



Sugar Lake Association Meeting Minutes Via Zoom

July 21.2020

Call to order

A meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held via Zoom on July 21, 2020

Members in Attendance

Attendees included Scott Radke, Keith Theisen, Jan Tift,, Mark Snyder,, Dan Erdman, Steve Kowalczyk, Jim Schimelpfenig, Dave Arnason, Nick Hadfield,,Peter Ramme, Diane Hall, Tom Nimmo

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included Mark Kraemer, Doug Miller, Mark Ertl, Mike Emerson, Dan Salfer, Rob Gusaas

Non Members in Attendance: Dale Gustafson, Don Peterson

Approval of Minutes: None

Open Mic: none

Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report:

B. Membership: Keith Theisen Fundraising is doing well. Membership and donations exceeded \$50,000. Looks like a record. We are down in membership, 250 as compared with 300 last year at this time. We have 10 new members

C. Treasurers Report: Tom Nimmo. We have \$245,000. Still getting membership and Raffle tickets

D. Governmental Relations. July 25th is the Junk Day for Corrina Township. This information should be put in the newsletter.

E. Fisheries: Jim Schimelphenig: The bolts are rusted that need to be removed. There is no new information from last month

F. Water Quality Stats: Dan Erdmann.

On 7/13/20 lake readings were taken at 12:15 PM and are as follows:

Water Clarity was 16 Feet ! (best in many years)

Water Temp at 16 Feet was 75° (surface water temp was 82°)

Air temp was 80°

Culvert Inlet was 15 3/4"

Culvert outlet was 21 3/4"

Condition was a 1 , no green algae tint... Best in a long while,,go Zebra mussels !!

Most think the water level is low but DNR says the historical 100 year average high water mark is 15 1/2" in the culvert.

F. Vegetation/Water Quality: Dale Gustafson.

They have been out to look at Curly Leaf and we are making progress. Eurasian Milfoil has not increased so we will not treat at this time. It could be treated up until the fall. We do have Northern Native Milfoil. We may be getting more crosses between Eurasian and Native Northern Milfoil. They have identified some areas of Curly. They could not find a trace of Starry Stonewort. They did not think that Zebra Mussels were less than expected at this time. At this time we do not have anything we can do about Zebra Mussels but they are working on the research. They will continue to inspect through November. Peter Ramme asked if we should be testing more areas in addition to the boat landings. Jim S suggested that the sandy area where boats congregate should also be inspected. Dale will ask them to inspect this area as well.

G. Communications

- **Newsletter: Don Peterson. Plans for Next Newsletter Next Week: raffle Reminder, Boat Parade reminder, buoy placement, History, Boat Parade, Culvert history, Light up the Lakes, Nextdoor (Keith will update Next-door), Information on Native vs Eurasian Milfoil, Map for boat traffic**
- **Website: Jan Tift: Continue to send information to Jan Tift for ideas on updates to the Website. We need to look at getting some expertise for our website. We need to put out a newsflash to recruit someone to work on our Website. The Weebly platform has some limitations.**
- **Facebook Page: We now have a Facebook Group and as of today 235 members have joined. The Sugar Lake Spirit Facebook group is working much better than Sugar Lake Facebook Community page so the Community page has been taken down.**

H. Community Relations

- **The junk drop off for Corinna is on July 25**
- **Bob Gruys is developing 3 lots on the lake where the property is where boats congregate.**

Old business

Picnic Alternative: Judged Boat Parade on August 1st. Dan recommended that we ask Carl Enghauser, Marilyn Anderson, Barb Menth, the Collins family and the Quinns to be judges and have boats pass by

their places. Dan Erdman will contact these people to judge the parade. The boat parade will begin on August 1 at 1pm. Dan, Jan and Dan will iron out the details.

There will be prizes for every person participating!

Grand Prize Winners and Raffle Winners will be Announced at 4 PM on Facebook Live on our Sugar Lake Group Facebook Page!! To sign up members go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49AEAB2AAA8-2020>

There is no fee to enter! Entrants will receive a number via email and make a large sign of the number to place on the Starboard (Shore) side of their Boat and meet at the South Landing at 1pm in any order. Numbers must be visible. There will be judges around the lake so make sure that everyone goes counter clockwise from the landing and include the north bay.

New business

Vegetation: (Dale) Vegetation that is cut up from boats is becoming a problem especially from evening cruises. It is affecting the quality of the lake when props chop up the vegetation. Dale suggested that we develop a Sugar Lake Map to show where boats should be going and staying away from. Discussion on using a DNR topographical map along with drone photos to show boaters where they should be going to avoid the rocks and the weeds. It should be published on website and Facebook to educate boaters. We need to get it out ASAP. Dale, Jim and Scott will do a temporary map. Boaters should stay at a minimum of 10 feet of water. We can use the Drift Map (Nathan Tift) to print and pass out at the landings.

Buoys: They were placed by Steve K and Mark. It was very challenging to place these buoys. We need to hire this to be done. J and J has the equipment to put and pull the buoys. Scott will contact J and J Marine. We have to go to the County to approve our 12 buoys to protect vegetation. We need to replace some of our Buoys

New Board Members: We have 5 new candidates. We need to have paper ballots or proxy ballots from 10% of our membership. We can send out ballots via Little Green Light to vote by proxy or request a written ballot. Keith will send this out.

1. Kevin Welle
2. Kim Hanson
3. Trudy Richter
- 4 Todd Jackson
- 5 Lisa Salfer

Board Positions open for next year: Assistant Chair, Treasurer, Secretary

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Arnason and was seconded by Diane

Jan Tift

Secretary