

Sugar Lake Association Board Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

1. Call to order – Dan Erdmann
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson
 - a. Don Peterson, Kim Hanson, Todd Jackson, Jim Printup, Trudy Richter, Dan Erdman, Mark Ertl, Jim Schimelphfenig, Tom Nimmo, Kevin Welle, Cindy Stevens, Monica Raskob, Nicole Winter, Greta Fure; Also present was Ron Elsner,
 - b. Absent: Rob Gusaas, Mark Kraemer, Lisa Salfer.
 - c. Board approved minutes from October meeting.
3. Chairman's Report – Dan Erdmann
 - a. Applied for MN and Wright County Grants. Didn't make the MN cut. We were successful with Wright County. Received two grants totaling \$2,500.
 - b. Ice still not off the lake.
 - c. North landing – some crushed asphalt added to pot holes not much else done yet by DNR.
4. Treasurer's Report – Tom Nimmo, - Financially \$292,929. General Fund 66,927; Invasive Species 175,825; Lake Improvement 50,177. Not much activity. Todd asked about CD's (nothing done yet). Trudy asked about Buoys and south landing monitoring contract. Buoys not ordered yet no bills received yet on monitoring.
5. Open Mic
 - a. Monica reported Docks unlimited no longer in business so can't use them to put in buoys. Alternatives discussed.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Aquatic invasive Species Dan Erdmann: Dan is taking this role over. Has permits lined up for treating Curley-Leaf Pondweed. Planning to do a survey this spring for areas that need to be treated. Will survey for Eurasian Milfoil later in the summer.
 - b. Water Quality, April 21st
 - i. Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann
 - Water Clarity NA
 - Water surface temperature was 40 degrees
 - Air Temperature was 42 degrees
 - Culver inlet 20-3/4"
 - Culver outlet 26-3/4"
 - Water quality was a NOT Available ... scale of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)
 - c. Fisheries – Jim Schimelphfenig reported:
 - i. that we Still waiting on final fish census report. Jim will pass on to Don when he gets it so census can be shared with members. Census is only done every 3 or 5 years.

- ii. Sugar Lake Crappie limit hasn't changed, still 5. Possession limit is now 10 which is line with rest of State.
- d. Carp Trap Monitoring, Jim Schimelphfenig reported:
 - i. Applied for permit again. Will need volunteers once trap is closed to monitor and clean trap from mid-May till early July. Permit requires it to be checked daily while closed. Need to request volunteers.
 - ii. No water flowing out of Sandy.
- e. Membership, Mark Ertl
 - i. 12 gifts for this year \$5,7 00. Will send out an email blast to request people pay dues this spring. Will send a paper form to members asking them to pay their dues if they don't have an email address. Discussed need to try and provide a better electronic means to make gifts to Invasive Species and Lake Improvement Fund.
- f. Lake Improvement – Jim Printup:
 - i. Full committee met with Dan Nandau, Wright Soil and Water Conservation District (WS&WCD) and Alisha O'Hare (WS&WCD) in February. Identified several areas that need some attention. Creating filters in some ravines by adding grass or vegetation. A concern is that water runoff may look clear but it can be carrying phosphorous. May need to do some water testing. It was brought up that people should not be tearing down trees close to the lake as the lake needs the shade. Alisha will be applying for some grants this August. Probably not actual doing anything till 2023.
- g. Communications Newsletter – Don Peterson
 - i. Adds sold last year were for two years so will continue with same advertisers. We may have some ability to sell a few adds this year for one year.
 - ii. May 7th there is training at Ney Park on water sampling, CD3 machine, etc.
 - iii. Plans to put board member list in newsletter.
 - iv. Asked if anyone new any members who have passed over the winter that we hadn't already written about.
 - v. Several legislative issues that could affect lakes. Wake boat survey; operators permit for boating.
 - vi. Chairs corner.
 - vii. Request history information.
 - viii. Greta interested in taking over newsletter.
- h. Upcoming Event Dates for Association Activities
 - i. June 25 – Fishing contest (Who is leading this?)
 - ii. Golf Tournament Greg Selle (need to confirm when and if he will chair again).
 - iii. July 9th - Boat parade. Greta to lead and it will be from 3:00 to 4:00
 - iv. August 6th Picnic. Co-chairs Kim Hanson, Cindy Stevens & Nicole Winter
 - v. September 3rd Light up the lake.

7. Old Business

- a. Additional Vegetation Buoys – Dan needs to order buoys.
- b. CD3 Cleaning station update – held up by DNR that needs to approve.

8. New Business

- a. Bog Committee Policy, see October newsletter, - Todd Jackson
 - i. Todd reported that he didn't receive any questions or comment regarding the tentatively approved policy last fall
 - ii. Trudy Richter made a motion to approve the policy as written, Seconded by Mark Ertl. Board approved.
 - iii. Dan to apply for DNR permit, Todd to become Bog liaison and will use committee to write the form a member needs to complete to avail themselves of SLA DNR permit.
- b. Apparel sales for 2022 – Monica Raskob
 - i. Monica reported she has been busy with her committee ordering new Sugar Lake apparel. She is planning to sell clothing on Father's Day weekend at her cabin. Planning a Sip and Shop event with lots of clothing options. Friday 17th 4:00 – 8:00 and Saturday 18th 9:00 – 12:00.
 - ii. Tom Nimmo will figure out a credit card tool to accepted credit card payments at events (maybe Square).

9. Motion to adjourn made by Todd Jackson and seconded by Kim Hanson. Motion approved.