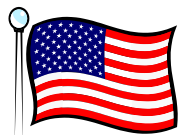


The Three Lakes Development Association



(TLDA) Newsletter



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TLDA Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2014

Roll Call: Present: Ron DeGrio, Elizabeth Simonson, Carla Montgomery, Renee McAdamis, Bill Kubiak, Chris Magney, Peter Jongewaard, and John Parenteau

Absent: Pat Lowry

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

We are working on a newsletter for Christmas/New Years.

Financial Report:

Income:

Dues income \$ 50.00

Bills paid:

Newsletter \$ 625.00

Maps \$ 269.00

Light Installation \$ 100.00

2016 decals \$ 162.00

Current Balance **\$1,553.02**

Water Quality Beginning Balance \$ 827.90

Bills paid \$ 180.00

Current Balance **\$ 647.90**

TLDA 2015 Schedule of Events:

May 2 Spring road and garden clean-up

May 30 Spring Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

July 4 Parade (rain date is July 5) – Chris Magney will line up the parade

July 11 Rummage sale

July 25 TLDA/French Club Picnic (rain date is July 26)

August 29 Fall Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

September 26 Fall road and garden clean-up (9:00 a.m.) – meet at the “T”

November 28 Burning of the brush pile (9:00 a.m.)

New Business:

- Approximately 50 trees were cut along Rose Lake a few weeks ago. A small mishap occurred, resulting in loss of power to ¼ of Rose Lake. The Cotton Fire Department responded; luckily there was no damage.
- Road clean ups were conducted on May 1, September 20, and October 25. There was a special clean-up at the corner of Hwy 53 and Three Lakes Road on August 24.

- Dues – Ron will work with Renee, Liz, and Carla to develop a new dues list. We would like to get the notices mailed out by the first of the year. All notices will be mailed, we will not be using e-mail. We want to confirm everyone’s current e-mail address in the letter we send out. We will work on updating a new listing of names of all property owners from the county records.
- The new corner light is up at Highway 53 and Three Lakes Road. An existing pole that had power to it was used, and Lake Country Power added an arm for the light. This was the least expensive option for right now. Lake Country Power wants us to pursue a highway light. It is possible that the Highway Department could possibly pay for it; however, based on funding priorities, we may have to still pay a minimum monthly fee. At this point, we are not sure what the monthly fee will be.
- **Elections – We need to form a nominating committee of 2 or 3 people. Everyone is up for re-election at the end of 2015.**
- Parade – We need to have more help with the parade. We could use another person at the halfway point to assist with keeping spacing far enough apart so that people can enjoy the entries. We also need a few more people to help out as independent judges.
- Picnic – The prize drawings took too long. We didn’t sell enough tickets to pay for the major prizes. Therefore, we were not able to give the French Club money towards food. There were more kids this past year than the year before.
- Brush pile – In the future, we will schedule the clean up and burning of the brush pile for the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. It makes it a lot safer and easier to burn and also eliminates the burning permit issue. A special thank you to Dan Hartel and Pat Lowry for all their work this year.
- The clear cut area north of the brush pile was sprayed and killed off right around July 5 or 6. It is anticipated that the left side of Strand Lake Road will be cut off within the next 5 years.
- Funding has been approved for an official MPCA sampling study of Strand Lake for next year.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 7 at Wilbert Café at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by: Renee K. McAdamis, Secretary

TLDA Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2015

Roll Call:

Present: Ron DeGrio, Renee McAdamis, Bill Kubiak, Chris Magney, Peter Jongewaard, Pat Lowry, and John Parenteau

Absent: Elizabeth Simonson and Carla Montgomery

Ron called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Financial Report:

3 Lakes Balance	\$1,354.14
Water Quality Balance	\$ 647.90

(annual fee is \$150.00)

TLDA 2015 Schedule of Events:

May 2 Spring road and garden clean-up (9:00 a.m.)

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November 28 Burning of the brush pile (9:00 a.m.)

New Business:

- Our next meeting will be the spring meeting on May 30, 2015.
- We have received many compliments on the Highway 53 light. Everyone seems to love it, and it is costing \$11.00 per month.
- The new dues invoice and an updated board listing will be mailed out via the Post Office within the next week, we will not be using e-mail.
- We will update the membership listing when we receive the dues invoices back.
- The DNR will be posting new bigger signs concerning aquatic invasive species and cleaning of boats at the “T” and by the boat landing.

- We are waiting on a response from a member’s family member concerning the weed issue.
- There are some trees that still need to be cut down; however, they are a little more difficult because they are by power lines.
- The question of who is in charge of updating the dial forestry sign was brought up. It was suggested that Diane Parenteau may be interested, and we will be checking with her. Peter will check and see if there is a daily map that is posted online somewhere.
- Pat Smith is interested in cleaning up the triangle by Bob Watt’s house. This is a good visibility area to clean up.
- Mark Magney passed away on December 19, 2014. Our sincerest thoughts and prayers go out to his family. If anyone knows of any other deaths of members, please let Gordy Westendorf know.
- We need to install the new solar powered light by the garden.
- We will get some dirt and build up around the base of the sign on the left hand side of the road by the “T”. Currently, Ken needs to bring a ladder to make changes on the sign.
- The spring road and garden clean-up is scheduled for May 2 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone should meet at the “T”.
- We need to come up with some way of slowing down the traffic around the boat landing.
- The next newsletter will come out on Memorial Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Renee K. McAdamis, Secretary

Road Clean Up Crew – THANK YOU!



Around the Lakes

The following is editorial material from TLDA members. You are welcome to submit material for any newsletter. Send to editor e-mail.



Larry Schniederman hosts a book reading and signing party at Barnes & Noble this winter for his book "Call of the Couch." It was an entertaining evening. Congratulations Larry! It's a great read!

Special thanks to Ken Mackelburgh for continuing to bless us with his wonderful signage. We love it!



Dale Bosch, Rob Walker, Jim Rich, Roger LaFlamme, Mary Hartel, Susan Watts, Sheldon Watts, Pat & Jane Hammann, Bill Kubiak, Tom & Stef Chartier, John Parenteau, Elizabeth Simonson

The boat landing on Lake Elora has been updated for boat launching. If you use this landing please note your vehicle should not have to back into the water. Rather, back your vehicle to the end of the concrete, and your boat should be in very deep water by that time. The boat landing will be seeing a major upgrades as the season moves along.

As we begin to be more active at the lakes please remember **FIRE RISK IS VERY HIGH!!!!**

Remember as you are cleaning up and using the brush and leaf area, **PLEASE, BE SURE TO STACK BRUSH ON THE PILE AND PUT LEAVES IN POSTED AREAS.**

2015 FRENCH CLUB CALENDAR

French Club General Membership meeting
Sat. May 23rd @ 10:00 a.m.

Speaker on Water Safety

Sat. May 23rd @ 11:00 a.m.

ALL TLDA members are invited to attend!!

Pancake Breakfast

Sun. May 24th – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

TLDA Meeting

Sat. May 30th @ 9:30 a.m.

Pie Social

Sat. June 20th after Mass

4TH OF JULY:

Three Lakes 4th of July Parade @ 10:00 a.m.

Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Taco in a Bag Supper Following Mass

Bingo Sat. July 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Combined French Club/TLDA Picnic

Sat. July 25th @ 11:30 a.m.

Dance Sat. August 8th @ 7:00 – 10:00PM

Fishing Contest

Sat. August 15th @ 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Wine & Cheese

Sat. August 15th @ 6:00 p.m.

Bingo Sat. August 22nd @ 7:00 p.m.

TLDA Meeting

Sat. August 29th @ 9:30 a.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

Sat. September 5th @ 5:00 – 7:00

Mass at the Shrine

Sat. September 5th @ 7:30 p.m.

Three Miler Race

Sun. September 6th– 11:30 a.m.
(Followed by picnic)

Boating Safety - It Could Mean Your Life

In the most recent year with complete data, the US Coast Guard reports that there were 4062 recreational boating accidents in the U.S. and its territories in which 560 lives were lost and 2,620 were injured. Almost 77% of the fatal accident victims drowned, and of these, 84% were reported as not wearing a life jacket. Eight out of every ten boaters who drowned were using boats less than 21 feet in length.

BWI (Boating While Intoxicated) is the leading contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; it was listed as the leading factor in 16% of the deaths. Operators with a blood alcohol level of 0.10 percent (for most of us, that means just one to three beers) are 10 times as likely to be killed in a boating accident as a sober boater.

What about the remaining four deaths out of every five? Additional contributing factors were operator inattention, operator inexperience, excessive speed and other improper operation, improper lookout, poor vision, faulty equipment, inadequate safety systems and devices, limited or inaccurate local knowledge, and ignorance of basic rules of the waterway.

ABA encourages every boater to be serious about boating safety, starting with the proper kind and amount of boater training. Remember, a boating mishap or fatality often involves innocent people who share in none of the blame, but all of the consequence. As a responsible boater, the life you save may very well be someone else's. Remember, **B E S A F E* - KNOW YOUR...**

Boat

Equipment

Safety devices and PFDs

Alcohol limits

First aid and emergency procedures

Environment (area and weather)

...BEFORE YOU GO!

** Source: National Safe Boating Council*

Bob's "Corner of the World"

Yes, I am still hanging around entering almost 3 years into my tenth decade.

The only change I have seen lately is the weather and once in a while I have found a few loose pennies in my watch pocket. That sure



was a big help when the time came last February to pay my light bill – all I can tell you is that it was \$735 more than it was the first 15 years of my life during the summer vacation. A sponge bath in beautiful Rose Lake-kerosene lamps and ice from the ice house out front that my dad and some friends put up the winter before. Life was a bowl of cherries – mostly the pits. Now I am going on 50 years at this corner year round. My first job each spring was to get my mother's 80 year old asparagus plants ready for the neighbors – 1st come gets the fastest growing plant besides bamboo. This is the #1 priority in my wife's bible.

Global Warming and Weather Conditions.

An early spring and the ice went out about early April on all the lakes. The snow was all gone early this year. No flooding, but with no rain leaves are slow budding, however we are back on track with the little rain we did receive last week. Mother's Day on the 10th this year and the MN fishing season is open today, Sat the 9th. No sunshine the last few days however the green leaves are now about 75% and again we must remind you that it is in very, very, dry conditions and there is a ban on all fires until the signs tell that it is OK, PLEASE. Thank you.

Yesterday TLDA had its spring road clean up, however, cabin owners will have to take some time to finish some brush that is across the road. Just before most of the summer residents took off on the last day the TLDA crew made a mess in some places – signs were broken off and then the snow came to cover up the mess over winter. Now that yours truly has been retired over 32 years and having a hard time tying my shoes, but I promise you an update on the Memorial List and get out a copy. Now if we could find someone to make up a new roster, we could then find out the list of newcomers as my yellow list is obsolete and nearly 10 years old. Thanks for volunteering one thing I know is that they can't fire a volunteer – HA!

Don't forget the 14th Annual Memorial Day program on Tuesday, May 25th at 9AM until noon. Local speakers, music and refreshments. – rain or shine – two buildings and chairs. Everyone welcome - dress warm. 125th F.A. is placing American flags on veterans graves Friday May 22nd at 4PM, the boy scouts of troop 106 in Hermantown will be trying for Eagle Scout Badges with some beautiful white crosses for the flag holders. Starting in the Veteran's park area. Welcome to assist. No politics on the day we honor the dead. Thank you!
Reverend Bob



Obituary

Roy T Swanson, 103, of Canyon passed away on Sunday Dec 14, 2014 in Cotton Country Manor. Roy was born on Sept 23, 1911 in Duluth. He was united in marriage to Doris Paulson in Nov 2, 1940. Together they raised two daughters, Barbara and Mary Ann. Roy worked for the DM&IR and retired in 1974. He built his retirement home on Lake Dodo and resided there with his wife until her passing in 2002. Roy remained there until he was 100 years old. Roy is survived by his daughter, Mary Ann (Ron) Holte; grandchildren Keri (Glen) Erickson, Beth (Kevin) Kucza, and Chris (Ashley) Holte; and his two great granddaughters, Kayla and Alexis Kucza.