



Sugar Lake Association Meeting Minutes Via Zoom

June 20.2020

Call to order

A meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held via Zoom on June 20, 2020

Members in Attendance

Attendees included Scott Radke, Keith Theisen, Jan Tift,, Mark Snyder,, Dan Erdman, Steve Kowalczyk, Dan Salfer, Jim Schimelpfenig, Dave Arnason, Peter Ramm, Nick Hadfield, Rob Gusass

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included Mark Kraemer, Doug Miller, Mark Ertl, Diane Hall, Mike Emerson, Tom Nimmo, Peter Ramme

Non Members in Attendance: Dale Gustafson, Don Peterson

Approval of Minutes: Approved by unanimous vote

Open Mic: none. LISA???

Committee Reports

- A. Chairman's Report: Scott said that we need to discuss the Buffer Strip problem, AIS treatment by home owners, social events in the Age of COVID-19
- B. Membership: Keith Theisen We are in good shape. 205 members have responded to email and paid their dues. No picnic or golf tournament so that will be a loss in revenue. Golf has brought in about \$5000. The Raffle has always brought in \$5000 to \$8000. Total revenue is over \$44,000 from membership this year. Our goal was \$42,000. We have 6 new members this year
- C. C. Treasurers Report: Tom Nimmo is not present
- D. D. Governmental Relations. Today is the junk day for Clearwater Township. July 25th is the Junk Day for Corrina Township. This information should be put in the newsletter.
- E. Fisheries: Jim Schimelphenig: With the low water cleaning has been easy and there is not as many weeds. It will probably be opened up around July 1. Sheldon is planning to take out the end panel and re-manufacture the panel. It is easiest to do when there is low water. It will allow it to be cleaned less often. This project is in our budget.
- F. Water Quality Stats: Dan Erdmann.

lake readings for July first 2020

Water Clarity 11 feet

Water temp 78°

Air Temp 83°

Culvert inlet 15-1/2"

Culvert outlet 21-1/2"

Water clarity 2, on a scale of 1 good, 5 poor green algae tint at depth.

Observation : The Zebra Mussels are clearing up the water in the shallows but not affecting the deeper water. measurements are taken in 25 ft of water

Respectfully submitted, Dan Erdmann

Buoys have not been placed. Anchor Dock is no longer doing it. It was recommended that we hire the Dive Guys to put in the Buoys as soon as possible. There are huge boulders on Rocky Point on the edge of Addison Bay near the Bull Rushes. Jim S will look at the buoys to try to get some of them in soon. There are 14 buoys. Dale will make a map to designate the places on the lake that people need to know about and the map needs to be put on the website.

F. Vegetation/Water Quality: Dale Gustafson.

- **We think we got a good kill on Curly Leaf with the treatment. We will map out areas where Curly and Eurasian Milfoil still exist. Milfoil will be treated in July and an email will be sent out regarding information about the treatment. It was recommended that it not be done around the 4th of July Holiday. They will still be doing monthly searches for Starry Stonewort, which will need to be treated immediately to be effect. There is nothing we can do about Zebra Mussels at this point. Take out any Zebra Mussels you find. This is the time that they spawn. The University of MN is working on a solution to the problem with Zebra Mussels.**

G. Communications

- **Newsletter: Don Peterson. Plans for Next Newsletter:**
 - **Fishing Contest**
 - **Map of Treatment areas**
 - **Vegetation and Zebra Mussels**
 - **Picnic Alternative Decisions**
 - **Newsflash on Fishing Contest**
 - **A Blast from the Past: Put in an old article about the history of the lake**
 - **Raffle**
 - **Loon hatch update: "Nature's Corner"**
- **Website: Jan Tift: Continue to send information to Jan Tift for ideas on updates to the Website**
- **Facebook Page: We now have a Facebook Group in addition to the Facebook Page. So far 118 member have joined. The Facebook Page will remain up until we feel we have notified everyone of the new Facebook Group. Lisa Salfer will help with notification.**

Old business

- **Fishing contest:** Mike Schimelpfenig is out of town for the event but came up with the concept for the Fishing Contest. We won't do anything with the Trophies this year. There will be 9 prizes handed out.

2020 Sugar Lake Virtual Fishing Event

Saturday June 27th

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic there are some changes to the Annual Sugar Lake Fishing Contest. The goal of this year's event is to encourage families, especially children to get out on Sugar Lake and enjoy some time fishing.

There will be no fee or registration for the event. No weigh in will take place. Instead participants can fish at their leisure and take a picture of themselves proudly holding their catch then post the picture on the Sugar Lake Spirit Facebook page. Rules for the event are as follows:

- Fish must be caught on Sugar Lake June 27th between 8:00AM and 12:00PM
- Fish must be posted to the Sugar Lake Spirit Facebook page between 8:00AM and 12:15PM on June 27th
- The event is open to Lake association members family and friends
- Size does not matter, any fish legally caught can be posted.
- Anglers may post 1 picture for each species of fish caught **Any species of any size counts, so if an angler caught a bass, sunfish, perch, bullhead and a northern they would have 5 separate posts.** The more species caught the more chances you have to win!
- The Facebook post must contain the name of the Angler and the name of the Association member that they are with if the angler is not a member. This is needed the prize can be mailed.

Prizes

- Eight \$25 gift certificates and one \$50 grand prize gift certificate for Little Jim's in Annandale will be awarded
 - Facebook posts will be numbered in the order they are received
 - Prizes will be randomly awarded based on the Facebook post (9 prizes given away so 9 numbers will be drawn. The 9th number will be the grand prize.
 - The winners will be posted on the Sugar Lake Spirit Facebook page after the event
 - Prizes will be mailed to the Lake Association Member's address that is on file
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- **Buffer Strip:** Dan contacted Wright Soil and Water and they will be reseeding the strip. There is some green coming up that may be seeds from natives. We will be getting a bill from Soil and Water for half of the treatment for about \$1600. Although this was an unplanned expense we do have a line item set up for maintenance issues like this

◆ **Golf Tournament :** Golf Tournament will be cancelled this year

◆ **Picnic:** Judged Boat Parade Alternative on August 1st. We will put an article in the Newsletter with details to Follow. Scott, Jan and Sally will meet to plan to iron out details. Dan recommended that we ask Carl Enghauser, Marilyn Anderson and Barb Menth and the Collins family to be judges and have boats pass by their places.

New business

New Board Members: We have 5 new candidates.

Raffle: Keith Theisen took the lead in making the Raffle a virtual event after checking into the legality.

Emailed notes following our meeting:

Scott, can you call me. Good news bad news. Talked with the state of Minnesota gambling board. We do not need a license to have a raffle License if prizes stay under \$1,500 and SLA is an non profit in good standing. Good news SLA picnic prizes are below \$1,500, but our non profit status expired in 2015. Who is working on getting this reinstated?

Keith

I talked with the state of Minnesota secretary of state's office. The last time we filed for renewal was 2014! And the renewal of Minnesota non-profit status can be done online at no cost real-time. I completed the renewal process so we back in good standing with the state of Minnesota and will not expire until the end of 2021. I will document the process and suggest this process should be done by the current president of the association each year.

This important to keep non-profit status renewed every year, since some of our obligations and ability of SLA to function come with this non-profit status. Looks like we now have a raffle without a license, but I am still researching all the obligations. More to come.

thanks, Keith

Ok looks like we can have a raffle this year, but I need some feedback on the details.

Trying to change a few things for this year and make sure we are following the regulations.

Changing ticket price to \$5 dollars and sending 5 tickets to each member and some prospects. We used to do \$2 per ticket and sent ever member 10 tickets. Does this change work?

Need to pick a date / time and place for the drawing. I think Aug 15 at Corinna township hall could work. This would be right after the August board meeting or we could do a virtual drawing.

Any thoughts?

Tom the raffle tickets will be mailed out by me and returned to the PO Box and processed by you with any member dues. You ok with this?

I can use an online raffle ticket printer and get fast turn around. See attached proof of the ticket in the PDF.

Please review and give feedback quickly so we can lockdown and get the mailing underway.

thanks Keith

Greetings Sugar Lake Association Members,

We are writing to update all of you on the social activities that we have enjoyed in the previous years promoted by the Sugar Lake Association. With the current social distancing restrictions, our annual fishing event, golf event and picnic will have to change this year.

The Board members have come up with some new creative ideas to still celebrate time at the lake with social distancing. We had a very successful virtual fishing event on June 27, with some great fish entered into the fun event. We will skip a golf tournament this year and look forward to one next year. Please make sure you have a current email on file at SLA so you can keep up with news on Sugar Lake.

On Saturday, August 1 SLA will be sponsoring a boat parade, instead of our usual picnic. More details are to follow as the plans take shape, but start planning now on how you will be decorating your boat or pontoon. We are all disappointed that

we cannot gather and enjoy one another's company, but this is what we need to do to keep those we know, care for, and love safe.

SLA will be having a raffle this year, with the drawing taking place on August 1 at 4 pm virtually via facebook live. Of course you do not have to be present to win the great prizes. The raffle is an important fund raiser for SLA and we appreciate your support. We are dedicating the raffle to our Sugar Lake loons this year. Enclosed are five raffle tickets with an envelope to mail back soon so you can be entered in the drawing. If you need more raffle to sell tickets send an email to sugarlakemember@gmail.com and we will get them to you.

SLA continues the mission to Protect, Preserve, Maintain and Improve the Sugar Lake environment. In 2020, SLA will be investigating and treating for invasive species, monitoring the north and south boat launches, building buffer strips, and continue to lead the efforts to protect Sugar Lake.

Sugar Lake Association is thankful for your donations and appreciates your support to help us to continue to preserve this great place for our community.

Good Health and safety to all of you,

The Sugar Lake Association Board

LOCAL Happenings:

- Nick Hadfield has a picture of 8 horses swimming out into the lake last Tuesday at the
- Spilled Grain Brewery: This year their beer is Sugar Lake. They have growlers and Sugar Lake Glasses!
- Thursday Night at Maple Lake's Irish Blessings Coffee House there is a different Food Truck each week. They have a lovely back yard with socially distanced tables to enjoy food and drink including Sangria, Local Craft Beer, Wine and Coffee!

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rob Gusaas and was seconded by Dan Erdmann

Jan Tift

Secretary