

The Executive Director's Notes:



A 2018 winter walleye on a Brainerd area lake!!

Another season has come and gone in our great state. The hardwater fishing for walleyes and pike closed in February as our cold winter wanes, the panfish action usually picks up. Here at TIP, the action picked up this winter with a series of sport shows and a few decisions from the board of directors that we will highlight throughout the newsletter. I personally enjoy going to shows, meeting new people, and talking TIP with those that take a genuine interest in what we do, and why. Bottom line, as the program continues to provide the ability to report violations, we continue to refine processes, programs, and the internal operations to be more effective in our environment.

Our annual meeting was held in December with several new faces on the board! We recapped the meeting in an attached article in this edition. Take note that the board elected to forego the statewide raffle this year and focus on other fundraising avenues. We still have the Ottetail Chapter with the 100 +15 raffle where we will be giving away a 2018 Lund boat and we truly appreciate the support that Lund and Polaris provides us!! The board also made a change in the membership expiration date to an annual time frame, rather than monthly. Details are explained in the article below. Our Bemidji fundraising committee is taking a different approach this year. Rather than using the banquet format, they are working on doing an event at the Northland Shooting Park and doing a trap shoot. Keep tabs on Facebook and our website as details become available.

As for our website, the vendor we are using is shutting off their support as of March 15th and we will have a whole new look very soon! Take some time to look it up at: www.turninpoachers.org and you will see some significant changes in terms of formatting. As the account administrator, I am open to any suggestions or comments as we move forward. I encourage you to use our information and email and let us know how we are doing.

Please read on and find out some of the things we are doing here at the headquarters and beyond. I hope that you find it interesting and if you are interested or have a desire to become involved in any aspect of our program, do not hesitate to contact us.

2018 Wall #2 Replacement progress update

We have been working on a replacement fundraiser for a few months now and we are happy to report that we are about 1/3 of the way toward our goal!! Estimates are showing that the cost will be greater than \$10,000 for a comparable unit. We have received several donations from TIP supporters and we want to say THANK YOU. Every week we get a bit closer and every donation helps.

For more information, if you or your group would like to contribute to the wall replacement, contact our TIP state headquarters at 218-326-8477 or talk with one of our board members. We will be keeping our contributors informed at the TIP website: www.turninpoachers.org.



Wall of Shame #2

Ottetail Chapter fundraiser 100 + 15

The TIP Ottetail Chapter 100+15 raffle will be up and running again this summer. The chapter is selling tickets for 115 prizes including a 2018 Lund boat through the support of **Lund Manufacturing** in New York Mills and also an ATV from **Polaris Manufacturing!** This raffle is done with the support of Lakes Sports in Detroit Lakes and a whole host of ticket outlets in the area and around the state.

Compadre Golf Tournament– 2018

On **June 19, 2018**, TIP will be hosting the annual **Compadre' Golf Tournament** at *The Refuge Golf Club* north of Anoka. It will be a 4-person scramble with raffles, games, and prizes for the winners. The cost is \$400.00 per team. If you are a single golfer looking to be paired, contact us and we will pair you with others on the roster. Check out the website for additional information or to print out a registration form.

Come see our Wall of Shame display at the following events:
Outdoor News Deer and Turkey Classic, March 9-11

President's Message- Peter E. Lodermeier

I am not much for politics, but I did want to coin a political phrase and present the "State of the Organization" here at TIP. Looking back over the years as president, I have been a part of many changes and challenges. I believe that challenges are a part of any organization, so I want to talk a bit about the changes and successes. First and foremost, I believe the move to obtain our own facility on Wise Road in Brainerd has worked out well. It provides the space needed to aid our mission very well. Always a concern, is our financial state. We have been able to build a suitable amount to cover emergencies, provide for (1) part-time employee, maintain our programs, and support our involvement in many events around the state. As we work to increase our stability, we are looking for ways to increase or create new programs to support our mission. We look for your continued support and appreciate each of our volunteers, donors, and contributors.

TIP "Joe Alexander" Officer of the Year

As you may know, TIP is not managed or operated under the Minnesota DNR, nor are we supported by them financially. We are, however, a partnership that would not happen without the work of our Conservation Officers. Each year, TIP elects one officer to receive the prestigious "Joe Alexander– Officer of the Year" award. The nominations come from their peers and recognize the officer's commitment, diligence in working with TIP complaints, and support through TIP fundraising and education. This year's selection is Kipp Duncan out of the Northeast region. Kipp is a longstanding Conservation Officer with years of service to the TIP organization as well as the citizens of Minnesota. He works very closely with local groups and the public to promote, educate, and enhance the TIP program. Please help us congratulate him on receiving the award.



The December Annual Membership Meeting Highlights are:

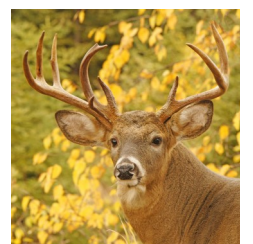
- ◆ Board changes: Bob Mlyner and Dustin Miller, were elected to the board. We did have one board member resign for personal reasons. We want to thank Brandon Nadeau for his years of service.
- ◆ Executive Board elections: President, Peter Lodermeier; Vice-president, Carl Fugleberg; Sec./Treasurer, Diane Britton
- ◆ Operational review: In early 2017 staffing decreased from 2 part-time staff to 1; insurance needs were reviewed with carrier; financial review with approval of 2018 budget; membership expiration changes were reviewed and approved.
- ◆ DNR report from Jon Paurus, liaison: the year's activity report was reviewed; discussion on trailer tracking devices; membership in the International Wildlife Crimestoppers; use of TIP envelopes for CO's in the field
- ◆ Understanding the membership expiration changes: In the past, TIP's membership was based on the month in which a person joined or renewed. From the standpoint of record keeping and tracking, it is difficult to complete. After review and discussion by the board, it was decided to have an annual membership in a calendar year rather than fiscal year. This will allow us to do an annual membership drive one time per year with volunteer help. Tracking and maintenance will be much easier and better organized.

The Two Harbors Bucks

While attending the Duluth Sportsman's Show and Deer Classic, I had the opportunity to discuss a local case in Two Harbors that gained



much attention. It generates much emotion in terms of the ethics of deer hunting. The two photos in the article are of a pair of bucks that lived on and near the Lakeview National Golf Course in Two Harbors. The attached photos were taken by a professional photographer and portray them in their natural environment. Because of their size and majestic nature, they were very popular to the locals at the golf course and within the neighborhood. **Both animals were taken illegally by the same poacher** who used carrots and grain to bait them in range and also did not have a license at the time one of them was taken.



TIP 2017 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	85	45	61	105	109	104	61	73	105	152	509	81	1490
Total TIP Calls	62	27	53	78	72	69	42	45	67	98	361	59	1033
Calls referred to CO's	57	27	49	74	69	66	39	42	61	92	355	57	988
Case Numbers Assigned	10	1	3	7	7	6	4	3	6	12	69	13	141
Number of Arrests Made	22	1	15	7	20	13	7	2	36	18	152	36	329
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	11	0	4	0	0	7	0	0	3	7	0	18	50
Amount of Rewards	\$1,275	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$750	0	\$2,050	\$5,275
TIP Prints as Rewards	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3



Turn In Poachers (TIP), Inc.

7187 Wise Road

Brainerd, MN 56401-6005

(218) 326-8477

Sport Show and Event Attendance this Winter

It has been great to see the thousands of people that stop by the Wall of Shame booths at the various sport shows over the past few months. For whatever reason they stop, to see the trophies, read the stories, or share a story, the ability to talk "TIP" is so very important for our organization. The program may seem "old" to some, but there are many who have never heard of TIP or do not totally understand the process of deterrent, recognition, reporting, and actions on behalf of holding a person accountable. Unfortunately, the cycle continues as we continue to receive calls to the hotline. Any way we look at it, the 36 years of remaining diligent is worth it. Stop by and visit with our volunteers and share a story or two.

TIP's new website

As stated in the director's notes, TIP has been forced to change the website as of March 15, 2018. There are significant changes to the format and the team is still learning all the options available to utilize the website. Your patience is appreciated. One aspect that we want to enhance is sharing the stories and making them more timely as many cases can take as much as two to three years to provide an end result to share. We hope that you find it easy to navigate and informative. Remember, suggestions are always welcome. Check it out at: www.turninpoachers.org

Itasca Area and Duelm Banquets a Success!!!

Just prior to publication, our banquets in Duelm (St. Cloud) and Itasca Area (Grand Rapids) were held. What great events again this year! The Itasca Area banquet venue was changed to the Timberlake Lodge and served over 200 people. Our Duelm Banquet, held at Jack & Jim's Event Center served up great food and fun games, growing in support every year. Both raised much needed funds for our 2018 operational needs. **Two wonderful groups including committees and supporters. Thank You!**



SAVE THE DATES: Here is a list of upcoming fundraisers and events as part of TIP and its volunteers:

2018 Banquets/events to be held throughout the state!

We want to thank the many volunteers for the many hours that go into making each of these events a success.

Bemidji- Will be a trap shooting event- date: TDB

Rochester- TBD

Turn In Poachers Board of Directors Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 19, 2018 beginning at 7 PM**. The meeting will be held at the TIP Office at 7187 Wise Road in Brainerd. All are welcome to be a part of the meeting.



TIPSTER

March 2018

Turn In Poachers, Inc.

7187 Wise Road, Brainerd, MN 56401

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

Call the TIP Office at (218) 326-8477 or send an email to info@turninpoachers.org

Check out our website: www.turninpoachers.org

Check us out on Facebook: www.facebook.com/turninpoachers.org/



(800) 535-5191
The Sportsman's Weekly
Published since 1982