

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2014
Corinna Town Hall

Board Members Present:

D. Peterson, M.Mengelkoch, C.Quiggle, L.Erickson, D.Gustafson, P.Gustafson, J.Jonswold, K.Sutherland, C.Beckman, K.VandeSteege, B. Peltier, P.Ramme, G.Borrell, T. Richter, J.Tift
Members Absent: *J.Juntunen, J.DeGrood,*

I. Meeting Called to Order at 9:05 A.M. (Chair Sutherland)

II. Attendance/Roll Call (Secretary Erickson)

III. Acceptance of October minutes

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

IV. Open Mic - None

V. Treasurer's Report (K. Sutherland for J.Juntunen)

As of February 28, 2014

General Fund \$14,495.47

Lake Improvement Fund \$39,620.27

Milfoil & Invasive Species Fund \$123,211.73

Total All Funds \$177,327.47

- **Motion to accept-(P. Gustafson)/2nd-(T. Richter)/Motion passes**

VI. Conservation Minnesota and MN Lakes & Rivers Advocates-(Karen Sutherland)

- Proposed joining Conservation MN and MN Lakes & Rivers - the main purpose is to support education about Invasive Species
- Educational conferences regarding invasive species – see below
- Support MN COLA – agency that works on invasive species
- Communicates via their website – see below
- Bill Drafted for 10 million to staff the public landings

Motion to join both organizations and add \$100 from Invasive Species Fund to the \$300 already allocated to pay for the memberships (D. Gustafson, 2nd G. Borrell), motion carries

- Karen Sutherland recommended that the board members go to the **Minnesota Lakes & Rivers** website and sign up for email notifications of pending legislation.
[<https://www.thedatabank.com/dpg/529/personal2.asp?formid=signup>]
She will check with all by email in 10 days to determine if this is something we should recommend to the membership.
- A Newsflash will be sent in the next couple days– to communicate to the membership regarding the new memberships - State of MN Policy committees end this week and Finance committee the week after that – Now is the time to look at what the legislature is moving forward.

VII. Committee Reports

Distributed Board Member contact list for updates

A. Membership (C. Beckman)

- 303 Membership letters sent this week
- Goals/plan for the year - approx. 300 new and renewed members
- Cathy will work with the Area communicators to contact their neighbors
- Include in Newsflash – If you have new neighbors, contact Cathy Beckman

B. Fisheries (P. Gustafson)

- Continually monitoring Carp Trap
- Water is open by the trap
- Have the carp barrier permit for the next year
- Open for fish spearing this year
- Fishing contest – June 28 organized by Rick Olson

C. Water Quality Statistics (Dan Erdmann)

Sugar Lake frozen – no statistics

D. Water Quality (D.Gustafson)

1. DNR changes in permitting for AIS treatment

- In 2013, new DNR rules for treating invasives–Sugar Lake able to do needed treatment
- New 2014 DNR regulations out in Jan. Already submitted permit for treating curly leaf, no need for marking a new delineation at time of permit. Proposed 40 acres, OK to treat as long as treating no more than 15% of littoral area less than 15 feet – for Sugar Lake that is 45 acres, if over 15%,need to request a variance.
- Need to delineate the areas to treat – there will be a class on March 25 to teach people how to do this.
- Need to identify the Eurasian areas to be treated
- SLA uses Lake Restoration for Sugar Lake treatment

2. Zebra mussel monitoring

- Have bricks placed at docks all around the lake (started this 3 years ago)
- There is a bacteria in trial that can kill Zebra mussel veligers. Zebra mussels eat the microorganisms at the bottom of the food chain thus affecting all lake life. Zebra mussel shells are very sharp and will cut people's feet, impact the fish population and vegetation in the lake.
- DNR is monitoring the public accesses, but unable to provide complete coverage
- J&J Dock and Marine in Annandale is managing the people that will monitor the accesses and Anchor Dock will have a decontamination station

What to do to address Zebra Mussels

- Want to increase the hours that people would monitor the lake accesses
- Paul Gustafson suggested that we determine what/how many hours we should monitor
- Wright County SWCD hopes to run their own program to monitor accesses for invasive species, zebra mussels and other organisms
- We need to know the requirements to be a monitor – volunteers could apply

Motion to provide monitors for the lake accesses for at least 300 hours, hours to be revisited in April after final analysis. (T Richter, 2ndJ. Tift), motion carries

E. Vegetation (D.Gustafson)

F. Lakescapers (K.Sutherland)

DNR plans at south access – spot treat crown vetch, no major construction, will take down the Pippo house

Monarchs – Monarch Watch

Buckthorn Blast – will prevent other trees from growing if there is enough density

Emerald ash borer – not in Wright County yet – just want to increase awareness

G. Communications (D.Peterson)-none at this time

H. Government Liaison (C. Quiggle)

Joint public hearing of the Wright County and Corinna Township Boards last November – Corinna Township now has Shoreland Management Authority within the Township.

VIII. Old Business

A. **Winter Meeting** (Karen Sutherland)- was a success.

IX. New Business

A. Membership – Ideas:

- Membership Fee Reduction for new members, seniors
- Membership Kick-off Social after the June Board meeting-11am at the Corinna township hall, information on membership, committees available, Sugar Lake history slide show, Hot Dogs, Committee: Janet Tift, Paul Gustafson, Trudy Richter
- Creating a fund to match increased donations (P. Ramme)

B. Meetings of Interest:

- State of Water Conference, May 1-2 Cragun's Resort
- Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference, Oct 20-22 Duluth

C. ***Next Board Meeting April 19***

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

- **Motion (C. Quiggle, 2nd-(P,)/motion carries**

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Erickson
Secretary