

Sugar Lake Association Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 16, 2022 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

1. Call to order – Dan Erdmann
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson
 - a. Attended: Don Peterson, Todd Jackson, Jim Printup, Dan Erdmann, Mark Ertl, Tom Nimmo, Monica Raskob, Nichole Winter, Greta Fure, Rob Gusaas, Lisa Salfer, Kim Hanson, Cindy Stevens
 - b. Absent: Trudy Richter, Mark Kraemer, Jim Schimelpfenig
3. Approval of minutes for May meeting
 - a. Motion made to approve May meeting minutes by Rob Gusaas and 2nd by Greta Fure. Motion carried.
4. Chairman's Report – Dan Erdmann
 - a. Bog update – Dan organized the movement of two large bogs since the last meeting and coordinating the disposal of them by J & K Landscaping
 - b. New buoys are ready to be put in the lake. Meeting with Noah Fashant next week who will place the buoys in the lake.
 - c. Dan noted that Kevin Welle had resigned from the board due to personal reasons.
5. Treasurer's Report – Tom Nimmo
 - General fund balance \$ 78,762
 - Invasive Species Fund \$ 158,975
 - Lake Improvement Fund \$ 50,693
 - Total Fund Balance \$ 288,430

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The above balances are after payment of \$26,057 for Curly Pondweed treatments but before \$19,200 for bog removal.
6. Open Mic

Nothing to report
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Aquatic invasive Species - Dan Erdmann
 - Survey done for Eurasian Milfoil. Treatment was recommended. It was noted that the actual cost of Eurasian Watermilfoil lake treatment is now \$900 per acre, much more than the \$300 we ask for from members.
 - We will be having a search done for Starry Stonewort in the lake

b. Water Quality, June 16th

- Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann
- Water Clarity 18U ft
- Water surface temperature was 72° degrees
- Air Temperature was 76° degrees
- Culver inlet 20 1/2"
- Culver outlet 26-1/2"
- Water quality was a 2 of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)

c. Fisheries – June 25th fishing contest at Olson's

- All things set per Lynn Olson. Dan is planning to fish in the tournament and will take pictures of the winners.

d. Carp Trap Monitoring - Dan Erdmann reporting on behalf of Jim Schimelpfenig

- Due to the high-water level on the lake the trap has been left open so there has been no need to clean and monitor the trap this spring.

e. Membership - Mark Ertl

- Reported that we have 150 paid memberships so far this year. 186 prior year members have not paid yet. This should improve as a result of the recent letter going out along with the picnic raffle tickets.
- Noted that there are 17 brand new members this year.

f. Lake Improvement - Jim Printup /Ron Elsner

- Ron has met with a couple of people from Wright Country Soil and Water to develop a list of potential projects. He will then work with the committee to prioritize and get by in. The committee will then bring plans to the board for approval. This will be a multiple year endeavor.

g. Picnic Committee: Updates: Kim Hanson, Mark Kramer, Jan Tift, Nicole Winters, Cindy Stevens

- The committee met and the picnic is coming together. All the leaders are taking on leadership. All board members are asked to bring a prize for the door prizes raffle. Will also ask anyone that would like to can donate a prize. Will be getting a banner to designate registration table. Need to send out news flash with link for people to volunteer at the picnic.

h. Communications Newsletter – Don Peterson / Greta Fure

- Greta plans to take over the news letter beginning in August. Don has done it for over two decades.
- Items to cover in newsletter include:
 - Picnic

- Fishing Contest
- Bogs
- Golf tournament
- Boat parade
- Need for new board members.

8. Old Business

a. Additional Vegetation Buoys Arrived 5/18 Meet with Noah Fashant

- Dan is meeting with Noah to talk about placement of the buoys. Should get them out soon.

b. CD3 Cleaning station update Mtg on the 23rd at south access 10:00 AM Ron Elsner

- Ron has been talking with Wright County Soil and Water and the MN DRN. MN DNR is what is driving the delay. Waiting on their approval.
- SLA will need to pay to have some trees removed at the location it is expected to sit.

9. New Business

a. Bog Committee Policy ... Todd Jackson

- We made the document change as to our policy as written on line regarding definition of member
- We have approved so far \$14,800.00, \$4250.00 and \$150.00 in bog expenses so far. This is substantially over budget but with high lake water this spring we had significant size bogs break free.
- Dan has done a great job in organizing a pontoon flotilla to push the large bogs over to the north landing for removal.

b. Apparel sales for 2023 - Monica Raskob

- First sale will be a Monica's Lake home on June 17th and 18th
- Will be sending out emails to let members know about it.

c. New board member nominations – Dan Erdmann

- No one had any nominations. It was decided to put requests for volunteers in the newsletter and Dan asked all current board members to talk to people on the lake.

10. Motion to Adjourn - Rob Gusaas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cindy Stevens. Motion carried.