

# Townsend Flowage Association

## Spring General Meeting – May 28, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President Dan Coopman at 9 am. With 43 members present

Motion was made by Sherm Laundrie and seconded by Rich Schoonveld to accept the secretary's report as read M/C

The Treasurers' report was read with a total in all accounts of \$48,902. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Mike Lavin and seconded by Jon Marsh. M/C

### **Old Business:**

Invasive Species and AIS grant: As a grant stipulation we posted 3 X 3 metal reflective signs at our boat landings reminding boaters to remove weeds. This year the DNR requires that the company doing the lake inspection cannot treat the milfoil. Onterra conducted the lake inspection and yesterday Casson and Associated treated the milfoil with crystals. The Townsend Flowage did not show any new infestation.

Weed Harvesting: Rich reported the weed harvesters are ready to go and we are looking for volunteers to help put them in the water. 2011 total cost was \$3749. Weed harvesting will take place per DNR guidelines.

Clean Boats Clean Water: Training was held Sat. May 21 at 9 am at the Townsend Town Hall and again at the Riverview Town Hall on Saturday, June 4 at 9 am. CBCW inspectors are: Dale, Bruce, Dan, Chuck, Norm and a new volunteer, Jim Koleske. The reimbursement from the DNR for CBCW helps to offset our cost of treating milfoil. Larry is monitoring the water clarity with a secchi disk and reports to the DNR. The average clarity in WI is 12 feet and our flowage averages 15 feet. Because of the water clarity and the warm water last year we had an algae bloom. It appears we will not have the same adverse conditions this year.

Boater Safety Training: will be conducted Friday night, June 10 and Saturday morning, June 11. 20 people signed up for the class and we will be putting a reminder in the paper.

Placemats: Inland lakes, TFA and the DNR are each contributing \$400 to the printing of placemats identifying the aquatic invasive species. These will be given to all the local restaurants.

Wisconsin Lakes Convention April 12-14: Chuck and Dan attended the convention in Green Bay. Wisconsin Lakes are the leader in the country in weed control and water quality. On Tuesday the Legislature delayed the decision on the phosphorus suspension. This bill would allow retailers to sell phosphorus laden fertilizer. Please contact your legislator. Another concern was low water levels in lakes and wells due to high capacity wells. Contact your legislators.

Donation Boxes: Rich will order three donation boxes for the boat landings.

New Buoys: Four new buoys were installed according to DNR standards and permit 1 sand bar, 1 rock bed and 2 slow no wake.

Corn Roast: Corn Roast and family fun day will be Sat., August 6. We are looking for volunteer and donations for the spin wheel and the saw dust hunt. Contact Dan.

Membership: About ½ of the landowner join the TFA. Please talk to your neighbors about joining.

TFA Clothing: We will be taking order until July 15 for delivery at the corn roast.

July 4 Parade: Jim & Kathy Bailey again offer to decorate the float for the parade. Anyone that would like to help them please contact them at [kmbailey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kmbailey@sbcglobal.net)

Election: Jon Marsh resigned as director for the lower flowage. Sherm Laundrie made the motion to election the ballot as published. Ron Popp seconded M/C. Results: Vice President: Bud Nackers, Secretary: Kathy Ott, Directors upper flowage, Chuck DeMoulin: lower flowage, Dale Ott and Norm Haggstrom.

New Business:

Boat Landings: Dale, Wayne and Norm will work on repairing the handicap boat landings.

Fish: Every two years in October the DNR will plant 200 Muskie. Bruce Beno will contact the DNR.

Due and Assessment: Question from the floor was could we have an assessment on every property owner's real estate bill the same as Inland Lakes does? We would need to have 75% of the tax payers vote to approve this and it is highly unlikely we could get this approval.

Loon Watch: Carol Haggstrom and Bruce Beno are the official Loon Watch Rangers and submit reports to the Northern College in Ashland. Several district members participate in the Loon Watch program by annually recording loon activities such as migration, nesting, chick rearing and chick survival. In addition, there will be a special post-oil spill Wisconsin Loon Population survey on Saturday, July 16, 2011. This survey will help assess if there are significant impacts to Wisconsin's loon population due to the gulf oil spill. You can contact Carol at 715-276-1187 and Bruce at 920-619-9977.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, September 10.

Dan thanked everyone for the great turn out.

Motion was made to adjourn at 10:10 by Dorothy Laundrie and seconded by Mike Lavin.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Ott, Secretary