

Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Angler's Bar & Grill

Board Present:

Norm Bratteig, President

Craig Pagenkopf, Vice President

Lisa Carpenter, Secretary

Perry Cowan, Treasurer

Steve Fiala, Director at Large (via phone call)

Norm opened the meeting at 10:00 am

Norm's discussion points:

- Norm spoke briefly about the fire devastation at Red Deer Resort. We all expressed how grateful we were that everyone got out safe.
- Norm talked about his calculations for treatment after reviewing the report from the EWM Bed Mapping Report. There are 17 acres to be treated (7 on Lost Land and 10 on Teal). The Board unanimously agreed that Norm should go ahead and apply for the harvester permit just so we have it in case we need it or want to use it this year.
- Norm informed the Board we were approved for an AIS Surface Water Educational Grant. We received a check in the amount of \$2,766.23.

Perry's discussion points:

- Perry received a \$500 "grant" check. The Board agreed it was most likely a scam. Perry will hang on to the check in case we receive any further information about this grant/check.
- Perry led the discussion on the cash flow statement he emailed to the Board around February 23, 2025.
- Perry received an invoice from Megan Sorensen for her services from October 2024 to December 2024. The Board unanimously approved payment of the same.
- Perry asked if the typographical changes made by he and Craig to the Bylaws had the Board's approval. Board approved.
- Perry informed the Board that the 2 CD's that are coming due in March 2025 will be rolling into the checking account. The bank confirmed the transaction will take place automatically. The Board agreed that it was the best at this time.
- It was confirmed that the QLIA does own the domain name for the current website. With the new website the authentication problem should be solved, and everyone should get emails we send out.
- Perry has been asked by the Redcoats if they can have 10 members or is it limited to 2 per property. They would like an answer for their next meeting to discuss with their members. Norm replied that he didn't see a problem with 10, if you can actually get that many, the more the better.
- Since January 1, 2025 we have received approximately \$5,700 in dues and approximately \$4,500 in tier donations.

Craig's discussion points:

- Craig invited and Matt Berg has agreed to speak at our annual meeting on July 12, 2025. The Board suggested having Matt be sure to include Megan Sorensen in his presentation since she has been helping us through this process. Craig asked if Matt's presentation could fall under our new Educational Grant money, and it was agreed that it should be allowed. Ben Schleppenbach was also invited to our annual meeting, but he is unable to attend.
- Craig started a discussion on how we handle Norm's transition. Norm said he will save all of his documents on a flash drive and turn them over to the new President. Also, Norm indicated that the new President could come and take possession of the many boxes of information he acquired from his predecessor. Craig has approached several people about running for President with no luck. He indicated that if the Board was ok with it, he would be willing to run.
- Craig also asked Steve and Lisa if they were planning on running the next election (the deadline is April 27th for absentee voting). Both Steve and Lisa said they had not given much thought and were unsure yet.
- Craig informed the Board that Stacy and Kevin Kramer have agreed to chair the absentee ballot committee.
- Craig and Perry had a meeting with CCS prior to our meeting this morning. They are making good progress on the new website. Within 2 weeks they should be able to show us something. Craig indicated he and Perry as well as Molly Pagenkopf and AmyJo Wittenberg have all offered to help maintain the website. CCS and Megan Sorensen are alternatives, but they would both charge fees.
- Craig let the Board know membership drive is moving forward. They have divided the properties between 6 volunteers to approach property owners asking them to join the QLIA and give them information on the QLIA.
- Craig has received a couple of requests from members asking if we had bidding done for the work Schmidt's Aquatic provided last year. Craig reached out to another company and received very similar pricing. Norm explained that it will be the same because C-Cor does all the pricing for these companies.
- Craig informed the Board that he received a donation check from the Quiet Lakes Tourism in the amount of \$1,000.
- Craig would like to do a PowerPoint presentation at the annual meeting in July to show a list of the QLIA accomplishments and hopefully the new website.
- Craig asked what the Board's thoughts were about keeping the boat monitoring as a volunteer "position" or a paid one. The Board agreed to keep it as a volunteer.
- Craig let the Board know that a list of the QLIA assets had been sent to the accountant. Taxes are due May 15th. The accountant has confirmed they have everything they need to proceed with the tax filing.

Steve's discussion points:

- Steve asked about the status of the fundraising efforts for Red Deer. Lisa gave a quick update that the GoFundMe was doing very well. The 1st of fundraisers is set for LLLL on March 1st from 2-8 with meal as a "free-will donation" and that they were planning a 50/50 as well. The 2nd fundraiser is scheduled for March 29th from 5-9 at Weber's Northwoods. They are having food also as a "free-will donation" and have a bunch of raffles and auctions lined up.

Our "regular" Board Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am at which time Megan Sorensen and Ben Schleppenbach joined us for lunch and to discuss items for presentation to the WDNR for 2025.