

Sugar Lake Association Board Meeting
October 17th 2020 - 9 AM
Minutes

1. Call to order – Keith Theisen called meeting to order.
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson
 - A. Present: Mike Emerson, Rob Gusaas, Diane Hall, Nick Hadfield, Todd Jackson, Steve Kowalczyk, Mark Kraemer, Tom Nimmo, Dan Salfer, Lisa Salfer, Keith Theisen, Kevin Welle
 - B. Not present: Mark Ertl, Kim Hanson, Scott Radkte, Trudy Richter Mark Snyder
 - C. Guest: Dale Gustafson & Don Peterson
3. Motion to approve last month's minutes made by Mark Kraemer and 2nd by Nick Hadfield. Unanimous vote to approve.
4. Keith Theisen nominated Craig Johnson for our open board position and it was seconded by Tom Nimmo. Unanimous vote to approve.
5. Keith Theisen reported that today's main activity was approving our FY2021 budget and that next month's meeting on November 21st would be to review any proposed changes to SLA by-laws.
6. Tom Nimmo presented the budget for FY 2021. He noted that the budget for the last 5 years was a negative budget yet we always wound up positive by year end. The budget assumes we will be able to have in person events in the summer of 21 and it took into account upgrading the carp trap, new buoys, stopping monitoring of the north landing and the replanting of the filter strip on the Marion Sandfort watershed. Motion made to approve the budget by Dan Salfer and seconded by Kevin Welle. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Under new business/open mic Nick Hadfield asked about changing the meeting to a weeknight. Saturdays are a time to cherish at the lake and with technology today people can attend the meeting from their homes. Based on

discussion of the board it was decided that we will look for some weeknight possibilities to use the Corina township building.

8. Committee reports

A. Water Quality/AIS –

- i. Dale Gustafson reported that Blue Water Science has continued to survey the lake for Stary Stonewort and hadn't found any. He expected them to do at least one more survey yet this year.
- ii. Dale also reported that Zebra Mussel reports by SLA members have been rolling in and they appear to be more significant on the west side of the lake. However, we haven't received reports from all areas of the lake. Dale will let board members know what areas around the lake are void of reports from members and ask that board members help fill in the voids.
- iii. Dan Erdmann provided a written report on water quality as of October 8th:
 1. Water Clarity 15 Feet
 2. Water Temp at 15 Feet was 58°
 3. Air Temp 60°
 4. Culvert inlet 16-3/4"
 5. Culvert outlet 22"
 6. Water Condition is a 1, on a scale of 1 = Good, 5 = poor

B. Fisheries committee reported that the new Carp Trap installation had been completed.

C. Membership- Keith Theisen stated he was looking for volunteers to help work on a membership survey.

D. Communications

- i. Newsletter – Don Peterson reported that the next newsletter would be published this winter.
- ii. Website – no report
- iii. Social Media – no report

9. Old Business

A. North Landing – Keith Theisen reported that Trudy Richter had provided him all the notes regarding the efforts a few years ago to close the north landing and he doesn't believe it is likely to happen given all the efforts to do this in the past.

10. Adjournment- Mark Kraemer moved to adjourn and Diane Hall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.