

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 19, 2013
Corinna Town Hall

Board Members Present:

J.Juntunen, M.Mengelkoch, C.Quiggle, L.Erickson, D.Gustafson, P.Gustafson, J.Jonswold, K.Sutherland, C.Beckman, J.Tift, K.VandeSteege, B. Peltier

Members Absent: *D. Peterson, P.Ramme, G.Borrell, J.DeGroot, T. Richter*

I. Meeting Called to Order at 8:04 A.M. (Chair Sutherland)

II. Attendance/Roll Call (Secretary Erickson)

III. Acceptance of September minutes

Motion (C.Quiggle)/2nd-(P. Gustafson)/Motion carries

IV. Treasurer's Report (J.Juntunen)

As of September 30, 2013

General Fund \$15,153.73

Lake Improvement Fund \$36,575.14

Milfoil & Invasive Species Fund \$121,642.99

Total All Funds \$173,371.86

Motion to accept-(P. Gustafson)/2nd-(B. Peltier)/Motion passes

V. Committee Reports

Distributed Committee list with chairs and participants

Distributed Board Member contact list

A. Membership (C. Beckman)

- Continuing to update address changes
- Membership total 268 this year vs.292 last year

B. Fisheries (P.Gustafson)

- Carp barrier installed in 1999
- Open barrier since July 4 – water is low – no water flow
- At end of March will have a new carp barrier permit from the DNR, Paul Gustafson signing
- Carp barrier maintenance is included in Fisheries

C. Water Quality Statistics (read by-submitted by Dan Erdmann) Reading 10-16-13

Water Temp 56 degrees F, Air Temp 48 degrees F

Clarity 9 feet

Inlet 10.25 inches, Outlet 16.5 inches

Overall score of 2 (on a scale of 1=good to 5=poor)

Slight green algae tint

Lake levels seem to be the lowest in many years

Carp trap was not blocked

D. Water Quality (D.Gustafson)

- Watching the vegetation, good kill-off of invasives
- Apply in February for a grant that could subsidize the treatment of the invasive species
- Issues in consistency in obtaining the permit – working with other Wright County COLA members. Issue with having a new person each year to grant the treatments

MNCOLA – Coalition of County COLAs. Position: only allow clean boats into a lake. MNCOLA applied for \$25 million of State Legacy funding for regional de-contamination locations. Legacy committee turned it down. That request was replaced with a \$4 million request in the 2014 budget. Need a governmental entity such as County or Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to administer and monitor the program and funds.

WCCOLA - The Wright County Coalition of Lake Associations (WCCOLA) was formed in 2011. We count over 40 county lakes as members/contacts. The WCCOLA holds 3 general educational meetings each year. An executive board meets more often for planning.

Tasks at hand for SLA– To monitor for Zebra mussels. We have bricks placed at several locations around the lake. These bricks are available from Doc Williams. We have also requested to be part of Wright SWCD's proposed boat decontamination effort. It was noted that Christmas Lake has the landing gated and only allows boats in that have been inspected.

F. Government Liaison

Corinna township has been in the process of establishing its own Planning and Zoning Dept, separate from the County's. The Township currently has full authority over all properties outside of the Shoreland (any land more than 1000 ft from any body of water). For the Shoreland area, the Township and the County currently operate under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding, with the Township functioning as the County's proxy. The County and Township will hold a joint public hearing on Nov 6 at 7pm at the Corinna Town Hall regarding the Township's proposal to be the final authority in the Shoreland regarding variance applications, subdivision and conditional use permits. All permits, variance and other zoning applications are processed by Corinna Township. The Township holds all public hearings. Corinna currently subcontracts with Wright County for building and sewer inspection services.

VI. Old Business

- A. Thanksgiving card – to thank people for support of enhancing the quality of the water –**
Distribution of the cards will be by Nov 10. Donations go to Water Quality
- B. D&O Insurance applied for**
- C. Winter meeting topic – slideshow of old photos of lake**

VII. New Business

- A. Metro Summit – run by Fresh Water Society – cost \$10. Lake Association will pay for members to attend meetings.**
- B. Winter Meeting Feb. 1, Next Board Meeting March 15**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Erickson, Secretary