

## Cascade Thornapple River Association

### 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2017

Notes as recorded by Rob Andrews

6:35 PM Meeting Opens and is called to order.

Meeting notes from last meeting approved.

Discussion on the current boat launch access point.

The current fee is \$100 on top of the membership dues. Last year we launched about 30 boats. This year we launched 24 boats. We hope an association will take over this responsibility in the future.

#### Treasurer's report

Last year's report included money that was not yet deposited due to the fiscal year ending at the end of March.

Fireworks donations \$1092.52 includes a \$600 balance from 2015.

Boat launch fees pay the association insurance, township fees and balance to Scott Rissi.

Beginning balance \$20,014.81 year end 2017 \$26285.31

Motion to approve. Passed.

Updated information on the website.

Question from the audience: Why isn't the website updated more frequently? We just keep the financial information close and not reveal too much. We update it as we have information to add, usually 2 -3 times a season.

Question from the audience: Can the information on the website be kept private to members only? It can be but for now we prefer to keep it the way it is, because that will add another layer of work for the limited volunteers we have.

Scott announced that he would not be seeking reelection when his term ends as President. He will continue to lead as normal. Carl Mast, & Ron Hyde terms are done as of 3-31-17. Ron has accepted a renewal if no replacement is found.

Ron McCollum, Chuck Whitley, Mark Renzenbrink, Scott Rissi, Rob Andrews & Kerry Gorsuch, terms end 3-31-18.

Nominations for new board members. Volunteers are needed. Meetings are usually monthly on the summer and two times in the winter. A member of the audience was nominated but refused.

Question from the audience: What does each position do? Can this be put on the website?

Question from the audience: Does the association extend to 68th Street? Yes it does but the Special Assessment District (SAD) does not since the SAD is in Cascade Township Only.

#### SAD Petition Discussion

Lots of good progress on the petition in the past.

This is what the SAD is expected to address:

1. Weeds: Above us (Middleville) in the river and below us (Ada) the associations go after weeds very aggressively. Our section of the river is the only section not being treated.
2. Sedimentation control
3. Debris removal
4. Train bridge bypass. 2005 a permit was requested and we did not complete the engineering required to obtain a permit.
5. Dredging

Unfortunately some petitions were misplaced. The following areas are missing: Kenrob, 7238 Cascade Rd. and up. Thornapple River Drive. Petitions will have to be circulated in this area again.

Question from the audience: How are businesses addressed in the SAD? The golf course has signed. The Airport did not. Railroad is not taxed, highway is not taxed.

Question from the audience: How many people want the bypass? In 2005 it was a big issue as the clearance from the normal water level to Railroad Bridge is 57 or 58".

There was a concern noted by an audience member about harvesting weeds versus treating weeds. Discussion followed about each method of weed control.

#### River Buoys

Dean foundation buoy has been replaced. Thorncrest point buoy is missing. The marker at Sequoia is missing. The marker at Little Harbor is missing at the turn by the golf course.

#### Airport Glycol Treatment System:

During the winter of 2015/2016 scum on the water was observed. This year we did not see anything. In October the airport had a meeting and we were told they sample all of the time and they can send in any sample that they want, choosing to only show results they want to share. There was concern that the airport has the opportunity to open overflow valves and bypass the system. There is concern the system is not working since there is water all over the beds where vegetation is supposed to growing.

For a preferred Glycol treatment system, Check out the Midway Airport issue Chicago, IL on the internet. Very similar to our issue and the end result provides less dilution in public waterways.

Social event/activity discussion. There was no social event last year due to various difficulties. Would the audience like to see fireworks again? Yes. The date will be the end of August, the Saturday before Labor Day.

Request from an audience member: Please publish in the newsletter a reminder not to produce a wake when it is not necessary. Think courtesy to your neighbors.

In 2018 we will plan a May Annual meeting.

Raffle of a variety of door prizes was conducted. Many nice items were given away.

Thank you to Scott for his service to this organization and our community. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

8:00 adjourned.

Corrected 5-10-18 SR