

The Executive Director's Notes:



A chance to participate in a Red Lake fishing trip this December!!

Hopefully your fall season was exceptional and you were able to enjoy the outdoors with friends and family. As part of preparing for our annual meeting in mid-December, I had the opportunity to recap 2018 and set goals for 2019. As always, our major goal is to find ways to deter poaching and its negative affects on our environment. In 2018 our board members and volunteers participated in over 25 events where we “talked TIP” and visited with onlookers. These were almost all multi-day events and this did not include the over 30 additional events that our state’s Conservation Officers used the Wall of Shame trailers to promote the TIP hotline. The walls create a unique aspect of the TIP and DNR partnership and it continues to remain strong. We also welcome the next group of rookie C.O.’s to the field this past fall of

2018 and look forward to working with them.

At the annual meeting, we were surprised to have our great friend and long-time supporter, Graham Luck, step down from the board. He will be missed. We also lost one of our youngest board members, Pete Kvale, who is working on moving due to a career change. For those of you interested, this leaves two board positions open. Contact the TIP office if you feel compelled to help guide your organization. May your 2019 be all you wish for and may the sun shine on your face and your lines be tight....

2019 Membership letters sent in December : We recently sent out the 2019 Annual membership renewal notices. We are receiving the renewals on a regular basis. THANK YOU for your support as it helps the board in decision making, knowing the stability of our organization. Plans are being made for the 2019 season including events, shows, and opportunities to create and maintain the deterrent effect that TIP has on protecting our great natural resources. If you have not renewed, it would be great to have your support.

TIP to attend the “Minnesota Sportsmen’s Boating, Camping, and Vacation Show” in St. Paul

Once again this year, TIP will be attending the 2019 Minnesota Sportsmen’s Show, January 10th –13th at the River Centre in St. Paul. The show is the first of the season and draws a great group of onlookers of all ages. We encourage you to attend to check out new outdoor ideas, find a vacation spot, and of course stop by the TIP booth to say hello and check out Wall of Shame #1. You will not be disappointed and the climate inside is a tad warmer this time of year!



TIP to attend to the “St. Cloud Sportsmen’s Show”

If you live in central Minnesota and want a day of viewing outdoor products, activities, and vendors, the St. Sportsmen’s Show is for you. TIP will be there to talk about the program and the upcoming banquet at Jack and Jim’s in Duelm. The show is being held at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud on February 8th through the 10th.

TIP to attend the “Duluth Boat, Sports, Travel, & RV Show”

One of the premier shows in northeastern Minnesota is the Duluth Boat, Sports, Travel, and RV show at the DECC, February 13—17, 2019. Once you feel like you have seen it all, check the signs and go the next section to see more of what the area has to offer!

Outdoor News Deer and Turkey Show 2019

Many TIP supporters are avid deer and turkey hunters in Minnesota and around the country. The Outdoor **News Deer and Turkey Show** was created from the formerly known *MN Deer Classic* and this show is a great opportunity to be up close and personal with some of the largest deer ever taken in Minnesota. It is definitely worth the drive and your time to see the show and what is new for the 2019 season.

President’s Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. With the new year upon us I want you all to have a great 2019.

Around TIP we tried a couple of new fundraisers. Looking forward, taking what we learned, I expect they will be bigger and better in 2019. More fun and prizes for participants, while educating the rest of Minnesota about what TIP is doing to curb poaching. With that, I am asking each of you to send us your idea of the ideal fundraiser; how can we attract more people to come? I think one way would be have a larger membership list to draw from. Please invite your friends to join TIP and come to a fundraiser with you. Check out the rest of the TIPster because there is a lot of information to read and learn about current expected fundraisers.

Currently we have to get Wall of Shame #2 ready for the time the trailers get busy. I am looking forward to Spring.

Peter E. Lodermeier 218-330-6441

2019 TIP Fundraising Events

The last banquet for 2018 was held in October down in Rochester. It was a great turnout and it sounds like they had some fun, gave away some great prizes, and raised some funds for TIP. As with every year, we begin the planning all over and make improvements where needed. In the first quarter, we are not only focused on sport shows, but are putting the details on the following events:



- ◆ Duelm (St. Cloud) Area Banquet– Thursday, March 14th at Jack & Jim’s Event Center in Duelm
- ◆ Itasca (Grand Rapids) Area Banquet– Saturday, March 16th at the TimberLake Lodge in Grand Rapids
- ◆ “The Compadre” Golf Tournament- Tuesday, June 18th at “The Refuge Golf Club” in Oak Grove.

The Annual Meeting/TIP Board Meeting Highlights:

The 2018 TIP Annual Meeting/Board of Directors Meeting was held Tuesday, December 18th at the TIP office in Brainerd.

- ◆ Operational review: The non-profit annual report was completed and available to view on the website. Financials and budget were approved. By-law changes were made and approved as of December 18, 2018:
 - Term limits for executive committee members was removed
 - Corporate membership is no longer annual, but a one time contribution
- ◆ DNR report– The updated activity report was reviewed with \$4,200 in rewards paid to date and 273 arrests documented. Tracking devices approved and placed on WOS trailers.
- ◆ Other notes: Banquets/events reviewed and are being set for 2019 (check website for details). Wall of Shame #2 was delivered in late September, work is being scheduled. Joe Alexander Officer of the Year selection (details in March Newsletter); 2019 Board Members:
 - Graham Luck announced his official retirement from the TIP board. Note article in this issue.
 - Pete Kvale, board member resigned mid-term as he is taking a new job.
 - Peter Lodermeier, Diane Britton, Carl Fugleberg, and Jim Persson were re-elected as board members.
- ◆ 2019 Executive Board Selection unchanged from 2018:
 - **President-** Peter Lodermeier; **Vice-president-** Carl Fugleberg; **Secretary/Treasurer-** Diane Britton

If your are interested in serving as a board member, contact the TIP office.

TIP 2018 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	83	35	36	98	185	85	65	79	101	353	535	99	1754
Total TIP Calls	79	33	24	72	131	64	48	55	90	249	416	72	1333
Calls referred to CO's	77	32	21	70	128	59	47	53	86	241	412	70	1296
Case Numbers Assigned	8	4	1	6	10	11	10	4	7	18	38	6	123
Number of Arrests Made	17	25	2	10	24	26	16	8	16	31	98	54	327
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	5	0	0	0	9	0	10	2	0	14	0	7	47
Amount of Rewards	\$525	\$0	\$0	0	\$1400	0	\$775	\$300	0	\$1200	0	\$700	\$4,900
TIP Prints as Rewards	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4



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A Special Friend of TIP

On December 18, 2018, at the annual meeting, Graham Luck announced his official retirement as a board member of Turn In Poachers. This is no "ordinary" retirement as he has been a part of the TIP program since its inception in 1981! When asked about how many years he served on the board of directors.....he is not even sure. What will be missed are the stories. Stories about turkeys. Stories about deer. Mostly, stories about the history of TIP and the many ups and downs our organization has seen in the past 37 years. Graham, you told these stories to support a point, share a thought, or just to throw some fun into a long meeting, but you were heard. In most cases, you backed your words with action. Your countless dollars donated of your own and the many funds raised either by solicitation or being in charge of the annual Rochester banquet. Your contributions are immeasurable and you will be missed. Funny thing....within 24 hours of announcing his retirement, he was on the phone discussing transition plans for a wall of shame trailer. We are certain that your influence will continue. Your legacy is strong and on behalf of all, THANK YOU for your service to our organization!



Feature Creature— Crappies by board member/C.O.—Dustin Miller



On May 20, 2018, CO Mike Gruhlke was contacted in regards to a TIP of 6 anglers that were seen leaving a lake in Martin County with over 100 crappies in possession. Detailed information was provided by the tipster that allowed CO Gruhlke to discover the anglers lived in Mt. Lake, MN. CO Gruhlke and CO Dustin Miller conducted an investigation that evening discovering two of those anglers to be in possession of 253 crappie over their legally allowed possession limit.

The two anglers were convicted of take/possess fish over limit along with restitution being charged.

State Conservation Officers rely on the public to assist in reporting situations like this. TIP is dedicated to curbing the illegal taking of Minnesota's fish, wildlife and natural resources.

Because of this, TIP is able to assist MN Conservation Officer's in their enforcement efforts.



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Quarterly Board Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the months March, June, September, and December, 7:00 P.M. at the TIP State Office

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