

Sugar Lake Association Meeting
4/20/13
Corinna Township Hall

Board Members Present:

*M. Borgeson, S. Brown, M. Hiscock, T. Nimmo, A. Welter, J. Juntunen, M. Mengelkoch,
D. Peterson, C. Quiggle, T. Richter, L. Erickson, D. Gustafson, P. Gustafson*

Members Absent:

T. Pugh, P. Ramme, G. Borrell, J. DeGrood, J. Jonswold, R. Elsner

I. Meeting called to order at 8:06AM (Chair D, Peterson)

II. Attendance//roll call (Secretary Welter)

III. Acceptance of March minutes

motion to accept (T. Richter)/2nd (M. Borgeson)/motion carried

IV. Open Microphone-none

V. Treasurer's Report (Jon Juntunen)

\$191,585	Total assets
\$10,620	General Fund
\$144,833	Invasive Species
\$36,133	Lake Improvement Fund

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- **motion to accept report (T. Richter)/2nd (C. Quiggle)/motion carried**

VI. Committee Reports

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A. Membership (Peterson)

Recommended the report
include the number of contributors who bought an acre to avoid skew of numbers because

some large contributors make the number of people who donated look larger than it is.

- Don would like to do mailing to people who are not current member but who live in close proximity
- Trudy offered to do mailing from her office, just reimburse her the cost of postage
- List needs to be cleaned up first
- Charlotte will help Don with composing the letter
- Marianne asked about the “Friends of Sugar Lake initiative that was discussed at prior meeting
- Suggestion that we put an article in the newsletter asking members to ask their friends and family who use the lake to consider joining the association
- Charlotte suggested that “Friends” just receive info electronically at first-request money at a later date
- Jon will provide list of names to Tom Pugh of donors from the Thanksgiving fundraiser to add to database

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B. Fisheries (P. Gustafson)

- Northerns began spawning early April
- Water temperature:
 - 38 degrees for northern
 - 45-50 degrees for walleye
 - 65-70 degrees for carp
- In culvert that empties out of Sandy Lake saw huge number.
- Paul attended Dietrich retirement party
- Joe Stewart is acting replacement
- asked Brian Mies if spear hunting of carp is legal on Sugar Lake-responded “yes-after May 1st
- asked about spear hunting regulation change in the legislature currently
- not concerned because of size of walleye regulations-spearers don’t want to come to those lakes
- Fishing contest is Saturday, June 29th at Rick Olson’s 6611-123rd St. NW

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C. Water Quality Report (D. Gustafson)

- No current readings as lake is still ice-covered
- Dale takes culvert readings whenever there is open water-he will send those to Don
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D. Lakescapers

- Saturday, May 25th from 9-11 A.M. at Karen Sutherland's
- Distributed flyers for members to post in their neighborhoods to promote
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E. Lake Vegetation (D. Gustafson)

- Had planned on treating next week but obviously the current conditions don't allow it (ice cover)
- Applied for grant in March
- Reimbursement amount lowered from \$500/acre to currently \$100/acre and this is expected to continue to go down-we will need to prepare to have an increased portion to pay
- DNR rules have changed-if lakes have poor quality, treating invasives is not the best practice and they will likely not approve permit.
- New rules published on website
- If you want to treat more than 15% of shallow areas, you need to have completed a plant survey the year prior and have a DNR approved lake management plan, and have a qualified NON-applicator group delineate the treatment area first.
- Dale is confident we will be approved because of our history
- New rules regarding signature collection before treatment-in the past had to have written permission from every property owner. Now we just need to notify them of their rights and how to exercise their rights. Don needs help with the mailing for this.
- Paul suggested we include a paragraph to nonmembers letting them know that SLA is paying for the treatment.
- Charlotte asked if we should finalize the plant management draft we have started. Dale responded it will give it more legitimacy if we have Steve McComas do it
- Dale shared additional info about the Lakes and Rivers Advocates Group
- Organizations agreeing more than ever-all focused on invasive species
- DNR lacks funds
- LLAG is trying to get a network of people to mail their legislators expressing their concerns especially right before crucial votes.
- Trudy recommends the board be very cautious doesn't think the board should become involved in politics

F. Water Quality (D. Gustafson)

No new info

G. Education (D. Peterson shared handout from R. Elsner)

- Working to reinstitute the SLA scholarship
- The last time we implemented was 2005.

- At that time we asked members for separate donations to cover so we wouldn't have people who objected to spending SLA dollars on scholarships
- Sheldon shared this used to be part of a larger effort (Camp Sugar) to educate youth about taking care of our lakes. Feels times have changed and kids are now more knowledgeable and sophisticated. Question if money is maybe better spent elsewhere.

Motion to move the scholarship money to the education fund to educate all members instead (T. Richter)/2nd (P. Gustafson) /motion carried

H. Communications (T. Richter)

- Magnets-add plant exchange and change green lettering to black
- Send to members with raffle ticket mailing

Motion to spend not more than \$100 on magnets (M. Borgeson)/2nd (D. Gustafson)/motion carried

- Don distributed a list of the area communicators

I. Fundraising (D. Peterson)

- Greg Selle asked if Tom Nimmo would help him with the golf tournament: Response- Yes
- Gardens and Wine event-August 24th at Karen Sutherland's-working on details/cost/etc

Motion to keep all the raffle prizes the same as last year (T. Richter)2nd (M. Borgeson)/motion carried

- Endowment info-Don will send white paper to all to look at for May meeting

J. Government Liaison

- Clearwater Township (M. Borgeson)-cleanup day is May 18th from 8-12AM.
- Free appliances, \$10 electronics, Info on website
- Corinna Township (C. Quiggle)-no new news

VII. Old Business

A. Change in SLA legal mailing address (D. Peterson)

- Sheldon Brown has completed the necessary paperwork to change the legal mailing address of SLA with the state and has acquired a post office box in Annandale.
- New address:
- PO Box 373
- Annandale MN 55302
- Jon will send the info to the insurance company and bank

VIII. New Business

A. Newsletter (D. Peterson)

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B. Fireworks

- Fund balance currently at \$1100
- Need \$5000 minimum
- Do we need to buy an event clause in our insurance policy? Jon will check
- Joel needs a person as a contact-Paul G. volunteered

Motion to cancel the fireworks if we don't have the required money in place by ___ (*Paul G. will find out the due date from Joel*). In the event it is canceled, money in the fund will roll over to the next year.(T. Richter) 2nd(M.Borgeson)/motion carried

C. Directors for 2013/2014 election

- Nominations are needed soon-ask your neighbors!

D. Cedar Lake Conservation Club Workshop reminder

IX. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. Motion-(C. Quiggle)/2nd-(M. Mengelkoch)/
Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Welter,
Secretary

