

Sugar Lake Association
August 18th, 2022 – 6:30 PM
Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – Dan Erdmann

2. Roll Call – Todd Jackson, Secretary

- Present: Don Peterson, Todd Jackson, Jim Printup, Dan Erdmann, Tom Nimmo, Nichole Winter, Greta Fure, Rob Gusaas, Lisa Salfer, Kim Hanson, Trudy Richter, Mark Kraemer, Jim Printup, Jim Schimelphfenig, Mark Ertl
- Absent: Monica Raskob, Cindy Stevens
- Guest: Jim and Jan Tift, Doug Miller, Nicole Hedlund, Ron Elsner and Tina Deidrick.

3. Acceptance of July meeting minutes

- Motion made to approve July Minutes. Rob Gusaas 1st, Trudy Richter 2nd. Motion carried.

4. Open Mic

- Tina Deidrick introduced herself as property owner on Sugar Lake and let us know she was running for Wright County Commissioner. Tina grew up on the Lake and came back a few years ago to help care for her parents. Tina and her husband built a new home on her parent's property last year and she is a full-time resident. Prior to moving back to SL she lived in Norwood/Young America and served as mayor for 4 terms.
- Lisa Salfer commented that the wild rice is really expanding in its coverage on the south west side of the lake. She was wondering if anything can be done. Dan Erdmann, head of our vegetation committee, said he would check into it with the DNR and get back to the board and members.
- Todd Jackson gave notice that he was resigning from the board as he moving off the lake.

5. Appointment of Judges to count Ballots

- Trudy Richter, Rob Gusaas and Nichole Winter were appointed election judges. They took the electronic ballots and collected the written ballots at the meeting and left to take an official count.

6. Annual Report to membership - Chair Dan Erdmann

- Noted that we had 7 new director candidates for 2022-2023
- He noted that this coming Saturday was a workshop at Pleasant Lake on identifying Starry Stonewort. After the workshop people will be dispersed to lake to search for this invasive weed.
- He noted that membership is down about 50 people compared to last year.

7. Treasurer's Report – Tom Nimmo the following fund balances.

General Fund	\$ 65,374
Invasive Species Fund	\$155,932
Lake Improvement Fund	<u>\$ 51,225</u>
Total	<u>\$272,531</u>

Tom noted that we hadn't recorded to picnic and golf tournaments receipts or expenses yet.

8. Committee Reports

- Membership – Mark Ertl brought up that he thinks we need to change the membership year to the calendar year. People seem confused if they have paid for membership or not as the current fiscal year Sept 1 – August 31 is also the membership year. Most people don't pay their dues till June which is only a couple of months till the end of the fiscal year. There was much discussion about this and whether the by-laws would need to be amended to make this happen.
- Fisheries – Jim Schimelpfenig reported that he had pulled weeds out of the Carp Trap recently and that no water was running.
- Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann
 - Readings on August 17, 2022
 - Water Clarity 19ft
 - Water surface temperature was 76° degrees
 - Air Temperature was 79° degrees
 - Culver inlet 16"
 - Culver outlet 21-1/2" No visible flow thru the culvert
 - Water quality was a 2 of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)
- Water Quality/AIS
 - Vegetation/Water Quality – Dan Erdmann EWM treatment 8-15 7.12 acres at a cost of \$8,371.00
 - SLA is paying \$900 for two searches for Starry Stonewort. One search around each of the two landings.

- Sugar Lake Picnic Recap, Kim Hanson
 - Noted that Mark Kraemer went beyond the call of duty for all he did working on the picnic!!! Thank You Mark!!!
 - Approximately 380 people attended. This is down from last year due to delaying the picnic to Sunday due to rain on Saturday
 - Had some excess food and we were able to sell it to members or return it.
 - Sold over \$3,000 of SL clothing that day
 - A recommendation is for next year to only serve food from 12:00-2:00 rather than till 3:00 as few people show up after 2:00.
- Communications
 - Newsletter – Don Peterson and Greta Fure will work toward Greta taking over publication of the newsletter.
 - August letter will cover: Golf Tournament, Picnic, Chairs Corner, Light Up the Night on Lake on Labor Day weekend, New Board Members.

9. Old Business

A. CD3 cleaning station, Ron Elsner, tree removal?

- Ron reported that the DRN is moving very slowly with their review and approval. Realistically we probably won't purchase the CD3 cleaning station till 2023. Will look at removing two trees this fall to prepare the site for the machine.

B. Sugar Lights Night

- There is no chair for this event and no prizes. Don will cover rules for people in newsletter and encourage people to lite up their yards. Boats move counterclockwise around the lake.

10. New Business

- A. Election results: 40 members cast ballots for the slate of directors. 25 votes were required for a membership quorum (10% of membership). The following members were elected to the Sugar Lake Board of Directors:

- A. Paul Pardus
- B. Barb Johnson
- C. Ron Elsner
- D. Doug Miller
- E. Tom Velin
- F. Nicole Hedlund
- G. Jan Tift

B. Acknowledgment and thanks giving to the following people for the service on the Board Member

- A. Rob Gusaas
- B. Mark Kraemer
- C. Tom Nimmo
- D. Don Peterson
- E. Todd Jackson

11. Adjournment: Motion made by Rob Gusaas and seconded by Nichole Winter. Motion Carried