

TFLA Annual Meeting Minutes
Tame Fish Lake Association, Deerwood/Aitken, MN
June 5, 2021

The Annual Meeting was held at 5:00 PM.

Place: Villa Vino Pavilion (Thank you Farrell Family for hosting)

2021 Meeting Minutes

John Farrell, President, called meeting to order and had everyone introduce themselves.

Treasury Report: Balance \$6,484.41

Motion to pay \$10/month or \$120 annually for the TameFishLake.com website was made and seconded. A vote was taken and passed unanimously.

Dues of \$30 were due at the meeting. If you have not yet paid dues, please make checks payable to TFLA and give to the treasurer, Deb Gadbois.

Milfoil treatment will be done the week of June 5th with a second treatment planned between July 15 – 30, during peak growing season. 8 boxes are remaining. Planning re-treat a couple of areas before the end of June that had some growth. 6 boxes were left from last year's treatment. We will purchase the balance for this year's treatment at a cost of about \$2,000.

An email was sent out to cabin owners and those that wished to purchase chemicals for their frontage were able to purchase from the association at \$120 per 20# bags. One bag will cover 2,000 – 4,000 sq ft depending on how heavily it's applied. The application should be limited to depths of 6 – 15 feet as this is the optimal depth for milfoil growth.

John Farrell is exploring an alternative treatment that advertises that it is 'all natural' and guarantees milfoil is gone for 3 years. The cost and actual effectiveness of this solution is not known at this time. It does require professional application, which will likely make it significantly more expensive. The board will update members as more information is available.

Zebra mussels were found in the lake last season. The DNR came to talk to us and inspect the area. The DNR's scientist says TFL does not have prime structural condition for zebra mussels to thrive. He expects that we may see the numbers rise and drop year to year.

It is advised to keep motors tilted up or boats in lifts, when possible, to avoid damage to lower units. Any zebra mussels that gather on docks, slides, boat bottoms and lifts will die over the winter as the equipment is out of the water. They will not survive in shallow areas that freeze to the bottom.

Small Northern continue to be in high population according to the DNR and pose a risk to other game fish. Anglers are encouraged to keep northrens less than 22". The dnr.state.mn.us website says North Central Minnesota has an overpopulation of small pike.

From the DNR website:

“Too many of these fish, generally less than 22 inches long, in a lake can reduce perch numbers to unhealthy levels, tip the balance toward smaller panfish and reduce the effectiveness of walleye stocking.”

“The objectives are to allow more harvest of abundant small pike and shift population size structure to more medium-sized pike.” ...“In the north-central zone, anglers can keep 10 northern pike, but not more than two pike longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 – 26 inches must be released.”

Tame Fish Lake apparel is available on the website. We receive 20% of the price of the apparel, which will help with next year’s milfoil treatment.

4th of July Weekend

This year Jack/John Farrell family will be doing fireworks on Saturday night, July 3rd.

There will be a **pontoon parade** at 1 pm on Saturday, July 3rd. Decorate your pontoon and join your neighbors in a spin around the lake to celebrate and show off your handiwork.

The parade will be followed by the second annual **lakeside concert** by Martin Farrell and Jenna Rae <https://www.jennamartinduo.com>. Bring your guests, your pontoons and floaties to Marty & Sharon Farrell’s lakefront and listen while you enjoy the lake. Martin & Jenna will be driving up from Kansas City to play their fabulous music for us. Please consider a tip to help with their cost. Venmo account is @lostcowgirlrecords or swim in and drop off a cash tip.

2021 Officer elections included all 4 officer positions. Motions were made and seconded for John Farrell to continue as president, Geordie Griffiths to continue as vice president, Deb Gadbois to continue as treasurer and Kitty Stearns to continue as Secretary. Votes were unanimous for all four officers to continue serving the association.

Music on the Lake

In addition to Martin and Jenna, we have 2 additional concerts on the lake this year. See the attached Music on the Lake flyer for info. If you have any questions, please email TameFishLakeAssn@gmail.com or contact Kitty or Deb.

Loren Wolfe (yellow garage with white RV) will perform a lakeside concert on June 26th from 5 – 7 pm. See Loren’s flyer attached to the email.

Doyle’s (log cabins at the end of the lake toward Bay Lake) will be hosting an event on July 24th from 3 – 6 pm to provide an opportunity for the lake to get together and raise some money for the association. Please do bring friends and family! The event will include a concert by Jud Haley <https://www.judhailey.com>, a bag throwing tournament (watch for an email with details and sign up) and a silent auction including a float plane ride, dinner for 2 by Chef Jack Gadbois, handmade fine silver jewelry, wine and other great items.

There will be specially designed Tame Fish Lake t-shirts, caps and can koozies for sale at the event. If you know you want to purchase these special edition t-shirts, please notify Deb Gadbois of the sizes you want so we can set them aside for you.

The meeting was adjourned