra $20 we will put them on our Riparian subscription list. Straight $25 per year. Currently we maintain the membership list on Excel, this can be transferred to Money Minder. Goal is to become paperless, Accounts can hold, addresses, email, phone #(s). They have added miscellaneous notes for info linked to each member.
* We would never turn away a paper form and check. Motion for one year only for $25 with a $20 Riparian (link) add on; seconded, passed
* Motion to roll out an electronic membership sign up with automatic annual invoice and/or automatic deduction optional, with paper sign up still an option; seconded, passed
* Discussion on the questionable transparency of being a non-profit and raising our membership dues. General operating expenses have increased to the point where we will be operating on a deficit. Read Mike’s proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

* No comments

**DATE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 13, 2023**

**ADJOURN**