

Cascade Thornapple River Association Annual Meeting 2010 Minutes.

Present 33 members, Board: Jeff Coffey, Andrew Gill, Todd Hendricks, Ed Lee, and Bill Uecker

Vice President Coffee called the meeting to order in the Wisner center at 6:38pm.

Last years minutes of 4-21-09 were reviewed and approved.

Review of Treasures report for period of 3-31-09 thru 4-1-10, approved.

VP Coffee asked for a 5th nominee from the floor to fill an open position on the board (his own)

Kathy Hagen Volunteered

Lydia Tobian, S-J Trapp, Carl Mast, John Meyer, & Kathy Hagen where accepted by a vote for a two year term.

Scott Rissi provided an update from his drawdown observations. All markers are in place one having a new plastic sleeve installed no major changes to report. As in the past the Zebra muscles seem to stop at the train bridge.

VP Coffee questioned the floor looking for suggestions for the web site and heard none.

SJ Trapp provided the water quality report

Phosphors is high 64-54

Transparency poor 58-61

Chlorophyll is high there was no data for last year. These readings are in comparison to other lakes – not rivers.

Someone from the floor asked all water quality reports be placed on the web site and ideas for improving the water quality.

Member from the floor raised issue of airport runoff via Trout Creek, noting the creek is dead of frogs bugs ect, residents also noted the smell of deicers in the creek. A petition was passed around the room to be presented to the EPA.

Todd Hendricks presented an update on the boat ramp.

2 hurdles

1. Requires agreement by association with another association with existing access.
2. Requires a change to be made to zoning ordinance.

CTRA board has put out feelers to several associations. And petitioned township for a special zoning agreement. There will be a public hearing regarding this matter and the CTRA has suggested an amendment which was well received by the township. A member of the floor suggested using state land for access. Todd explained that issue could lead to too wide an access. Scott Rissi provided a brief history on previous attempts for access some private and some public land.

D & K construction, funds were put aside last year to cleanup the river however no one used the company for any work thus nothing happened. 3 members of the floor indicated an interest in using D & K services. VP Coffee suggested coordinating these jobs with the board so the board could arrange removal of some trees and objects from the river.

Picnic July 24 2010

Ski Show only 5 people from the floor expressed an interest in this. A pig roast, inflatable and band will be the main attractions at he picnic.

There was a discussion of boater's safety classes, and raising dues. There was Reluctance to raise dues unless a purpose for the funds was well understood.

A member suggested a communal river project to get the D & K barge to the river, suggesting the CTRA pay the \$4,000 to get D & K here on the river.

Another member asked if the board could raise revenues with out raising dues. It was agreed that encouraging neighbors to join is currently the best thing we all can due to increases the numbers.

Other Suggestions:

Improve Web site

Activities

Flyer

VP Coffee encouraged more active involvement from all residents, thru Sub Committees.

More Boat ramp discussion and some discussion of the township newsletter continued.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50pm.