

SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION (UNOFFICIAL) MEETING MINUTES

10.21.17

Call to Order

A board meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held on October 21, 2017 at Corinna Town Hall. It began at 9:10 AM and was presided over by chair Ron Elsner, with Andrea Welter as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance: Paul Gustafson, Doug Miller, Gary Borrell, Ron Elsner, Andrea Welter, Dave Arnason, Scott Radtke, Jan Tift.

Members not in attendance: Don Peterson, Marsha Schrupp, Kathy Suddendorf, Keith Theisen, Sheldon Brown, Dan Erdmann, Larry Jude, Peter Ramme, Jim Schimelfenig, Sally Quinn Phenow.

It was determined that there were not enough voting members present to have a quorum to conduct regular business. The meeting continued as an informational meeting for discussion purposes only.

Approval of Previous Minutes

in the absence of a quorum, approval of the September minutes is not possible, and the item is moved to the November meeting.

Open Mic

None

Officers' Reports

A. Treasurer's report (D. Miller)

- Discussion of budget vs. actual expenditures in regards to the \$13K discrepancy in the invasives category. This has to do with the way the current bookkeeping and payments are received/recorded. Going forward, this will be automated with the new Quickbooks program and the problem should be resolved.
- Request made that the requisition form used include sections for the date submitted to the treasurer, and the date the check is needed by.
- Suggestion that all forms be placed on the SLA website.
- Discussion regarding budgeting money for website design to improve the SLA site. Before this is done, decided that it would be beneficial to look at other lake associations' pages and see what we like/want.
- An engagement letter with Carlson Advisors
- has been signed. It includes a \$400 fee for setup of Quickbooks, and \$90 per hour fee for data entry/reporting thereafter. The 2017-18 budget for this service is \$2500. (In previous meetings this had been discussed and approved to ensure better financial reporting consistency, and allow the treasurer to focus more time on financial matters and less time on bookkeeping. It also allows a person to serve as SLA treasurer without the need for an accounting degree/background.)

Committee Reports

A. Chair's Report (R. Elsner)

- Carlson Accounting will file the necessary paperwork to maintain or charitable organization status (P. Gustafson mentioned he believes there are 2 different things to file).
- Signatures for lake treatments is now done on an "opt out" vs. the former "opt in" system. SLA must post written announcements.
- Dates for the 2018 SLA Board meetings at Corinna Town Hall have been confirmed.

- Still in need of someone to take over the annual picnic. Asked us to consider, but also to think of people who may not be board members, but may be interested.
- Currently the location is unlikely to change, but we should start looking into other potential sites in case that changes.
- Update on the decontamination facility in Annandale: The time frame that the small amount of collected data covered happened to coincide with the season of equipment removal by vendors, so now they are considering the possibility of creating a variance for some providers who are removing multiple boats daily (i.e. Anchor Dock). The driver is responsible.
- Exit requirements were deemed unenforceable and the county attorney said “no”
- The facility is currently a gravel surface and hosted by a trailer. The goal is “float your boat” pits and a permanent structure. Will be open until October 31st. DNR hoping for 300+ inspections so they have enough data to make some decisions and the GLSLA must reapply to the DNR next year.

B. Water Quality Statistics (Dan Erdmann via email)

October 19th, 2017

Water Clarity	9 feet
Water temp	60 degrees F
Air temp	60 degrees F
Culvert Inlet	19.5 inches
Culvert Outlet	24.5 inches
Overall score	2 (on a scale of 1=good and 5=poor)
	Brown tea stain to water (from leaves?)

C. Water Quality/Lake Vegetation (Dale Gustafson)

- Reminder to check all equipment for zebra mussels after removing it from the lake and report if any found
- Asked that all participating members of the zebra mussel brick program report monthly to Bob Peltier regardless of findings-it is important for us to have a detailed database in the event of an infestation. We need to document the “all clear” areas too. Suggested that perhaps a Newsflash sent monthly with a reminder might be helpful.
- Lake Sylvia treated for Starry Stonewort 4 times this summer, and has currently managed to keep it in check. Eradication is unlikely.
- SLA has created a rapid response plan and has submitted it to the DNR, but it has not yet been approved.

D. Communications (R. Elsner)

Don sent a request for newsletter article submissions:

- Advertise for a picnic organizer
- Treasurer year-end report to let membership know how their money has been spent
- Zebra mussel check reminder

E. Budget Discussion (R. Elsner)

Item moved to November due to lack of a quorum.

F. New Business

- Discussion of improving safety of north landing. Jim Schimelfenig has been speaking to the county who is responsible for the road signage, and the DNR who is responsible for the signage at the landing.
- Brief discussion about if there is any interest in organizing a winter meeting. Tabled for now.

Adjournment

Motion made by P. Gustafson that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by D. Arnason. This was agreed upon at 10:35 AM

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

Andrea M. Welter
