

SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

8.24.19

Call to Order

Annual Membership meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held on August 24, 2019 at Corinna Town Hall. It began at 8:03 AM and was presided over by chair Dan Erdmann, with Andrea Welter as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance: Sheldon Brown, Ron Elsner, Dan Erdmann, Andrea Welter, Dave Arnason, Scott Radtke, Peter Ramme, Jim Schimelpfenig (left at 8:54), Jan Tift, Mike Emerson, Mark Ertl, Diane Hall, Dan Salfer, Mark Snyder.

Members not in attendance: Gary Borrell, Larry Jude, Michael Rosenberger.

Open Mic

None

Approval of Previous Minutes

motion to accept July minutes with changes by S. Radtke and seconded by J.Schimelpfenig. Motion carries.

Appointment of Judges to Count Ballots

Diane Hall and Dan Salfer volunteered to verify and count ballots

Annual Report to the Membership by the Chair (Dan Erdmann)

Shared highlights of the year:

- Inspections last fall, and again this summer, by Blue Water Science at both landings did not find any Starry Stonewort.
- The SLA joined the Wright County Regional Inspection Coalition (WCRIP) with the hope of increasing the quantity and quality of watercraft inspections coming into Sugar Lake. The expansion plans, asking to add 5 additional lakes, including Sugar, were denied by the DNR and not backed by the state legislature.
- Zebra mussels found on dock and lift hardware after it was removed from the water in the fall of 2018. No current treatment. Be aware of this if you trailer your boat to other lakes or sell lifts and docks, etc. Best to let boats dry out for a minimum of 5 days, or flush with water containing a 2% solution of hydrogen peroxide.
- High water in the spring increased the number of large floating cattail bogs. Due to the size and number of them, the association decided to use some resources to move them to the north landing and have them hauled away by a private contractor. A four man dive crew was also hired to get them over to the landing. This was a tedious and time consuming task, as multiple permits for the removal and permission to close the landing had to be obtained, and coordination of all the different participants.
- Treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed in the spring, but no milfoil treatments were approved, as nuisance quality threshold was not reached.
- A whole lake survey was completed by Blue Water Science this summer to determine the overall health of our vegetation population. This has been done five times previously, and all reports indicate that our treatments are not adversely affecting the variety and density of our native plants.
- The "Sugar Lake for Sale" emails were moved to Facebook under "Sugar Lake Rummage Sale"
- The annual picnic was held at the Rachel Property and was a huge success there. The association would like to thank the family.

Officers' Reports

A. Treasurer's report *(Ron Elsner)*

- At the picnic, \$900 in additional donations were collected in the donation box at the registration table.
- The plane ride auction brought in \$1300 (2 bidders at \$650 each)
- Raffle sales totaled \$5600 (down from budget \$8000)
- Despite having expenses that exceeded our annual revenue budget, the checkbook has a surplus of \$8000 mostly due to the generosity of members, especially a few very large donors.
- Ron created a handout of duties and procedures to help the incoming treasurer, as his term now expires.

Motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report by M. Emerson and seconded by S. Brown. Motion carries.

Committee Reports

A. Membership *(Keith Theisen)*

- Collected @ \$50,000 in dues
- 162 out of 300 members made an additional donation above their dues

B. Government Relations

i. Corinna Township (S. Brown)

no new info

C. Fisheries

i. carp barrier update (S. Brown)

- will cost @\$750 to take measurements and offer schematics for modifications. Looking at redesign vs. new design.
- Need to talk to welders before engineers. It is a 6 month permit process and a cost of about \$3000

D. Water Quality *(Dan Erdmann)*

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- water clarity 10.5 feet
- water temp 79 degrees F
- air temp 75 degrees F
- culvert inlet 17.5 inches
- culver outlet 23 inches
- overall score of 2 on a scale of 1(poor) to 5(excellent)

E. Water Quality/AIS *(R. Elsner for Dale Gustafson who was not present)*

- Budget extra money for carp barrier improvements for 2020.
- (reserves are designed to help with unforeseen problems that occur)
- let any board member know of areas where runoff is a concern-there are funds available to address (they would need to be approved)

F. Sugar Lake Picnic (J. Tift)

- Over 600 people attended
- Construction has started next door to the old Enghauser location. The previously wide open space that was used is no longer available on the new property lot as their driveway goes right through where the games were played. The Enghauser family would like the "family tradition" of using their property to continue, but the committee will have to discuss it with the new lot owners and make a decision early next summer.

G. Communications (Dan E. for Don Peterson who is not in attendance)

i. Newsletter (Don Peterson not present but sent email to Dan)

- send an email to Don with any info that should be included in the final newsletter of the season

ii. Website (Jan Tift)

- send suggestions to Jan
- suggestion that we post old photos of the area

Old Business

A. Strategic 5 Year Plan

- Ron will begin work on it now that his WCRIP and treasurer duties are completed

B. Diane's Lights

- New name is "Sugar Lake Lights Night"

C. Catholic Mass

- Dan will contact Father Shallbetter and Doc Williams to confirm the details and will send out a newsflash

New Business

A. Election Results

***note: on next year's ballot make sure to include that members can vote for up to 6-there was some confusion and some people only voted for one person.

Newly elected board members:

- Nick Halfield-36 votes
- Mark Kraemer-36 votes
- Keith Theisen-36 votes
- Rob Gusaas-14 votes
- Tom Nimmo-11 votes

Adjournment

motion to adjourn by S. Brown, seconded by M. Emerson. This was agreed upon by all at 9:18 AM.

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

Andrea M. Welter
