

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

Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 3, 2025
Spider Lake Town Hall

Board Present:

Norm Bratteig, President
Craig Pagenkopf, Vice President
Lisa Carpenter, Secretary
Perry Cowan, Treasurer
Steve Fiala, Director at Large

Norm opened the meeting at 10:00 am

Norm's discussion points:

- Norm asked if we knew what Matt Berg was going to speak about at our annual meeting. Craig has started a list of items which include:
 - What is the procedure for bed mapping
 - Give us his background
 - Why are we doing chemical treatment
 - Helps with negotiations with the DNR

Prior to approval and publication of these minutes, Craig sent an email to Matt with the following as items we would like him to discuss:

- Background of your company and services
- Bed Mapping process
- Why bed mapping is necessary
 - Evaluate growth and spread of weeds from year to year
 - Bed mapping helps us negotiate with the WDNR for future chemical and harvesting treatments
 - Gives us a window into how the chemicals are working or not working
- Could you show a progression of the first bed mapping you have done for us and where we stand today.
- Your opinion on how effective the treatments have been and what kind of long term benefit you think we will enjoy.
- The WDNR has asked us to pull back on chemical treatments in 2026, 2027 and 2028 to monitor the results. The main concerns are what kind of effect the chemical treatments might be having on the native aquatic plants and fish populations. Some of our members want us to continue treating with chemicals every year. What is your opinion?
- Norm clarified that if we are not doing chemical treatment, bed mapping still needs to be done. We are currently on a 3-year hiatus (no chemical treatment so the DNR can check the progress of the last treatment). Norm also clarified that during the 3-year hiatus; we CAN use the eco harvester. Steve asked if we could find the "original" bed map so we could show the difference from then and "now" and we could discuss the history of the bed maps.
- Norm indicated the AIS Sign will be installed at the ramp later this week (prior to approval and publication of these minutes, the sign was installed).

Perry's discussion points:

- Perry wanted some clarification on the annual meeting. The Board discussed what time to open doors and possible new procedures for elections (specifically how to speed up the process of checking people in) so we don't run late for the meeting start time like what happened at last year's annual meeting. The Board decided to have the doors open at 9:00 am for those who want to vote and not stay for the meeting. Norm emphasized that he will PROMPTLY start the meeting at 10:00 am and all voting would stop until after the meeting.
- Perry wanted the Board to decide on how we want to handle anyone who comes in and states that they had paid their dues, but our records don't reflect the payment had been received yet. The Board discussed the issue, and we all decided that if the Treasurer does not have a record of payment at the time of the meeting, the member will not be allowed to vote. If they would like to pay at that time, they are welcome to and will be allowed to vote. Craig reiterated that members will have had 6 months to pay their dues, and they now have the ability to make electronic payments on our website so there should be no reason for delay in payments.
- Perry suggested that we look at and revise the budget specifically in regard to Schmidt's Aquatic services and bed mapping. The Board discussed the issue. Norm didn't think it was necessary as a budget is just that, a budget and not actual monies paid. Steve suggested we revise/update the budget to reflect the more updated figures. The Board unanimously agreed to have Perry revise the budget.
- Perry suggested that we consider a By-Law change to add that our fiscal year runs from June 1st to May 31st for clarification for future Boards. The Board discussed the matter. We decided as a Board to leave the By-Laws as is. Perry will look at changing the heading of our budget and the QuickBooks reports to reflect the fiscal year dates.
- Perry gave a quick update on the QLIA funds:
 - \$103,979 in the checking
 - \$11,150 in tier donations to date
 - \$6,100 in dues to date
 - Our income is down from the same time last year
 - Discussed some current invoices and "anonymous" checks that have come in
 - Expenses should be between \$50,000 and \$60,000 this year
 - The money from the DNR (approximately \$75,000) should be coming to us around December 2025 or January 2026

Craig's discussion points:

- Craig indicated that he thought it was a good idea that all who are running should submit a paragraph stating their vision for the QLIA and the position they are seeking election to. He indicated he had reached out to Kevin several times with no response. Steve (and Norm) both said they would be seeing Kevin in the next few days and would nail him down for something (prior to approval and publication of these minutes, Steve emailed the Board that he had Kevin's mission statement and would send it along with his as soon as possible).
- Craig asked for Norm's assistance/guidance on filling out paperwork for the Educational Grant forms. Norm said he has never filled them out personally but instead he keeps track of all hours everyone has and just submits that list to Megan Sorensen and she fills any/all forms out for us. Norm will send his current list to Craig so he can continue the list and not have to reinvent the wheel.
- Craig discussed the many hours spent on newsletters and trifolds and asked what else we could do to add to the list. Norm gave the Board more examples, some of which Craig and Perry were unaware that could be added.

- Craig started a discussion on our Annual Picnic (August 10, 2025). Where does the Board want to hold it this year? He threw out Reel Livin', Boulder Lodge, or Lost Land Lake Lodge. Norm and Steve didn't think Boulder was a good choice as they (1) don't have enough chairs/tables and we had to bring our own the last time and (2) they charged us for freezer space at the last picnic. Lisa said that Lost Land would probably have no interest. Lisa asked if there were any types of parks or community "spaces" in the QLIA area that we could explore. The Board indicated that there really were none other than Spider Lake Town Hall property. Norm said he would ask Kevin if we could use Reel Livin' (prior to approval and publication of these minutes, Norm confirmed that Reel Livin' is available and Kevin is happy to host.). The Board discussed the following specific information for the picnic:
 - Picnic is August 10th
 - Picnic will run from 11 am to 5 pm
 - Food from noon to 2 pm
 - Perry will ask Martha to organize a pie auction
 - Craig said he already had 2 half-day charters donated for auction
 - 50/50
 - Permit is already renewed
 - We should ask Carolyn if she will coordinate/run the corn hole tournament
 - The QLIA typically purchases the brats/burgers and buns from Kevin
 - Lisa will organize/coordinate getting the QLIA ladies to make/donate sides and desserts
 - QLIA always provides bottled water
- Craig informed the Board that the website is up and running and so far, so good. We now offer Venmo/Credit Card options on the website to pay dues and/or make donations.
- Craig indicated that the pontoon boat needs a new motor or needs to be taken in for repairs as it does not run reliably. Norm suggested taking it in for repairs but didn't think it was worth getting a new motor. The Board agreed to have it taken to Dave's Marine to get it fixed. Norm also suggested having him install a battery power switch.
- Craig discussed the information sheet that Spider Lake Township had forwarded to Norm (which Norm forwarded to the Board for direction). The information sheet was regarding an "Information Guide" which the Township will be posting on their website and send out to local business owners, hospitality/accommodation providers as well as short-term rental owners. The Board agreed it was fine to send to our members as an "FYI".
- Craig also brought to our attention an Ordinance the Spider Lake Township would like us to endorse in anticipation of their next court date. This Ordinance would outlaw enhanced features for wake boards/wake board boats. The Board decided unanimously that we should stay out of it. We will neither endorse or renounce the Ordinance.
- Craig discussed the status of volunteering and fundraising.

Steve's discussion points:

- Steve made some general statements thanking the Board for all of their hard work this past year, which was a great year.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm