

Sugar Lake Association Board Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

1. Call to order – Dan Erdmann
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson
 - a. Present: Don Peterson, Todd Jackson, Jim Printup, Trudy Richter, Dan Erdman, Mark Ertl, Tom Nimmo, Monica Raskob, Nichole Winter, Greta Fure, Rob Gusaas, Mark Kraemer, Lisa Salfer.
 - b. Absent: Kim Hanson, Jim Schimelpfenig, Kevin Welle, Cindy Stevens,
 - c. Also present was Ron Elsner, Charlie Werdin, Brian Winter, Kenny Mohs, Robin and Jim Fox, Veda Vargo and Kevin Blohm.
3. Jim Printup made a motion to approve the April minutes, with the following correction; Fishing contest to be led by Lynn Bonine, Rick Olson and Jim Schimelpfenig. Greta Fure 2nd the motion. Motion passed.
4. Chairman's Report – Dan Erdmann Bog update, Buoy update, anchors
 - a. Chairman Erdman reported that six new buoys have been acquired and he was in the process of making anchors for them. Still need to identify a contractor to place them.
 - b. Dan has been dealing with large bog on the lake. More on that under bogs.
5. Treasurer's Report – Tom Nimmo reported the following:
 - a. General fund balance is \$67,091
 - b. Invasive fund balance is \$175,710
 - c. Lake Improvement fund balance \$50,178
 - d. Total Fund balance \$292,979

Tom noted that we had started collecting dues for 2022 and hadn't incurred much in expenses yet however we have numerous bills that will need to be paid in the next month, invasive species treatments, bog removals and new buoys to name a few.
6. Open Mic: Guests were mostly concerned about bogs on the lake. Discussion postponed till end of meeting where bog committee report is scheduled.
7. Committee Reports: Dan Erdmann reported
 - a. Aquatic invasive Species That the lake survey found significant Curly-leaf Pond weed and that treatment would cost nearly twice last year's amount. Cost for Curly-leaf Pond weed is \$951/acre and 27.4 acres will be treated this spring for a cost of \$26,057.40
 - b. Water Quality, May16th
 - Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann
 - Water Clarity 16 ft
 - Water surface temperature was 57° degrees
 - Air Temperature was 60° degrees
 - Culver inlet 27"
 - Culver outlet 32-1/2"

- Water quality was a 1 of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)

c. Fisheries – No report

d. Carp Trap Monitoring - Jim Schimelpfenig relayed to Chairman Erdmann that the carp trap would be closed shortly. He will need volunteers to clean the trap daily as required for our trap permit.

e. Membership, Mark Ertl

- Reported that he had recently done an email blast to 400 people connected to Sugar Lake regarding 2022 membership.
- He will do another email blast shortly and then do a mailing to about 118 people.
- There are currently 90 renewed members for 2022.
- Mark noted that the SLA fiscal year ends on August 31 and starts September 1. Most people don't pay for their membership till June – August. This doesn't line up very well. We should think about changing the membership year.

f. Lake Improvement, Jim Printup

- Nothing new to report.
- Jim noted that the Lake Improvement committee really needs someone to chair it that has significantly more history with the lake and what types of projects have been done in the past. Ron Elsner's name was discussed.

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

- Monica Raskob reported she had talked to Don Rachel and he agreed to let the association use his property again for the picnic.
- Cindy and Nicole agree we will sell raffle tickets again as a decision needed to be made to order the raffle tickets.
- There was a member letter to the board about some people consuming excess amounts of beer/wine at the picnic. They suggest we limit the amounts served to anyone one individual via using tickets. We discussed this amongst the board members and no one was aware of anyone over consuming. Furthermore, we discussed this with the people serving the beer/wine and no one recalls anyone appearing intoxicated or coming up to the bar more than a few times. We also confirmed we have dram shop insurance to cover SLA. Board decided to not change our process from other years. However, we will instruct the servers to not serve anyone who appears to be intoxicated.

h. Communications Newsletter – Don Peterson / Discussed items to cover in newsletter

- Golf tournament save the date for the last weekend in July.
- Loon notice about nests and to stay away.
- Publish lake weed treatment areas.
- Ask for board member nominations.
- PWC update
- Fishing contest notice.

8. Old Business

a. Additional Vegetation Buoys Arrived 5/18. New placement contractor? Docks Unlimited? EZ lift?

- Buoys had arrived and Dan was making anchors for him. Discussed possible contractor needed to place buoys in lake.

b. CD3 Cleaning station

- CD3 Cleaning station update Mtg on the 23rd at south access 10:00 AM Ron Elsner will be attending and anyone else that wants to attend can.

9. New Business

a. Bog Committee Policy ... Updates

- Discussed policy and that many people were concerned about bogs on the lake as the high-water level had caused a few large bogs to be floating around the lake. Board members need to follow the policy and let the process play out. SLA was working on getting DNR permits to remove large bogs on the lake and arrange for a contractor to remove the bogs. It was decided that since the bogs keep moving around the lake that SLA will absorb total cost of removal of current large bogs floating on the lake.
- It was noted that the cost of bog removal is going to be a significant financial strain on SLA. The idea of starting a separate fund for special contribution was discussed as well as the idea of raising dues to pay for bog removal. No action was taken.
- It was noted that most people would not be current members of SLA for purposes of the bog policy since they don't join for the current year till just a few months left in fiscal year. This was not the intention of the policy.
- Trudy Richter made a motion to amend the bog policy such that a member for purposes of the policy includes anyone that was a member as of August 31st in the prior fiscal year. Seconded by Greta Fure. Motion carried.

b. Apparel sales for 2023 First sale June 17th / 18th – Monica Raskob reported:

- Plans to have an apparel sale at her house on Friday June 17th from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00.
- This year credit cards will be accepted using Square pay.

10. Motion to Adjourn: Motion made by Rob Gusaas and seconded by Greta Fure. Motion carried.