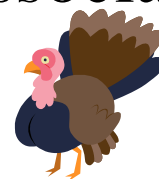


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TLDA Spring Meeting Minutes June 6, 2020

Roll Call: Elizabeth called the ZOOM virtual meeting to order at 9:08 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance. She introduced our guest speaker, Gary Lindberg of Rose Lake.

PRESENT: Board members Elizabeth Simonson, Carla Montgomery, Renee McAdamis, Chris Magney, Pat Smith, and Bill Lowry; Ad Hoc members Peter Jongewaard, Bill Kubiak, and Gordy Westendorf,

Absent: John Parenteau and Ad Hoc member Ken Maeckelbergh

Financial Report:

TLDA Balance	\$3,968.53
Water Quality Balance	\$2,062.49

Expenses paid included the web site for under \$500.00 for updates to get that going. We probably will not be having a picnic this year due to the Covid-19 virus. Dues notices will be sent out this fall.

TLDA 2020 Schedule of Events:

August 29 Fall Membership Meeting (9:30 a.m.) Hopefully we will be able to gather in person
September 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.)

We really don’t know how everything will play out due to the Covid-19 virus. The French Club Board will be meeting on June 9, and will discuss how much they will open up. Watch your e-mails and Facebook page. We will hold the parade if we are able. It will be run pretty much the same as years past.

Participation has been declining in recent years. We will try again this year; hopefully, participation will increase. We will try to get a reminder out 2-3 weeks in advance. Line up at Watts and go towards the French Club. There is no specific theme, and no back-up rain date.

New Business:

By-laws - The Board is working on cleaning up the by-laws. Nothing of significance was changed. The revised by-laws will be posted on the web page and brought to the fall meeting for approval. After approval, they will be registered and posted on the Secretary of State site.

Web Page - Peter has designed a wonderful web page <http://www.mnlakesanddrivers.org>. If you have any questions or suggestions you would like to see added, please contact Peter. There are also lake finder links on the web page.

Water Quality - will be sampled by Jim Burho, Bill, Liz, Roger, and Peter on July 18 and 19. Samples are collected one per lake once per summer. We have been doing it this way since 2011. We collect the data and send it to the DNR. This year’s data probably won’t be on the website until mid winter.

Rose Lake Water Level Report - for detailed information, please refer to Gary Lindberg’s report (a copy was emailed to everyone). There was some concern about letting the DNR on to our lakes. They might tell us what we can and can’t do.

Please be safe on land and water when enjoying our beautiful outdoors by following some of the listed common sense practices:

Slow down on the road- watch for pedestrians and bikers
Stop (slowing down does not count) at all stop signs (think Strand Lake Road)
Do not go between a boat and a fallen skier.
Do not boat between the dock and the raft – this space is for swimmers.

Be courteous of neighbors regarding noise levels. And last, but not least, please check in on each other. When fertilizing our lawns, think of the possibility of losing our lakes.

Garage sale – The Watts girls will be having a sale the next two weeks. Half of the profits will be split between the two charities their parents supported. The sale will start on Saturday, June 13, at 9:00 am; please no early birds. Road Clean-Up - Thanks to everyone who helped; we were done in 1.5 hours. We had a good turnout. In addition, a lot of people went out on their own. We didn't get a group picture of everyone because of social distancing; however, it cannot be stressed enough how much everyone's help was really appreciated. The meeting adjourned at 9:45am.
Submitted by Renee McAdamis



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.

We would love to hear your stories for the Spring edition. Send right away to RodendorfMN@q.com.

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.**



Due to severe weather conditions this spring and summer, it was a BRUTAL year for the brush pile. The pile was literally OUT OF CONTROL. Thanks to everyone who followed the rules and piled their brush. There were still some folks who broke the rules and put stumps and logs in the pile. PLEASE be considerate of your fellow lake-dwellers and don't ruin this wonderful resource we have. There was much debate over the burning of our EXTRA large pile – however, with all of this early snow, the burning will be much safer than previously expected. Happy Burning!

Have you checked out the new “Little Library?” Need a book? Take one! Have a spare to share? Leave it for someone else. Enjoy!



The little library got a “face lift” this summer with a new secure post, re-painted sign and a new coat of paint. Thanks to everyone for taking such good care of our library and Happy Reading!

Did you know there is a Waste Management dump site at mile marker 28 south of Canyon? They accept construction waste, stumps, garbage and recycling at VERY reasonable rates! If you need a place to dump, go there instead of the Strand Lake Road site, or just dumping it in the woods. They are open on Fri and Sun at 11:00AM.



Nextdoor is a free and private social network just for Three Lakes neighbors. On Nextdoor, neighbors share crime and safety concerns, local events, recommendations, items for sale/free, ideas about how to make our neighborhood better, and more. Please join us to build a better neighborhood!

www.nextdoor.com/join Code: GLHFHT





Dear Expert: My kids and grandkids love to feed the ducks and geese on our lake when they come to visit. Do you think this is OK? Are there any negative effects from this? Signed, *Duck lover*

Dear Duck Lover:

My advice to you is this: Don't feed the waterfowl!

Feeding waterfowl encourages more birds than natural food supplies can support. These large flocks also deposit large quantities of waste in and around surface waters that can significantly degrade water quality.

Minimize feeding geese and pick-up dog waste from your yard. Animal feces contain aerobic bacteria that also consumes oxygen in the process of decomposition. This also depletes dissolved oxygen from the lake.

Geese and ducks naturally feed on aquatic plants, grasses and small crustaceans. It is believed that the processed foods people feed them do not provide the range of nutrients the birds need for a healthy diet. Feeding geese may make them more aggressive toward people. Geese who are accustomed to being handfed expect food from people and may aggressively approach people who do not have food.

Why are high populations of waterfowl detrimental?

Large populations of waterfowl in a small area cause soil compaction, shoreline erosion and damage to vegetation. This damage to soil and vegetation has negative impacts on the recreational and environmental quality of the area around the lake.

Concentrations of waterfowl result in a large quantity of bird droppings. Droppings contain phosphorus, which can contribute to algae growth in water. Excessive algae growth is harmful to the ecosystem and aesthetics of a lake. As algae die and decay algae use up oxygen. Low oxygen levels in a lake lead to fish kills and foul odors. Large quantities of algae in a lake are called algae "blooms" or "scums", when there are high levels of algae, the lake becomes green, smelly and unpleasant to swim in.

Additionally, waterfowl droppings may also contain bacteria and viruses. Waterfowl are hosts of the familiar parasite that causes swimmer's itch. Feeding waterfowl, particularly around beaches and docks, may contribute to swimmer's itch; reducing the recreational quality of these public areas.

If you are picnicking in an area where waterfowl congregate be sure to wash your hands thoroughly and make sure pets and children do not ingest waterfowl droppings.

Many cities are now banning feeding waterfowl in parks. So for the benefit of people, birds and the environment please don't feed the waterfowl. And that goes for all of you!!

History of the Jack-o'-Lantern

Early Irish immigrants to the U.S. brought the tradition of making a jack-o'-lantern at Halloween.



According to Irish folklore, Jack was a blacksmith who had tricked the devil on several occasions. The story says that when Jack died, he was denied entrance into both heaven and hell. When the devil turned him away, he gave Jack a burning ember. Jack hollowed out a turnip to carry the ember and give him light. The Irish remembered this story each year by carving scary faces on turnips and placing a burning piece of coal inside. However, when the Irish immigrated to the U.S., they discovered that pumpkins were more readily available and made better jack-o'-lanterns than turnips. Eventually, candles replaced the burning coals. You might use a battery-operated candle or a flashlight inside your jack-o'-lantern today.

Over time, the practice of carving spooky faces on a pumpkin evolved into other forms of pumpkin-carving. The original idea of the jack-o'-lantern was to scare away evil spirits. The Irish would set the carved pumpkins or turnips by their doors and windows in hopes that they would protect them. Modern pumpkin-carving, though, is often done for entertainment. While carving faces onto the pumpkins is still popular, enthusiasts also carve different designs. Some organizations distribute patterns that members can use for pumpkin-carving. For example, students might use a pattern to carve the name or symbol of their school on a pumpkin. Pumpkin-carving contests and pumpkin-throwing contests are also popular at Halloween



Obituary:

Richard “Dick” Alan Lowry

Richard “Dick” Alan Lowry, 89, of Duluth, died on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 in Franciscan Health and Rehabilitation Center, holding Mary’s hand.



Dick was born in Duluth on February 5, 1931 to Lillian and Raymond Lowry. He graduated from Duluth Central High School in 1949. He met the love of his life, Mary, in grade school and they have been together for over 74 years. They were married on August 22, 1953 at Holy Rosary Chapel. Dick worked with his dad at the Lowry Company, eventually taking ownership and running the company until it’s closing in 1976. He then worked at Standard Brick in sales until 1981, and then for his friend, Ed Burg, at Lakehead Safety until he retired in Oct. 1994.

Dick and Mary raised six kids who he loved being with, especially at Lake Elora. He was very proud of his kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids; family was everything to him. He was an active community member and volunteer. He was a leader with the Boy Scout Troop 53 at St. John’s, a member of the Lake Avenue Loafers, and most recently a driver for Meals on Wheels, among many other things. Dick started deer hunting in 1947 and went every year after that, including last year at 88 years old. For the last few years, Dick and Mary have enjoyed the Ecumen Lakeshore Independent Living community and the many friends they have there.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Virginia McDonald; brother, Robert; and great-grandson, Benjamin Dallum.

Dick is survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Kathleen (Peter) Nielsen and Nancy (John) Dallum; sons, John (Becky), William (Crys), Patrick (Diane), and Michael (Jayne); grandchildren,

Marcus (Amanda) Dallum, Timothy (Sarah) Dallum, Allison Dallum, Ian (Hailey) Lowry, Mary (Brett) Erickson, Tressa (Zach) Haataja, Katelyn (Chad) Naze, Daniel Lowry, Molly Lowry, Amie (Kyle) Brower, Torie Mlodozyniec, and Sarah Mlodozyniec; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the loving, caring staff at Franciscan.

Private family service to be held at a later date. Memorials preferred to The Women’s Auxiliary at Ecumen Lakeshore, 4002 London Rd, Duluth, MN 55804

McCauley, Thomas Francis

Age 80 of Forest Lake. Passed away at home on May 25, 2020 while in hospice. Preceded in death by parents Frank and Frances McCauley of Duluth, MN. Survived by loving sister Mary Fran (Scott) Koch of Cottage Grove, nieces Kim (Tony) Yarocho, Kristy (Charlie) Setnes, Kelly (Chris) Fenske, Kathleen (Dan) Opatz) and nephews Paul (Stacy) Miller, Bryan Miller, David (Ann) Miller, and many great nieces and nephews. Also deeply loved by Shannon Wedger and Sue Olson of Forest Lake, and 75 year friendship with Paul Lindvall of White Bear Lake. Tom served in the Air Force National Guard and was a long time supervisor at Onan/Cummins. He loved to golf, travel, laugh with friends over a cold beer and all time spent at Rose Lake.



ROAD CLEAN UP

THANK YOU to everyone who showed up for Road Clean up. We had a **GREAT** crew of workers (over 30 people) and were able to clean up many area roads.



**Time to pay
your 2021-2022
TLDA DUES!**



Another two years have passed and it is time for TLDA membership renewal. Dues will continue to be collected on a two year renewal period. The total dues for this period will be \$20.00 for general membership and \$10.00 for water quality testing.

We will continue to conduct water quality testing every year. These tests have been a great tool and assist the association in being able to maintain healthy lakes. Without quality water our lakes will no longer remain vibrant ecosystems.

You can send your money to:

**TLDA: Carla Montgomery
5202 W Arrowhead Road
Hermantown, MN 55811**

Make sure to include your name, address, and updated email for our records. OR – look for the form sent to you via email earlier this month.

Comet Neowise from July 15th. Looking NW from the south shore of Dodo Lake.
Courtesy of Peter Jongewaard

