

SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

6.16.18

Call to Order

A board meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held on June 16, 2018 at Corinna Town Hall. It began at 8:04 AM and was presided over by Gary Borrell, at the request of chair Ron Elsner, who could not attend, with Andrea Welter as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance: Paul Gustafson, Doug Miller, Don Peterson, Marsha Shrupp, Kathy Suddendorf, Keith Theisen, Gary Borrell, Sheldon Brown, Dan Erdmann, Larry Jude, Andrea Welter, Scott Radtke, Peter Ramme, Jim Schimelfenig, Jan Tift, Sally Quinn-Phenow.

Members not in attendance: Ron Elsner, Dave Arnason.

Open Mic

None

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion to approve May 2018 minutes by K. Suddendorf, seconded by S. Radtke. Motion carries

Treasurer's Report (D. Miller)

Discussion regarding whether to continue using the detail on the treasurer's report.

Motion by S. Brown to organize the balance sheet by funds, seconded by D. Erdmann. Motion carries.

Committee Reports

A. Membership (K. Theisen)

- Received \$37,000+ in additional donations this year, which is up from the previous 2 years.
- Added 17 first time members, and reclaimed 17 previous members.
- Sent 127 invitations to join on 6/15/18
- G. Borrell commended the committee on the big leap forward
- Looking for additional members to serve on the committee

B. Government Relations (S. Brown)

- No report

D. Fisheries (P. Gustafson)

- The carp barrier has been inspected/cleaned 30 times since the previous meeting
- Barrier will be opened around July 4th.
- Paul G. is off the committee after August, so the board needs to find a replacement

E. Water Quality Statistics (D. Erdmann) for 6.13.18

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| Water Clarity | 9 feet |
| Water Temperature | 72 degrees F |
| Culvert Inlet | 16.25 inches |
| Culvert Outlet | 21.5 inches |
| Overall condition | 2 (1=good to 5=poor) due to a slight green tint |
| 2 baby loons are present | |

F. Water Quality/AIS (Bob Peltier)

i. Zebra mussel watch/inspections

- From May 4-June 3 103 boats were inspected at the landings.
- This is down 10% from this time last year.
- No violations reported
- Boaters entering are asked if they have been on any other lakes

ii. Vegetation/Water Quality (D. Erdmann)

- Dan presented a proposal to treat the filter strip off of 115th Street to prevent invasive plants from taking over the natives that we need. This area has previously been maintained by volunteers, but it is getting to be too much work to expect that to continue. A land management plan and bid from Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL) was presented. MNL recommends mowing/cutting the area first (by a different contractor) and then 3 herbicide applications to treat the woody plants and 2 other prevalent species. The cost is \$1205.

Motion by P. Gustafson to use discretionary funds for the treatment of 115th Street filter strip, seconded by J. Tift.

- Discussion ensued regarding if this will be a recurring annual fee, or a one time payment. The area will be monitored. It may or many not require annual treatment. Question whether we need it 3 times, and because each treatment targets a different type of plant, the answer is yes.
- S. Radtke offered an amendment that we add the line item to the budget for next year

Motion carries

- G. Borrell requested that Dale Gustafson inquire to find out if we can re-enroll in the CLP program that is being reinstated.
- D. Peterson explained the importance of the additional soil & sediment study being done by Blue Water Science in addition to the annual plant delineation. It is important to have a scientific study and sufficient data in the event that we have any issues with invasive species. This is especially important this year as a primary initiative of the board is to develop a comprehensive lake treatment plan as part of a 5 year strategic plan. An additional benefit is that we can document to the DNR and members that what we are doing is not harming the healthy plants.
- We do not need to purchase this study each year, and this year we are currently under budget for the treatment of Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed.

Motion by P. Gustafson to approve funds in the amount of \$4700 to be used to pay for the surveys from Blue Water Science, seconded by D. Erdmann. Motion carries.

iii. Wright Regional Inspection Program (G. Borrell)

- June 8-public forum attended by @125 people
- 1138 people have utilized the facility
- will look at the program again after 1 year of implementation

G. Communications

i. Newsletter (D. Peterson)

- need info on Diane's Lights night

ii. Website (Jan Tift)

- feedback on changes has been positive

Old Business

A. North Landing (J. Schimelfenig)

Owner of the white house on the top of the hill across from the landing owns the land next to landing. They cleared it out, which has greatly improved visibility.

B. Fish Tournament

- June 30

C. Picnic

- Paul G. talked to Deb. In honor of her dear friend who passed away, she will organize the picnic one last time. Next year, Sally Quinn-Phenow and Jan Tift will form a committee and take over, versus just having one individual in charge.

D. Fundraising apparel.

- Sheree Mattes has added 3 new items, including women's sweatshirts
- No update on a contract with the online group.

E. Board Nominations

- Forward names of potential candidates to Ron. According to bylaws, names should have been brought forward this month.

F. Strategic Plan Development

- Ron will be sending info to board soon.

New Business

- none

Adjournment

Motion made by S. Quinn-Phenow that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by S. Radtke. This was agreed upon at 9:13 AM

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

Andrea M. Welter
