

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors and Annual Membership Meeting
August 17, 2013
Corinna Town Hall

Board Members Present:

M.Borgeson, S.Brown, M.Hiscock, T.Pugh, A.Welter, R.Elsner, J.Juntunen, M.Mengelkoch, D.Peterson, C.Quiggle, P.Ramme, G.Borrell, J.DeGrood, L.Erickson, D.Gustafson, P.Gustafson, J.Jonswold

Members Absent:

T.Nimmo, T.Richter

I. Meeting called to order at 8:05 A.M. (Chair Peterson)

II. Attendance/Roll Call (Secretary Welter)

III. Acceptance of July minutes

- **Motion (M.Borgeson)/2nd-(P.Gustafson)/Motion carries**

IV. Appointment of Election Judges for the Purpose of Validating and Counting Board Member Ballots New

- Doc Williams
- Jan Quinn

V. Open Mic

- Shirley Svendsen addressed the board in regards to the fireworks show on Saturday, August 3, 2013. Her concern is that the loud bang (report) from the percussion (salute) type is detrimental to her business, which is boarding and training horses. It shakes her buildings and frightens her horses. She has contacted the Wright County sheriff's office who informed her that there was a valid permit issued and the guidelines have all been followed so there is nothing they can do at this point. She has talked to an attorney in an effort to prevent them in the future.
- L.Erickson proposed we eliminate the percussion type from the show.
- Item tabled until September/October so the new board can discuss and decide. Suggested we add fireworks to the October agenda and invite Shirley and Joel to the meeting to discuss. Don asked that we change it to the September meeting, as he will be out of town for the October meeting.

VI.Treasurer's Report (J.Juntunen)

Total Assets	\$170,214
Invasive Species	\$120,194
Lake Improvement	\$36,369
General Fund	\$13,651

- **Motion to accept-(M.Borgeson)/2nd-(C.Quiggle)/Motion passes**

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership (T.Pugh)

- 33 members paid since last month
- 32 more acres were purchased this year than last year
- Membership total 266 this year vs.292 last year

B. Fisheries (P.Gustafson)

- On July 26, 2013 the DNR signed off on the fish screen permit. Research revealed that the installation date was October 1999, and in addition there was evidence that a fence was there even earlier than that. Historical culvert and lake level data has been investigated and collected for reference. In the future, the SLA will need to obtain a permit annually. The DNR was aware of the barrier and had not required this of SLA in the past.
- A property owner contends that the fish screen is responsible for raising lake levels and destroying property that cost him thousands of dollars to repair. He has contacted the DNR, a state hydrologist, and now an attorney in the hopes of getting it removed. SLA asserts it has done its best to keep the screen free of debris and especially with current lake levels very low, doubt it is a contributing factor in the lake level. We maintain it is insufficient culvert size and poor design that has exacerbated the heavy rainfalls in the past.

C. Water Quality Statistics (read by D.Peterson-submitted by Dan Erdmann)

8-14-13

Water Temp 76 degrees F

Air Temp 78 degrees F

Clarity 10 feet

Inlet 11.5 inches

Outlet 17 inches

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

Noticeable algae bloom in the deeper water not visible from the end of the dock

- For more than 10 years, Ed Quinn has taken a lake sample and secchi reading four times a year as part of a program in conjunction with Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District, and with RMB Laboratories in Detroit Lakes. Ed (and his wife Jan) are retiring from this position. The board gave its many thanks for such dedication (never missed a sample) and are looking for a replacement. The samples are taken May-September.

D. Water Quality (D.Gustafson)

- Dale shared history on the Outdoor Heritage Fund from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment passed in MN in 2008, and explained how the money is seldom granted for treatment of invasives, even though it is required to spend 99% of its monies to restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife.
- MNCOLA's position is that invasives directly affect fisheries and has been working on a grant request proposal. They want funds (\$25.2 million) to provide grants to local and

tribal government units as well as the MN DNR to establish regional AIS inspection stations and acquire capital equipment for decontamination. 127 regional inspection stations are proposed, along with 50 units placed at existing public accesses.

- This is in an effort to avoid new AIS infestations such as zebra mussels and quagga mussels, which will impact fish habitat and waterfowl.

E. Vegetation (D.Gustafson)

- 12.4 acres of milfoil were treated. This time he was able to use the new equipment to mark and return to exact spots where it had been discovered.
- The cost for the treatment was \$7000. We will get some reimbursement from the DNR.
- Charlotte asked how the number of acres compares to last year. Response: Last year we treated about 6 acres.
- Affected areas were posted to restrict lakewater usage until lab results indicated safe levels. This usually takes more than 24 hours (which is good as the chemical needs to be in contact with the plant for 24 hours to be effective). We have never had any residual after a 7 day period.

F. Lakescapers (K.Sutherland)

- The DNR increased the size of the ramp at the south landing and covered about 30 of the native plants in the process. She contacted them to request to be notified in the future to give us time to move plants if we choose. Her frustration is mounting as every time they have done work they have done damage. The person in charge is also frustrated as the people involved are not direct employees but subcontractors.
- She discovered a Monarch larva on a milkweed and brought it home. It is currently a chrysalis. She will protect it until it transforms into a butterfly and then set it free.

G. Picnic (D.Beltrand)

- Picnic was a great success. Attendance topped 700.
- Received lots of positive comments about the hot dogs (from A-Meats in Maple Lake). Ran out of them just at the very very end.
- Had a request for non-caffeine pop next time.
- Thanked everyone who helped and volunteered to head it up again next year.
- Asked the board for any input.
- Suggestion that anyone who sees someone with a dog to ask them to please take them home. This is someone's private property, not a public park.
- Also remind everyone to wear a nametag. (Believe the picnic was "crashed" by some non-members)

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

I. Government Liaison (none)

VIII. Old Business

A. Fireworks

- Laurie E. would like to have discussion now.

- Gary B. feels it is outside of our charter and that we shouldn't sponsor it.
- Some argued it is not the SLA fireworks we just collect the money for it and pass it on. The public perception is that we are the sponsors, and since we apply for the permit for it, and pay for insurance, it is in effect "our" show.

B. Beckman 5K fun run (C.Beckman)

- Everything is a "go"

C. Diane's Lights (Doc Williams)

- Gave a brief history of the luminary event, including how the name changed to honor its originator.

D. Wine & Gardens (K.Sutherland)

- Don will send a newsflash to elicit more involvement and also contact those who already signed up to give them the detailed information on directions, etc.

IX. New Business

A. Comments/Questions from the Members present

- Greg Selle addressed the board to share the results of the golf tournament fundraiser. There were 66 participants, plus an additional 12 for dinner, from all over the world, and raised \$5200!

B. Verify auditor and tax accountant have been retained (J.Juntunen)

YES-taken care of

C. Results of Board Member Election

- 33 valid ballots cast
- Four new members are elected:
 - Karen Sutherland
 - Cathy Beckman
 - Janet Tift
 - Ken VandeSteege
 - Bob Peltier (will be appointed at the next meeting)
- Still need one more

D. Newsletter (D.Peterson) none

E. September meeting location

- Reminded members of the change in time and location for the next meeting:
- 9:00 A.M. at Ney Park Reserve in Maple Lake
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IX. Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 A.M.

- **Motion-C.Quiggle/2nd-P.Gustafson/motion carries**

Special Meeting of the Newly Elected Board of Directors
August 17, 2013
Corinna Town Hall

Members Present:

J.Juntunen, M.Mengelkoch, D.Peterson, C.Quiggle, P.Ramme, G.Borrell, J.DeGrood, L.Erickson, D.Gustafson, P.Gustafson, J.Jonswold, K.Sutherland, C.Beckman, J.Tift, K.VandeSteeg

Members Absent:

T.Richter

I. Meeting Called to Order at 9:40 A.M. (Chair Peterson)

II. Attendance/Roll Call (Secretary Welter)

III. Election of Executive Committee (D. Peterson)

- After considerable discussion and encouragement, a slate of officers emerged and was recommended for approval:
 - Chair-Karen Sutherland
 - Vice-Chair-Don Peterson
 - Treasurer-Jon Juntunen
 - Secretary-Laurie Erickson
- **Motion to accept: /2nd-(P.Gustafson)/Motion carries**
- With such difficulty getting volunteers for offices, there was discussion regarding how some organizations have positions, not executive board, just members. Tabled for further discussion at a later date.
- **Motion to nominate Bob Peltier as the 5th new board member (D. Peterson)**
- **2nd-(G.Borrell)/Motion carries**
- introduced Ken VandeSteeg

IV. Other Business

A. D&O Insurance

- This should be a short topic, and in Trudy's absence will put on the September agenda when she and insurance rep can be present.
- SLA did carry it in the past (the 70s) and we also had a bond.
- The cost is around \$700

B. Lake Quality Projects

- Paul suggested that in an effort for member to be knowledgeable about the project areas being discussed at the meetings, that the board should tour the areas of concern with Dale so that they understand what issues SLA is dealing with.

- Jeff added we should also include other areas of interest/importance such as the culverts, the fish screen, the treatment areas, etc.

C. Project Budgets

- Recommends we allocate funds for start-up not necessarily approving a whole project

D. Website

- Karen S. asked if some of the info would be helpful if placed on our website.

E. Fundraising

- P.Ramme is concerned about the diminishing funds available from the government and would like to see us amp up our efforts to raise money especially for invasives.

Board Welcome/Thank You Party at Don's tonight!

V. Special Meeting of the New Board Members Adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

- **Motion-(D.Peterson)/2nd-(P.Gustafson)/Motion carries**

*Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Welter
Secretary*