

Sugar Lake Association Meeting
9/17/11
Corinna Township Hall

Board Members Present: R. Elsner, KJ Gusaas, B. Hanson, D. Williams, M. Borgeson, S. Brown, T. Pugh, A. Welter, D. Peterson, M. Mengelkoch, C. Quiggle, C. Shreiner, J. Juntunen, P. Ramme, M. Hiscock

Members Absent: S. Dixon, M. Kutz, T. Nimmo

I. Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM. (President Ron Elsner)

II. Attendance//roll call (Secretary Welter)

III. Acceptance of September minutes

- amendment of name of judge of Diane's Lights to DeGrood family
- motion to accept (as amended)/Borgeson/2nd (Williams)/motion carried

IV. Treasurer's Report (Jon Juntunen)

- Provided a detailed register of all issued checks
- Interest earned =\$51.36
- Motion to accept report (Williams)/2nd (Borgeson)/motion carried

V. Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report (Elsner)

- Recognized outgoing officers and considers it an honor and privilege to serve.
- Expressed pride in SLA accomplishments but pointed out we can't rest on our laurels.
- shared new proposal for future meetings: Open mic
- read letter of resignation from membership chair Cathy Beckman
- verified that picnic thank yous all sent

B. Water Quality

Readings taken by Dan Erdmann on 9/15/11 at 12:30 PM at 9.5feet

Water temp 68 degrees
Air temp 52 degrees
Inlet 23.5 inches
Outlet 28.5 inches
Rating 2 (1=good to 5=poor)
Slight algae
Lake level has dropped one foot

- C. Quiggle requested that in the future the info include what the level is in reference to the ordinary high water mark.
- DNR installed the scale used to determine the high water level. Currently 15.5 inches equals ordinary high water mark. Some believe this is not accurate and should be re-

evaluated. Caution given that this could create problems for property owners who want permits as property becomes smaller as the ordinary high water level is raised.

- Elsner asked for info regarding location and procedure for setting the scale. Believes we will need to make sure we have an established accurate number before we recommend a permanent wake ordinance.
- D. Peterson shared a rough calculation of the rate of flow of water out the culvert. At 4600 gallons per minute it would take 4 days to drop the level of the 1060 acre lake 1 inch.
- In 2010 the culvert reading did not ever go below 21 inches.
- Ordinary high water mark was set out of a lawsuit in the 1950s. Don Peterson has the info and will share at a later date.
- Zebra Mussel Volunteer Report form
- Dale Gustafson recommends that everyone do a close inspection of anything we take out of the lake this fall to look for any infestation.
- Include this info in Newsflash and in SLA Newsletter
- Call/email Dale G. with any questions or if you find anything.

C. Lake Vegetation (D. Gustafson)

- Difficult to find Eurasian Water Milfoil this summer. Hired PLM out of Brainerd. They gathered 160 samples in 2 days and generated a spreadsheet of all lake vegetation. They found EWM all over the lake, but it was short and single or small groups. PLM recommends treating 6 spots. Request for fall treatment has been sent to the DNR. If not, next spring.
- C. Quiggle asked about use of Association pontoon for fall treatment. Dale said no, will probably hire it out. The longer you can have it on, the better it works, so he splits it into two treatments several hours apart.
- In Dale's opinion, we should pay to have an outside group to do a vegetation study every other year and hire Steve Nicomus to look at this data plus that from the DNR and from his study from 8 years ago to help create a lake management plan to help protect the native species and fight invasives.
- Stewart/Purcell rain garden project (Hollister Ave.)
- Citizens meeting with soil & Water to discuss project design
- SLA project was designed to improve lake water quality, not flood control, and even if it had, the significant rain we had over a short period of time would have been too much for it to handle.
- Farmers don't have to abide by the same soil erosion control rules that residential construction does.
- If interested in a tour of the Hollister project that drains a large field, contact Karen Sutherland.

- Thank yous sent to Irene Warner for allowing project to be on part of her property and Corinna township for its work on the project, and Mike Miller for his assistance.

D. Membership (R. Elsner)

Numbers unchanged since last meeting

E. Fisheries-no report

F. Education (R. Elsner (no report))

G. Government Liason (M Borgeson)

- Clearwater township-Nothing new today-meeting next week.
- Corinna (C. Quiggle) Jon Bishop has submitted a request for his undeveloped lot (450 feet of lakeshore) to be approved for division into 3 residential sites for him and his 2 sons. This is the last remaining remnant of the Big Woods on the lake.

H. Lakescapers (K. Sutherland not present)

Per an email, Karen requests that a subcommittee be formed with a chair of its own for this. Ron will add this to committee assignments.

I. Water Patrol-position still vacant

VI. Old Business

A. 5K/Fun run-written report submitted by Cathy Beckman and read by Ron Elsner.

- Requests a sponsor for t-shirts for next year, and a booth at the SLA picnic for registering info, and sale of water bottles
- Discussion of damage to township hall after race. Mary Brown with the county will determine the cost to make repairs. In the future, a copy of the hall rental agreement will be put in the file and asks that anyone using the hall for SLA functions abide by the terms.
- \$1079 expenses
- \$4257 income
- \$3187 net profit
- race photos posted on the MDRA site, and Facebook (2ndannualbrandonbeckman5k)

B. Diane's Lights (D. Williams)

- Approximately 53-54 participants
- Tie for first place (Urista's and Pugh's)
- Participation down as well as number of boats out viewing due to the cold and wind that day.

C. No Wake Ordinance Follow up

- D. Williams sent letter after last meeting to Commissioner Thelen and got on the agenda for the next meeting (August 27th).
- R. Elsner went on record that the SLA wishes to be involved if there is creation of any permanent ordinance.

D. Lake Level (R. Elsner)

- Instead of creating a subcommittee of board members to look at the issue, Elsner recommends holding a lake level forum to encourage more participation and include the views of more property owners and stakeholders.
- Carp trap needs to be a part of this discussion
- Need to get our facts from independent third party experts.
- Suggested making this topic our winter meeting focus
- C. Quiggle shared that the county will start working on developing a permanent high water ordinance this fall yet, as they would like it in place next summer, and there is a mandatory 120 day wait period for public input before it can be passed.

Motion for lake level forum to be focus of our winter meeting as stated by Ron Elsner (C. Quiggle)/2nd (M. Borgeson/motion carried

VII. New Business

A. Open mic proposal (Elsner)

- 5 minutes for non board members to express concerns and make comments
- dialog-not discussion
- association members or who would qualify as members may speak
- no formal consideration of item that session unless it is brought forward by a board member

**motion (C. Quiggle)/2nd (KJ Gusaas)/
discussion**

Amendment 1: 15 minute maximum duration

Amendment 2: speakers sign up prior to call to order

Motion on amendments (D. Williams)/2nd T. Pugh/motion carried

B. Committee assignments (R. Elsner)

Membership-

- need a new chair

Fisheries

- Add to duties : monitor carp trap and arrange DNR representation at picnic

Loon nesting planks

- Add committee (D. Williams, Gary /Williamson, and Dan Erdmann)

Lakescapers:

- Karen Sutherland requests a chair for the subcommittee

Education:

- Bring back scholarship fund?
- Add newsletter/newsflash under this category? (YES)

Fundraising/Finance committee added

- Chaired by treasurer
- Need additional members
- Look at rolling some \$ that is sitting in the general fund into other accounts

Ron will bring a revised proposal for committees next month.

Currently there are no by-laws for standing committees of the board. Asked if board wanted to amend the by-laws to include them.

Several expressed opinion that keeping it simple as long as it is working is best.

B. Committee Assignments:

Membership-

Fisheries-

- Sheldon Brown
- Will also talk to Matt Kutz re; who will be chair

Water Quality-

- Dale Gustafson
- Charlotte Quiggle
- Don Peterson

Lakescapers

- Karen Sutherland (but not chair)
- Charlotte Quiggle

Vegetation-

- Dale (chair)
- Don Peterson
- Tom Pugh

Picnic

- Deb Beltrand (chair)
- Betsy Hanson
- Marianne Borgeson
- Mike Mengelkoch

Webmaster

- Karen Sutherland

Education-

- Ron Elsner (chair)

Volunteer coordinator-

- Marilyn Hiscock
- Marilyn stated that she has not ever been needed in this role-each committee found their own volunteers.
- But some help is needed for other jobs, so this position will now be rolled into the membership committee as membership forms contain a place for people to list activities they are willing to help with.

Government Liason-

- Charlotte Quiggle
- Marianne Borgeson

Water Patrol/Snow Patrol-

- Will ask Doug Beckman
- Talk to Joel Mackereth at the county sheriff's office to solicit support

- Ideally could use 6-8 people

Fundraising-

Now part of Finance committee which includes all executive committee members

Parliamentarian

- Matt Kutz?

Diane's Lights-

- Doc Williams

Area Communicators-

- Doc Williams

Membership-

- Don Peterson
- Looking for help:
 - Computer data base-intensive
 - Filemakers Pro
 - Heavy data entry
 - Mailing of dues forms
 - Monthly count of members
 - Initial mailing is in February

C. Budget Development (Jon Juntunen)

- Proposal by vice chair Don Peterson that committee chairs take the list and call committee members to create a budget for next year and bring those numbers to the October meeting.

D. Board Meeting Schedule

- Get dates to Corinna Township ASAP

E. Newsletter (D. Peterson)

- Email membership up drastically

F. WCCOLA (D. Peterson)

- Bylaws have been approved
- October 5th Invasive Species forum-Ney Nature Center
- Made up of the Mississippi Watershed/Greater St. Cloud Area
- Redoing healthy lakes program
- Includes 8 lake associations
- Metro Summit to be held in late Oct/early Nov (TBD)

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M. (motion-D. Williams/2nd M. Borgeson) carried

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Welter

Secretary