

ROUND TRADE LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Meeting minutes for May 19, 2018 held at Trade Lake Town Hall.

President Reid McFarlane called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Officers present were: Reid, Vice President Vicki Breault and Little Trade Lake Rep Dan Freeman.

Reid had paper copies of a Treasurer's report from Tom Mayerhofer showing the current financials which he handed out to all present at the meeting. Roger Breault made a motion to accept this Treasurer's report as written, Dave Klous seconded and motion carried.

Reid said he had talked to Tom Daellenbach who lives in California and has a cabin on Big Trade Lake on Pickerel Point by the public landing. Tom agreed to become the Lake Rep for Big Trade Lake which has been vacant since Reid McFarlane was appointed President by the Board in January 2018. To make it official, Roger Breault nominated Tom as the Big Trade Lake Rep, Dan Freeman seconded it and Tom was elected unanimously by voice vote.

Reid told those present that according to the Bylaws the RTLIA is supposed to have an Auditing Committee and a Nominating Committee. In an effort to fulfill this requirement, he asked if anyone present would be willing to act as the Auditing Committee and look over the financial report that Secretary/Treasurer Tom Mayerhofer had prepared. Frederick Painter from Little Trade Lake volunteered. He said he had some accounting background so felt qualified to do the job. When asked, no one present volunteered to serve on a Nominating Committee.

Reid brought up the possibility of splitting the Secretary/Treasurer position into two separate offices---a Secretary and a Treasurer. Discussion followed. The position as it stands currently is a paid position although Tom Mayerhofer has never accepted this payment. Those present seemed to think the split was a good idea, but it would require an amendment to the bylaws which can only be done at the Annual Meeting held in September.

Reid McFarlane told those present that at his request Janelle Moe from Little Trade Lake has made changes to update the RTLIA website. Her work with the website is very much appreciated.

He also reported that Trade Lake Township has donated \$5,000 to the RTLIA to use for the new AIS grants. Reid will draft a Letter of Appreciation to the Town for their generous donation.

Frederick Painter, Little Trade Lake, handed out flyers and presented information on the possibility of using a harvester to remove weeds in the lakes instead of herbicides. The particular harvester he talked about reportedly pulls the weeds by the roots and also catches any floating fragments that result. Discussion followed. Jason Klous said DNR permits would be required, a certified driver needed, etc. Reid said Dave Blumer and Matt Berg, our AIS and Lake Management consultants, had both expressed the opinion that a harvester would cause EWM to spread more rapidly and make the problem worse. Dick Huset said mechanical harvesting had

been done in the past in Long Trade Lake and it was his opinion it had helped the weed situation in the south bay and at the northwest corner. Harvesting creates large amounts of weeds which then must be removed and dumped somewhere away from the lake. Frederick Painter suggested we get a person to give a presentation at a future meeting to get more information on the subject. More investigation will be done.

The four lakes will be treated with herbicide in the next week or two. We have volunteers on Long Trade, Round Lake and Big Trade, but a volunteer is still needed on Little Trade Lake to do after-treatment water sampling per the requirements of the grants. No one present volunteered.

Frederick Painter volunteered his wife to make updates to the Lake Association brochure that Reid McFarlane designed to be used to promote the association to non-members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Following the meeting Vicki Breault did a Clean Boats Clean Waters training for those interested to teach them how to talk to boaters and fishermen at the landings to educate them regarding the threat of spreading Invasive Species from lake to lake and the laws prohibiting transporting weeds and lake water from a landing. Those attending included: Roger Christenson, Sharon Christenson, Roger Breault, Frederick Painter, Dan Freeman, Dale Vadnais, Shelley Vadnais, Reid McFarlane and AnDrea Benson.

