

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 21, 2013
Nye Nature Center

Board Members Present:

*J.Juntunen, D.Peterson, C.Quiggle, L.Erickson, D.Gustafson, P.Gustafson, J.Jonswold,
K.Sutherland, C.Beckman, K.VandeSteeg, T.Richter, B. Peltier*

Members Absent:

M.Mengelkoch, P.Ramme, G.Borrell, J.DeGrood, J.Tift

I. Meeting Called to Order at 8:00 A.M. (Chair Sutherland)

II. Attendance/Roll Call (Secretary Erickson)

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III. Acceptance of August minutes

- **Motion (P. Gustafson)/2nd-(T. Richter)/Motion carries**

IV. Open Mic

1. **Water Quality Monitoring:**

- Ed Quinn spoke about the water quality using the Total Phosphorus, Chlorophyll, Secchi Depth- no significant trend Collecting water samples for many years. Looking for someone to take responsibility for the data collection- 5 times a year. Wright County Soil & Water has a training session in the spring, at the Annandale Middle School. – The following people volunteered: Ken VandeSteeg, Paul Gustafson, Andrea Welter. Ken will take the lead and coordinate with the other volunteers
- We recognized their commitment and service for the past 11 years
- This water collection data is valuable for monitoring lake water quality.

VI. Treasurer's Report (J.Juntunen)

Total Assets \$171,356

Invasive Species \$121,426

Lake Improvement \$36,625

General Fund \$14,901

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

Insurance Update

- Gen Liab – Currently protects property damage and injury (Annual Picnic, Fund Raiser, Lake Assoc events)
- Director and Officers Insurance: Fraud and Money Management. D&O insurance does not cover first party losses like theft by a director—a fidelity bond would be required for that. It is for third party lawsuits. It provides legal expense coverage for the board and protects the assets, the \$200K bank account, of the SLA.
- State Law indicates a volunteer from a non-profit can not be sued
- Currently no insurance on pontoon boat, motor, boat lift, - Need liability insurance
- Is \$1,000,000 enough Gen Liab? – Generally need insurance to protect the value of the assets
- Gen Liability handles property up to the lake
- Need expressed for boat liability insurance

Motion to secure Directors and Officers Liability insurance to protect Board members

- **Motion to accept-(T. Richter/2nd-(B. Peltier)/Motion passes**

Motion to secure Liability insurance for the boat and the motor

- **Motion to accept-(T. Richter/2nd-(B. Peltier)/Motion passes**

VII. Committee Reports

A. Membership (C. Beckman)

- 2 members paid since last month
- 32 more acres were purchased this year than last year
- Membership total 268 this year vs.292 last year

B. Fisheries (P.Gustafson)

- No report

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

9-20-13

Water Temp 70 degrees F

Air Temp 60 degrees F

Clarity 10.5 feet

Inlet 8.75 inches

Outlet 15 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

Jeff asked for more information at next board meeting

D. Water Quality (D.Gustafson)

- Soil and Water money goes to lakes in peril –Sugar Lake is not in peril.
- Some money available for clean water protection.
- 2 major projects – could need \$100,000. Hollister needs to be done, Brent Jude, in favor of moving ahead with the project. Ponding area in the field, would help for medium rainfall. Could be started this winter.
- Hollister and 110th - Grating on the roadside,
- 26 culverts going into Sugar Lake.

E. Vegetation (D.Gustafson)

- With new equipment, The new BioBase equipment and service is providing a more detailed and thorough picture of lake vegetation than we have ever had.
- Health of the lake really good
- Concern about bullrush with low water levels – That is actually when bulrush expands
- Algae takes advantage of high nutrient levels. Had more filamentous algae than green algae this year.

F. Lakescapers (K.Sutherland)

Restored damage to the landing – Donation to the rain garden, will be planted next week

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

H. Government Liaison (none)

Upper Mississippi field trip to see good projects going on around lakes – Hollister pervious pavers system, landing buffer strips, rain gardens.

Stearns county: pervious pavers system

VIII. Old Business

A. Fireworks

- Some letters to the board – a lot of debris goes into the lake, concern about injury to individuals and damage to property, concern about children and animals are frightened by the noise. Issue: How are the fireworks affecting our neighbors?
- Peter Ramme and Don Peterson – There has not been enough interest from the lake owners to support fireworks and they are not financially sustainable.
- Cathy Beckman – Remember to focus our association on our mission
- Move to discontinue fireworks from Trudy Richter
- Discussion: Dale Gustafson- wants to encourage people to refrain from fireworks on the lake, to protect the lake and be respectful of our neighbors and animals.
- Motion: SLA to discontinue any involvement with fireworks on Sugar Lake
- **Motion to accept-(T. Richter/2nd-(D. Gustafson)/Motion passes unanimously**

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

- 110 people participated in the walk/run, \$2,004 was raised for the lake improvement fund.
- Beckmans requested the 5K be renamed ***Sugar Lake 5K and that all reports and budget items be renamed to reflect that. Additional funding is included in the expense budget for new signage.***

C. Diane's Lights (Doc Williams)

- Cancelled due to rain. Use lights for next year.
- Outdoor Catholic Service: Officiant: Marty Shallbetter

D. Wine & Gardens (K.Sutherland)

- Attended by 30 people, Contributed \$740, Participants indicated interest and volunteers for next year.

E. Thanksgiving card – to thank people for support of enhancing the quality of the water
– Design developed by Trudy Richter and her staff at work, Trudy will arrange for production and distribution of the cards. Donations go to Water Quality

F. Motion to accept-(C. Quiggle/2nd-(D. Gustafson) Motion passes

IX. New Business

A. Comments/Questions from the Members present

B. Zebra Mussels – (D. Gustafson): Continue monitoring. Need to increase awareness. For example boats coming from Lakes like Lake Minnetonka should not be launched into Sugar Lake.

C. 2013-2014 Budget

- Reviewed proposed budget –refer to budget detail

	General	Lake Improvement	Invasive Species
Current balance	\$13,305.16	\$36,783.92	\$121,426.30
Income	\$17,625.00	\$6,900.00	\$58,600.00
Expenses	\$11,040.00	\$9,800.00	\$61,085.00
2014 net (Balance + Income - Expense)	\$19,890.16	\$33,883.92	\$118,941.30
Transfers between account	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Proposed 2014 net	\$19,890.16	\$33,883.92	\$118,941.30

- Not approving Potential lake improvement projects today

Motion to accept budget -(T. Richter/2nd-(D. Gustafson)/Motion passes

Board Meeting Schedule distributed

Assignment to Board: Think about who we want for speaker for Winter Meeting

Board Members Training – review of materials provided

D. Newsletter (D.Peterson) none

E. Next meeting

- October 19

Motion to Adjourn the meeting

- **Motion-(T.Richter/2nd-K. VandeSteeg)/motion carries**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Erickson

Secretary