

The Quiet Lakes



TEAL, LOST LAND and GHOST LAKES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

HAYWARD, WISCONSIN

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Annual Meeting Minutes for the Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.

July 15th 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Spider Lake Township Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 10:00 A.M. (71 Attendees)

Pledge of Allegiance

Carolyn Ascher – Secretary’s Report

Members of the minutes from the Annual Meeting 07-16-2022

This is available on the web site under Meeting Minutes / General Meeting Minutes

Norm Bratteig – President’s Report

Norm discussed our CBCW grants (Clean Boats Clean Water). Surface Water grants for Lost Land and Teal lakes were awarded. We contracted LEAPS LLC (David Blumer) to help with the grants and developing our new APMP (Aquatic Plant Management Plan). When the plan is approved we can pursue future grants with the WDNR for better plant management on our lakes. Chemical treatment is the apparent path for the future, but not sure exactly what treatment and where yet. The EcoHarvester ran 128 hours on LLL and 32.9 hours on Teal Lake. LLL removed 164.25 yards of milfoil and Teal removed 28.5 yards. Norm mentioned the fact that Teal’s weeds just didn’t develop as much as LLL’s last year. Surface water volunteers put 34 man hours and 22.5 boat hours on LLL & 12.5 hours on and 9.5 boat hours on Teal Lake. These were volunteers doing weed inspections on the two lakes. Their man hours and boat hours count toward our 25% of the grant money. Our committee members have been developing changes to our web page and information updates. The Fundraising committee is doing an outstanding job of raising funds for the future of our lake work. Norm announced that the speakers will fill in members with progress & plans.

Kim Phelps – Vice President’s & EcoHarvester Operator

Kim shared that as of year to date we had 50 man hours running the EcoHarvester on Teal & LLL combined. As a result of the damage in storage (roof collapse due to heavy snow) \$18,462.80 claim for with a \$1,423.00 deductible. Many of our man hours for repairing the EcoHarvester were completed by our EcoHarvester operator/mechanics & special thank you to member Jerry Oltman who volunteered to work on the harvester repairs. Kim reminded members to look at QLIA website @ EcoHarvester schedules & contact Kim or Gary (see contact info on website) if you want to volunteer. We had several members volunteer on the harvester this year, some of which have never worked on harvester before. Natalie Erler with the Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation has several interns looking for volunteer work this summer and on 7/26/23 we have an intern helping on the harvester.

Michelle Keil – Clean Water & EcoHarvester Operator

Michelle Keil’s report for our Water Quality/Lake Monitoring Update For Lost Land And Teal. *Read by Carolyn Ascher on behalf of Michelle Keil*

Carol Jarzyna and **Michelle Keil** have both been out on the lakes taking monthly water samples. They measure water clarity, collect temperature and dissolved oxygen data, and send water samples to the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene in Madison for chemical analysis. The monitoring and sample collection equipment and the water quality analysis are all paid for through grants the QLIA obtains from the WDNR., and Carol and Michelle are carrying on the 30-year tradition of water testing for our lakes! The WDNR is having some difficulties with their website (where we enter our own data and look up results of lab tests) so we don’t know the lab results yet for this year’s samples. But here’s what we do know:

First, the Fall samples we took last year for Phosphorus, Chlorophyl, water clarity and Dissolved Oxygen looked great and indicated that the water quality remained quite good last season, right up until the lakes iced over.

Second, with the early snow melt followed by not much rainfall we had this Spring, the lake levels started high but then had little runoff going into them for a while. We observed that the water clarity (measured by Secchi disk readings) was higher than in years past, meaning the water on both lakes was a little clearer for the months of May and June. (July readings and samples will be taken during the last two weeks of July.) The oxygen levels in Lost Land was also a bit higher than at similar timeframes last year, which is generally good news for the fish. (I don’t have the D.O. readings for Teal from Carol yet.)

Michelle Keil's comments continued.....

Third, we also see on Teal patches where the Large Leaf Pondweed (aka "Cabbage" or "Tobacco") are doing very well in places where we have aggressively pulled Milfoil the past two years. So this is a good indicator that the water quality is good since this Pondweed tends to thrive only in water with good quality.

Overall the lake water quality seems to be doing well so far. It will be interesting to see how the parameters change, or not, as the season progresses, especially on Lost Land as the Milfoil biomass starts to die off in late Summer. We will definitely be keeping an eye on that, and hopefully WDNR grants still include funds for late Summer/early Fall water sampling like last year.

Dave Blumer – Leaps LLC

David Blumer, our Lake Management consultant with LEAPS LLC, presented to members the facts & science backing up our lake management plans & most importantly how to mitigate our EWM/HWM problem. **The presentation by LEAPS LLC is attached to these meeting minutes.**

Perry Cowan – Treasurer's Report

QLIA MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW FOR 2023 (As of 07-07-2023)

353 properties on the Quiet Lakes and the Teal River Flowage

15 properties on Ghost Lake – 4 members

197 properties on Lost Land Lake – 173 members

16 properties on the Teal River Flowage – 5 members

125 properties on Teal Lake – 78 members

49 new members this year

52 of the above properties are partner memberships

201 members have paid their dues this year

Summary: Balance as of 1/1/23 = \$19,816

As of 7/7/23 we have a balance of \$64,408 & projecting year end at \$68,408

Fundraising - Tom Ridgeway -- Tom presented our Tier donation badge awards for donors & reminded members about the importance of setting up a lake management fund that will grow perpetually. Tom stated the dues alone will not fund our lake management needs & the TIER DONATION PROGRAM gives our members the choices to donate on a tier level and the ability to change your support level annually. Tom announced the badges awarded for every Tier donation level which are listed as follows:

LAKE BOOSTER \$ 250

LAKE PROTECTOR/GUARDIAN \$ 500

LAKE ADVOCATE/PROMOTER \$ 1000

LAKE ACTIVIST/BENEFACTOR \$ 1500

LAKE CHAMPION/PHILANTHROPIST \$ 2000

Dave VerVelde presented the opportunity to make IRA DONATIONS and the fact that we as members can donate all or part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) to the QLIA up to \$100,000. If members are interested in donating from their investment portfolio they may **contact Molly at TLW to make an IRA donation to the QLIA at Phone: 402-630-1433 or Email: molly@tlw.money**.

TLW can also help with STOCK DONATION Gifts of stocks or mutual funds. Lastly, TLW can help members with MEMORIAL DONATIONS which are another great way to give to our lake association while honoring the life of a loved one. A plaque and website recognition will commemorate your memorial donation.

Amy Jo Wittenberg, our QLIA Fundraising Chair, announced that everything our fundraising committee is doing will create perpetual funding for our lakes. Amy Jo also reminded our members that many lake associations are also in the beginning stages for creating ideal lake management plan & future of our fundraising. Amy Jo's message and fundraising re-cap emphasized the fact that we have a great start however the momentum needs to continue.

Voting for Executive Committee

Members voted for (3) Board Member positions. All (3) were elected for another two years. Re-elected Board Members were:

Norm Bratteig, President

Carolyn Ascher, Secretary

Steve Fiala, Director at Large

New Business

Mark Johns, Town of Spider Lake Board Supervisor & QLIA

Member presented to the QLIA membership a “heads-up” for a survey from the Town of Spider Lake. This survey is not a QLIA survey, it is a survey created by our Town of Spider Lake Board of Directors & committee(s).

The Town of Spider Lake Board would like *everyone to take the survey.

**Referring to the owners who pay property taxes in the Town of Spider Lake.*

The following announcement is directly from the TOSL regarding this survey:

“Be on the lookout for the Town's SURVEY - a broad set of questions to provide guidance to the Town Board and inform the next update of the Comprehensive Plan.

-It should take about a half hour of your time

-Watch for your INVITATION POSTCARD (to tax bill mailing address) in the next couple weeks.

-This is your opportunity to tell the Town officials what is important to you!

The Town of Spider Lake hopes to reach as many owners as possible with the survey request - - this is so important to the Town!”

Paige Klassa, USDA was a guest at today’s meeting. Paige announced that her interns are prepared to assist the QLIA as volunteers this summer & to contact her by emailing Paige at paige.klassa@usda.gov

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

One (1) Attachment

Presentation from LEAPS LLC's David Blumer *in PowerPoint Format*