

Sugar Lake Association Membership
May 18, 2023-6:30pm
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order- Dan Erdmann

2. Roll Call-Lisa Salfer

- Present: Jan Tift, Doug Miller, Tom Velin, Lisa Salfer, Cindy Stevens, Nicole Hedlund, Nichole Winter, Paul Pardus, Ron Elsner, Kim Hansen, Dan Erdmann, Mark Ertl, Monica Raskob, Greta Fure.
- Absent: Jim Schimelpfenig, Jim Printup, Trudy Richter, Barb Johnson.

3. Acceptance of April meeting minutes

- Motion made to approve by Doug Miller, 2nd Greta Fure. Motion carried.

4. Open Mic

- Mike Zieska(elected official of Wright Co. Soil & Water Board), discussed the Gowan culvert being plugged/damaged & that Clearwater Township is planning to replace the culvert although they are unsure when this will be done. Mike mentioned the north landing is eroding & unsafe. Also discussed the high water, possible shoreline erosion & procedure if a no wake zone was implemented.

5. Report to Membership Dan Erdmann

- Dan Erdmann motioned to contact Clearwater Township & if needed, SLA could offer monetary assistance to have culvert cleared in a timely manner, amount to be determined. Greta Fure 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

- Balance 5/2023: \$265,494. Paid Wright County for summer monitoring of the accesses \$16,358.
- Will explore options on high yield savings account.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Membership- Mark Ertl- 195 active memberships. Recaptured 23 members. 12 new memberships.
- b. Fisheries- Jim Schimelpfenig,
 - i. Spoke with Mike Ludenia, supervisor for Clearwater township and this is the latest on the Gowen culvert. Their efforts to unblock the culvert were not completely successful but the culvert is currently running at 75%. He is consulting with the engineers and recommending to the township board to approve the replacement of the culvert.

ii. Fish barrier update:

I have made several visits to the culvert both in the day and night and have not seen any carp. If there were carp the current blockage in the Gowan culvert would prevent them from coming up from Limestone. For these reasons I have not closed the barrier and would recommend that it stays open for this season.

iii. On May 6th I volunteered to check the test nets with the DNR. This was an awesome experience that I will share with you next time I am at the meeting. We tagged 5 muskie that day 2 of them were over 50 inches! The nets were filled with a number of walleye, 5 were 27 inches and several smaller ones as well as an abundance of crappie.

c. Water Quality Statistics - Dan Erdmann

1. 5/15/2023 Water Clarity 16 ft, Water Temp 62°, Air temp 70° Culvert inlet 34"
2. Culvert Outlet over top of 36" culvert by 3". Very slight algae bloom.

d. Water Quality/AIS

1. Vegetation/Water Quality -Dan Erdmann

- Steve McComas -Blue Water Science is doing survey for curly leaf pondweed for spring treatment.

e. Communications:

Newsletter-Greta Fure

- i. There will be 3 board members featured in the 2.0 newsletter, Kin Hanson, Cindy, Stevens & Ron Elsner.

Calendar of Events 2023:

- 6/16 4:30-9pm & 6/17 10-12pm Sip & Shop ***band on 6/16 6-9pm
- 6/24 Fishing Tournament
- 7/1 Boat Parade
- 7/29 Golf Tournament
- 8/5 Picnic
- 9/2 Light Up The Lake

8. Old Business

a. CD3 cleaning station- Ron Elsner ,

- Trees have been removed for the CDC3 cleaning station location. Wright Co will be doing the install, timeframe not determined as of yet.

9. New Business

a. Directory Advertising-Ron Elsner

- \$300 for a directory ad(for 2 years), ad will be in each newsletter & advertiser can post once a month on the SL Spirit Facebook page. Send ads to Ron Elsner by end of June.

b. SLA Picnic-Nichole Winter

- Beer/wine ordered & the picnic planning is underway.

10. Adjournment: Greta Fure motioned to adjourn. Paul Pardus seconded. Motion Carried.

