

Sugar Lake Association Board & Membership Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021
Minutes

1. Call to order – Chairman Dan Erdmann
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson
 - Attended Meeting: Don Peterson, Mark Kraemer, Kim Hanson, Trudy Richter, Todd Jackson, Lisa Salfer, Jim Printup, Jim Schimelpfenig, Cindy Stevens, Dan Erdmann.
 - Not Attended Meeting: Rob Gusaas, Tom Nimmo, Kevin Welle, Martha Newell
 - Motion made to approve board minutes from August 23, 2021 by Jim Printup, seconded by Mark Kraemer. Motion passed
 - Motion made to approve minutes of membership meeting on August 23, 2021 by Cindy Stevens, seconded by Jim Printup. Motion passed.
3. Chairman's Report – Dan Erdmann
 - Loose buoy by Martha Newels. Will need volunteers to assist.
4. Treasurer's Report – Tom Nimmo
 - No report by Tom Nimmo, however Todd Jackson had printed financials and shared account balances as of the end of August.

○ General Fund	\$70,353.50
○ Lake Improvement Fund	\$51,469.06
○ Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund	<u>\$157,753.46</u>
○ Total All Funds	\$279,576.02
 - Trudy requested that we consider investing more money in CDs as most of our funds are in a checking account.
 - It was noted that new board members need to be added to email list to receive monthly financials from accounting firm.
5. Open Mic
 - Ron Elsner reported highlights from the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center Conference that he attended virtually:
 - Watercraft inspections continue to be very important to control the spread of invasive species and it is believed county-based planning is more effective than state-controlled planning.
 - Zebra Mussels genome identification has now been completed. Researchers are now working on editing the genome to stop zebra mussels from attaching itself to surfaces. They then could not survive. We could have a means to get rid of Zebra Mussels in 5 to 7 years.

- Hybrid cattails have become dominate in many lakes and have altered native plants which effects native environmental conditions. Research is being conducted to if removing a swath of these plants will let the shore lines revert to more native plants.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Aquatic invasive Species Scott Radke – no report.
- b. Water Quality –Chairman Dan Erdmann reported the following:
 - Water Quality Statistics
 - Water Clarity 17 ft
 - Water surface temperature was 70 degrees
 - Air Temperature was 65 degrees
 - Culver inlet 12.25"
 - Culver outlet 17.75"
 - Water quality was a 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)
- c. Fisheries –
 - On 9-23, 35 lbs. of walleye fingerlings were released at the north access this is about 10% of the normal amount released each year. More is expected later t
 - Jim Schimelpfenig reported that that the DNR has not reported the results from their fish census taken in August and we likely won't hear anything till sometime over the winter.
- d. Carp Trap Monitoring - Jim Schimelpfenig reported no water flow at the carp trap.
- e. Membership –
 - Mark Ertl reported that 350 corrected SLA directories had been printed and most of them had been delivered by him and his family to members around the lake.
- f. Lake Improvement
 - Jim Printup reported that 3 members (Jim Schimelpfenig, Ron Elsner and Mark Snyder) had volunteered to join the committee. He is looking to still add another member or two but would be having a committee meeting soon.
 - Board also discussed that Ron Elsner and Don Peterson have past history saved on their computers that would be useful for the committee.
- g. Communications Newsletter –
 - Don Peterson reported his plan for the fall newsletter.

7. Old Business

a. Bog Committee

- Todd Jackson reported committee is working on drafting a policy.

b. Additional Vegetation Buoys

- Dan Erdmann reported he will be working to acquire.

c. CD3 Cleaning station (possible without improving landing?)

- Ron Elsner reported that he had worked with Keith on this and WCFW and SLA are waiting on the DNR to approve. This will likely not occur till spring.

d. Need for additional board members?

- Motion was made to appoint Mark Ertl to a 3 year term of the board of directors of SLA by Don Peterson, Seconded by Todd Jackson. Motion passed.
- Don Peterson resigned as Vice Chair of the board but indicate he will remain on the board and newsletter editor.
- Motion was made to elect Mark Ertl as board Vice Chairman by Todd Jackson and seconded by Dan Erdmann. Motion passed.
- Several people have indicated they are interested in joining the board. Mark Ertl will reach out to them and confirm if they are interested and invite them to the next board meeting.

8. Motion to Adjourn - Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jim Printup and seconded by Cindy Stevens. Motion passed.