



FISH TRAP LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



“To preserve our wildlife and water quality and promote safe recreation for the
Fish Trap Lake Community”

Spring 2016

Note From the President

Welcome to the spring of 2016 and the awakening of another summer on Fish Trap Lake. With the buds popping on the trees, the early flowers blooming and the cacophony of songs and calls, teamed with the anticipatory activity of our wildlife around the lake, you can't help getting excited for the summer ahead of us.

It is my honor to take over the leadership Chuck Salter has provided our lake for the past decade, and I am pleased he will remain on our Board. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do in the service of our lake, Chuck! I also want to acknowledge my appreciation for a team of very active, creative and passionate fellow board members, without whom none of our successes would be possible.

This past year has been another very productive one for our lake association, and we have more ahead of us in the coming year. We have been working with Morrison County, the BNSF railroad, the DNR and others on a number of initiatives with the aim of protecting our lake and safeguarding the natural resources we all enjoy. I have personally been very pleased with the support we have received from Morrison County over the past year. We had hoped for some additional DNR support in fighting the continuing threat of aquatic invasive species, but were not awarded grants for the boat launch monitoring or for the treatment of curly-leaf pondweed in 2016. We are cautiously optimistic about some emerging treatment approaches using environmentally safe sound waves for battling zebra mussels. We will have discussions of all of this and more at our Annual Meeting on June 18 at Scandia Valley, including subject matter experts to answer questions and provide information. I hope you will join us.

Here's to another great year on Fish Trap Lake!

Cheers!

Scott Schnuckle, President, FTLPOA

Annual Meeting – Mark Your Calendars
The 2016 annual meeting of the Fish Trap Lake Property
Owners Association will be held Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 at
the Scandia Valley Town Hall

FTLPOA Board Meeting
April 2, 2016 --Scandia Valley Township Hall – 9:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Scott Schnuckle, President; Paul Baker; Peg Hartung; Jon-Scott Johnson; Ron Mash; Chuck Salter; Gary Ziehmman
Guests: Tom Anderson; Teresa Bender; Chris Ziehmman

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the FTLPOA Fall Board meeting were reviewed in Secretary Mary Thibert's absence. Gary Ziehmman motioned to accept the minutes as reviewed. Chuck Salter seconded it. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The interim financial report for the period 9/19/15 to 3/28/16 submitted by Treasurer George Heroux via e-mail was received.

Old Business:

1. County Variance Updates

a) Campground expansion and upcoming variance meeting 4/5/16 – President Schnuckle called County Administrator Amy Kowalzek to inform her that the Association was not in support of the variance request. For benefit of those present, Gary Ziehmman explained the situation that led to the campground Conditional Use Permit matter and subsequent variance request. Chuck Salter explained that Morrison County ordinances adhere to the same standards as the DNR and State. President Schnuckle called for a motion to present FTLPOA's formal opposition of the campground variance request at the Morrison County Board of Adjustment (BoA) meeting Tuesday, April 5, 2016. Gary Ziehmman moved the motion and Paul Baker seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

b) Other updates and concerns – Gary Ziehmman briefly presented findings of recent BoA variance hearings that had raised questions by some FTLPOA members. Following his presentation, President Schnuckle suggested a note of thanks be sent to the Morrison County BoA for their diligence and work. President Schnuckle will pursue the action.

2. Aquatic Invasive Species Update and Plans

a) Signage at the public landing – Chuck Salter is following up with the DNR regarding specifics and cost for additional signage that could be painted on the landing pavement which outlines proper boat cleaning/checking procedures to help stop AIS.

b) New information and updates – President Schnuckle reported that for this upcoming fishing season, the Association did not receive grant funding for landing inspections or curly leaf pondweed treatment. LID Chair-elect Tom Anderson spoke of interesting new research being conducted by Jim Bix to prevent growth of zebra mussels. Jim Bix is studying harmonization waves that are harmful to zebra mussels but not to native mussels and other lake aquatic life. Tom Anderson will ask Mr. Bix if he would consider speaking to the Association.

3. Railroad update – Paul Baker reported that BNSF railroad and Scandia Valley Township are in ongoing discussions regarding the fate of the Lincoln crossing. A proposal and quote for a BNSF well were presented at the January 2016 Township meeting. No final outcomes have been reached at this time.

4. Water Quality and Water Study Updates – Water quality readings will continue to be taken by Jim Fogelberg with help from his neighbors, which the Association members greatly appreciate. Readings are showing continual improvement.

5. Initiative Foundation Endowment – President Schnuckle reported the endowment fund stands at \$29,159. He suggested a secondary study on inflows be conducted by Blue Water at an estimated cost of \$800 due to numerous dying trees in the Lake Alexander Woods Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) adjacent to the railroad tracks. This area is a watershed to FTL. Also for consideration is Blue Water to speak at the annual meeting in June at a cost of approximately \$400. The volunteer committee created at the Annual Meeting will discuss our options and determine if these or other projects will be chosen. The committee members include Mike Flanagan, Dave Ellering, David Thibert, Julie Novak, Jim Ropson, Chris Ziehmman and Scott Schnuckle.

6. Website/Advertising updates – President Schnuckle reported in Vice President Mike Flanagan's absence that to date, 16 businesses have submitted and paid for a website ad.

7. Board Duties, Responsibilities and Projects – Mike Flanagan announced last fall that he would no longer produce the bi-annual newsletter. Chris Ziehmman has agreed to assume that responsibility. In conjunction with the newsletter comes website administrative oversight. She has agreed to also assume that responsibility. A motion to pay for website training for Chris was made Paul Baker and seconded by Chuck Salter. The motion carried.

New Business:

1. LID Leadership and membership – President Schnuckle introduced LID Chairman-elect Tom Anderson who is slated to replace Ron Nypan, pending a vote by the current LID members. Ron will be stepping down and we want to acknowledge his excellent leadership as the founding Chair of the LID.

2. DNR Partnership Grant for Access Monitoring – As stated above, no grant money was received.

3. Annual Meeting Planning and Guest Invites – The 2016 Annual Meeting of the FTLPOA will be Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 at the Scandia Valley Town Hall. Suggested speakers are Jim Bix/Zebra mussel research and Steve McComas/Blue Water Science, as well as the usual slate including members from Planning & Zoning, Soil and Water, the county sheriff, the county assessor, our county commissioner, the DNR Fisheries Division, and legislators representing our area. Invitations will be made soon.

4. Spring Newsletter – Chris Ziehmman asked the Board to alter its decision regarding only mailing newsletters to paid Association members. She asked that the spring issue be mailed to all Fish Trap Lake property owners to help encourage more property owners to join the Association, but mail the fall issue only to paid members since it will contain the annual financial report. Additionally, she asked for approval that the newsletter will not exceed eight 8 1/2 x 11 pages since that is the max weight for a single 1st class stamp. She went on to request the removal of financial reports from the website citing this information is proprietary to association members and not the general public. The Board agreed.

5. Clean-up Day Idea – President Schnuckle on behalf of VP Flanagan put forth the suggestion of a lake-wide clean-up day. Following discussion the Board decided not to pursue.

6. July 4 Boat Parade – The parade will be held Monday, July 4, 2016 commencing at Noon. FTL property owners who wish to participate are to gather in the bay by the campground.

7. Kids Fishing Contest – Following discussions noting the requirement for a permit and other logistical concerns, the suggestion was made by Tom Anderson to determine co-sponsorship interest with the local Lion's Club. He stated knowledge of the Lions coordination of this type of event. Peg Hartung suggested hosting it during Summerfest. Tom Anderson will follow-up on this concept.

Adjournment – Gary Ziehmman moved the meeting be adjourned and Ron Mash seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

2015 FTLPOA Membership & Initiative Contributors

Jeff & Karen Althaus	Mark & Dionne Gigley	Carol Lovhahl - X
William J. & Sheryl Andres	Lee & Colette Goderstad	C. Darwin & Betty Lundeen - X
Arlene Baker – X	Gary & Cathie Greene	Mel Lundgren - X
Paul & Bev Baker – B	Scott & Joni Gutknecht	Ron & Karol Markfelder - B
Frank & Jeanne Barnaby	Pete & Sue Hadley	Rebecca Marlin - X
Lori Bates & Jon Van Loon	Harold & Dona Hagstrom – B	Diane Marlin-Dirkx
Jim & Maribeth Bedtke – X	Marv & Lorraine Hanson	Linda & Ron Mash
Marcel Bellefeuille	Dana & Katie Harms	Ann & Joel McCann - B
Teresa Bender	Ken & Peg Hartung	Lorrayne M. McGuire c/o Linda Appling
Jerry & Jan Benusa – B	Scott Haskin/Linda Johnson/ Larry Haskin	Joe & Mary McKierman - B
Ray & Carol Bernardy – B	Larry D. & Mary K. Hass	Julie & Art Meadowcroft
David & Penney Bernier	Carl & Miki Hennen	Brad & Kristine Meints
Vernon & Dee Berry – X	George & Cordy Heroux – B	Dick & Josie Melhorn
Scott Bjerke & Patti Larson	Charles & Julie Hiemenz	Don & Adeline Miller - X
Chuck & Carol Blanski	Dan & Marie Hilliard	Leland Moe
Jim Bluhm	Hilltop Sports – X	Sharon Mostrom
Bill & Jeanne Boesel	David & Gayla Hoeller – X	Bruce & Mary Mozey
Ken & Pat Bonovsky	Wayne & Cathy Hoffman – X	Alex R. & Pauline Murray - B
Gregg Borgstrom	Randy & Rae Hogland	Terry & Judy Nelson
Chuck & Cindy Brey/ Sweetwater Resort	Barry & Kristi Holden – P	N. Neron & Pearl Ager
Phil Brezicka & Bill Prodahl	Steve & Barb Holmes	Julie Novak - X
Julie A. Bruber – X	David & Kathy Holmquist	John & Audrey Novak
Jeanne M. Hesse-Burnett & Bruce Burnett – X	Kathy & Tom Hosch	Lyle & Connie Nuhring - X
Bob & Marlene Buskirk	Bart & Pam Inniger/Rick Tibesar – X	Jann Olsten
Ralph Butkowski & Janet Beneke – B	Dave & Jeanne Jaeckels – B	Barry & Jackie Opatz - X
Richard W. Butler	Paul & Colleen Jensen	James & Diana Otte - X
Wally & Sharyl Carson – B	Jim & Cindy Johnson	Mike & Margaret Otte
Paul & Alja Chadwick	Jon-Scott Johnson & Lucy Thomas	Klm & Jay Paczkowski - X
David Christenson	Marjorie & Walt Johnson	Brian & Jenifer Pantzke
David & Joan Ciminski – B	Robert & Christina Johnson – X	Margaret Pappenfus
Timothy P. & Rachel M. Corrigan	Stanley Kaczor by George Kaczor – X	Brenda & Steve Peeke
Jim Custer	Tom & Lisa Kajer – B	Dave Perlich - X
Mark & Shelly Czech – B	Gary J. Karnowski	Darrell Peter
Tim & Barb Daniels	Roger & Mary Ann Karnowski – B	Ritch & Sandy Peterson - X
Charles & Olivia DeGeest	Tom & Peggy Kasak – X	Dalton, Nancy, Del & Pam Petrie
Al & Synde Dehmer	Mary Jo & Michael Keating	Chet Plohasz
Gary L. Dennehey	Nancy & Bob Keeton	Roger & Terry Pohlkamp
Brad & Dawn Dewars	Dave & Sue Kerkow – B	Pat Potzler
Christopher & Peggy Dietzen	Devona Kilgard	Les & Mary Lou Proper
Jeannett Dobrick & Walter B. Hays – B	Gary & Lee Kilgard – B	Joel R. & Cynthia M. Racchin
Rob & Maureen Dolan – X	Oscar & Sue Kleman	Richard Read
Jason & Beth Drobnick – B	Steve & Julie Kloster	Stephen & Elizabeth Reger
Leroy & Doris Dumprope	Robert & Debra Knutson – B	Todd & Christine Reimringer - B
Dick Eich – B	Scott & Nancy Kohs	Dale & Nancy Resch
David & Mary Ellering – B	Diane Koole	Ernest & Anita Robinson
Donald N. Erkens & Becky Houle	Eric & Erica Koser	Roger & Ione Rolstad
Steve Ethen	John F. & Beverly D. Koser	Mike & Laine Ropson
Mary Fautsch & Mark D. Hillard	Matthew B. & Susan M. Kramek	David & Judie Rose - B
Brian & Kris Flanagan	David & Pat Krueger – X	Mark & Margaret Ruffino - G
Mike & Bobbie Flanagan – S	Nick & Donna Krueger – X	Jim & Mary Rumpca - X
Tim Flanagan – X	Gwen Lemke	Charles Ryan - X
James & Dernie Fogelberg	Tim & Lynne Lenox	Charles Salter & Kate Bretscher - B
Four Pines Association – B	Shari & Rich Lero	Brian & Heather Sams/ Campfire Bay Resort - X
Dominic Fragomeni	Jim & Jeanne Licari – X	James & Margaret Schlichting
Cynthia K. Francis	Lincoln Area Business Assoc – G	Dennis Schmid & Lynette Jensen
Earl & Mary Fuechtmann	Victoria Littlefield	Bruce & Alison Schmidt
Thomas A. & Priscilla Neely Gadow	Richard Lockwood	Scott & Kristin Schnuckle - G
Linda & Larry Gareis	James & June Loscheider – X	Brent & Julie Schulte

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Marion & James Seeley – B
William & Laurie Senn
Thomas & Mary Jo Champ – B
Peter Sholing
Judi Shoquist
Clayton Shoutz & Lois Nystrom
Sisters of St. Benedict attn.:
Sister Margaret Wurm – X
Paul & Mary Skluzacek
Jerry & Pat Smelter – X
James & Rebecca Smith – X
Mary & Denny Smith
Kay & Paul Solon – X
Bill & Bernie Souvignier
Edwin & Elizabeth Specht

Randy & Michelle Spiczka
Garrett, Leslie, John & Lori Starr
Stone Family Prop. c/o Joan Miller
Gary & Debbie Sundberg
Khris Sundvahl
Dan & Peggy Swalm – B
Mary & David Thibert – X
Craig Thompson
Sandra O. Thompson – X
Marvin & Terry Thorsett
Ted & Beth Thorson – X
David & Joellen Uhl – B
Wayne & Diana Vaverek – X
Kurt & Michelle Virnig
Rich & Mary Vouk

Tom & Jo Vouk
Roger & Karen Wahlstrom
Lee & Donna Walberg
Tim Walters - X
Scott A. & Suzanne Wendt
Allen & Jan Wentland
Sandy & Dan Wiczek - X
Don & Jeanette Wippler
Mike & Connie Wood - G
Paul Young
Gary & Chris Ziehmman - B
John S. Zignego
Tom & Cindy Zulkosky

Initiative Foundation Contribution Levels

X = up to \$100 B = Bronze (\$100-\$249) S = Silver (\$250-\$499)
G = Gold (\$500-\$999) P = Platinum (over \$999)

Spring 2016 Initiative Foundation Update By Scott Schnuckle

I am pleased to report that our Fish Trap Lake Endowment fund is valued at \$30,673.79 as of March 31, 2016 and growing. In addition to our investment earnings, we continue to receive excellent and ongoing support from many property owners who value this legacy to our lake.

We are considering two uses of the investment funds for 2016. The first consideration is bringing in Steve McComas from Blue Water Science (\$400) to present the findings of his study last year and discuss the quality of our lake and the latest approaches to fending off invasive species. The second funds use consideration would be to engage Steve for additional study of the wetlands and railroad runoff that enters our lake from the south (\$800). We continue to have concerns about pollutants that may be coming from the railroad ties and other sources due to the loss of trees we have observed around those wetlands.

The committee we established last year is in the process of approving these expenditures and identifying other options. We will report at the Annual Meeting.

Invasive Species Mitigation/Prevention Reminder

As the summer boating, fishing and camping season approaches, everyone should be mindful of good lake management practices related to the various invasive species.

It's widely known that our Fish Trap Lake does have zebra mussels and Lake Alexander has Eurasian watermilfoil. But there are additional identified species that have great potential to harm our lake and the surrounding area if we aren't diligent in preventative actions.

One aquatic plant species of concern is Starry Stonewort. It is a grass-like form of algae that is similar in appearance to native grass-like algae such as other stonewort and musk-grass commonly found in Minnesota waters. It can be distinguished from native vegetation by the presence of star-shaped bulbils. It was first confirmed in Lake Koronis late last August. It forms very dense mats creating boating navigation and fishing difficulties much like milfoil.

Spiny Waterflea is a tiny aquatic animal that eats native zooplankton which is an important food source for native fishes. The waterflea collects in gelatinous globs on fishing lines. Even though they prefer deep lakes, they can be found in shallow lakes and rivers.

The most important action one can take to limit the spread of any AIS is to remove all vegetation from your watercraft and any water-related equipment before you move it from one body of water to another. Make sure you drain all water from your craft and bait buckets and dispose of any unwanted bait in the trash.

A land-based plant species is also of concern in Morrison County. Purple Loosestrife is a plant with long flowering spikes that can invade marshes and lakeshores replacing cattails and other native wetland plants. It can form dense, impenetrable stands which are unsuitable as cover, food or nesting sites for a wide range of native wetland wildlife.

Insects of growing concern in the state are the Emerald Ash Borer and various Pine Bark Beetles. To limit the spread of these harmful creatures, one should pay close attention to their sourcing of firewood. Do buy local firewood. Burn all firewood completely at each destination. Move only Minnesota Department of Agriculture or USDA certified firewood out of a quarantined county or across state boundaries. Tell friends about the importance of not moving firewood. Don't move open firewood bundles and don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

As good stewards of Fish Trap Lake, we need to always be as proactive as possible to protect this wonderful resource. Go to the Minnesota DNR's website (dnr.state.mn.us/index.html) for more detailed information.

Please Note:

Lunch will be served following the June 18 Annual Meeting. Also, once the annual meeting is concluded, Scandia Valley Vineyards will be hosting a wine tasting event.

4th of July Boat Parade
Starting at Noon
Participating watercraft should gather in the bay east
of the campground at 11:30 a.m.

Refuse Disposal Resources

Scandia Valley Refuse/Recycling Collection Center

Located north of County Road 203 on West Shamineau Drive, just west of the Crookneck Lake Public Access

To contact call **218-575-2438**

Summer Hours: May 1 to Septemebr 15

Wednesdays and Sundays from

12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Winter Hours: September 15 to May 1

Sundays from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Visit website – <scandiavalleytownship.com> for more information and pricing.

Morrison County Solid Waste Management Facility

Located 2.7 miles east of US Highway 10 on County Road 35 (Iris Road) just south of Little Falls (turn east at corner by Hilmerson Sports Center)

To contact call **320-632-1944**

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturdays – Memorial Day to Labor Day 8:00 AM to 2:30PM

All other Saturdays 8:00 AM to Noon

*Visit website – <co.morrison.mn.us> for more information and pricing. On home page click on Government, drop down on left to Departments select **Public Works** then drop down to Solid Waste/Recycling.*

Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association
Membership Dues & Initiative Foundation Contribution Form

Members benefit from:

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| 1) Monitoring of lake issues and legal advocacy | 4) Voting rights at the annual meeting |
| 2) Monitoring water level and quality | 5) Group action when new issues arise |
| 3) Current information about lake issues | 6) Coordination of annual boat parade |

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Lake Address _____

e-mail _____ Telephone _____

Contribution details:

2016 Annual Membership Dues \$ 25.00

Fish Trap Lake Initiative Foundation Grant Contribution _____

Total \$ _____

Make check payable to: Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association

Mail payment and form to: FTLPOA

Attn: George Heroux (Treasurer)

P.O. Box 85

Cushing, MN 56443

All contributions and dues are fully tax deductible. Contributors to the Foundation will be recognized in the newsletter

Fish Trap Lake Property Owners Association Officers and Board Members

OFFICERS: Scott Schnuckle, President
Mike Flanagan, Vice President
Mary Thibert, Secretary
George Heroux, Treasurer

BOARD MEMBERS: Paul Baker
Peg Hartung
Jon-Scott Johnson
Ron Mash
Chuck Salter
Brian Sams
Peg Swalm
David Thibert
Gary Ziehmann

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We wish to recognize and thank those businesses in the community who continue to support us. Their complete information is also posted on our website <fishtraplake.com> under "Lake Information" drop down "Partners". Please contact them for your lake home needs.

Action Dock & Boat Lift Service	218-296-2721	Altrichter Sand, Gravel & Excavating	218-575-2124
Altrichter Septic Services	218-575-2222	Aspire Realty	320-631-8197
Ballow Plumbing & Heating	320-749-2190	Campfire Bay Resort	800-677-7263
Crookneck Lake Construction	218-839-0800	Dairy Queen-Motley	218-352-6152
Edina Realty – Judy Altrichter	877-820-4847	Galston Construction	320-630-7852
Hilltop Sports Center	320-749-2055	Hitchin Rail	218-575-3013
Horizon Painting	218-639-2996	Ideal Construction	218-894-3105
Kathy's Kut & Kurl	218-575-2519	Kim's on Pacific Ave	320-749-2994
Lahr's Septic Pumping	218-575-2546	Lincoln Gas & Bait	218-575-3137
Lincoln Lakes Liquors & Motel	218-575-2076	Not a Problem Handyman Service	320-248-7185
Peterson's Welding	218-746-3295	Randall Building Supplies	320-749-2721
Scandia Valley Vineyards	218-575-2336	The Shante	218-746-4412
Sportsman's Plumbing & Heating	218-831-8720	Sweetwater Resort	218-575-2744