

SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

A board meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held on JUNE 17, 2017 at Corinna Town Hall. It began at 8:01 AM and was presided over by Sally Quinn Phenow, with Andrea Welter as secretary.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance: Todd Latterell, Sue Mann, Sally Quinn Phenow, Robert Strom, Paul Gustafson, Doug Miller, Don Peterson, Kathy Suddendorf, Keith Theisen, Sheldon Brown, Ron Elsner, Dan Erdmann, Larry Jude, Andrea Welter. Marsha Shrupp arrived at 8:18.

Members not in attendance: Robin Fox, Suzanne McDonald, Gary Borrell

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous May 20, 2017 meeting, was made by P. Gustafson and seconded by K. Suddendorf. Motion carries

Open Mic

None

Officers' Reports

A. Treasurer's report (T. Latterell)

Motion to accept:

Committee Reports

A. Membership (Keith Theisen)

Currently @190 pd memberships Typically @40 donate later, plus there is another rush at the picnic

With the new database, the plan is to load all inactive members into the membership roster that includes all property owners, so that in the future, everybody will get a membership mailing annually.

Dale G. inquired about asking members to encourage family and friends who use the lake to also become members. They would not have voting rights, as only one vote per property is allowed according to the SLA bylaws.

Keith shared a sample of a mug for consideration for members who make an additional donation.

Motion by K. Suddendorf to purchase and seconded by R. Strom.

Discussion followed regarding the proper budget category it should be included in. It was determined to place it in the miscellaneous category. **Motion carries**

B. Fisheries/Water Culvert Flow (Paul Gustafson)

Carp Barrier Update:

The cleaning process has been easier

C. Water Quality Report (Dan Erdmann)

6-14-17

water clarity 16 feet!!!

water temperature 72 degrees F

air temp 78 degrees F

culvert inlet 22 inches

culvert outlet 26.5 inches

overall condition 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (poor)

D. Water Quality/Lake Vegetation (Dale Gustafson)

Encouraged board to go online to look at water quality reports created by RMB Lab. (search Sugar Lake)

Dale shared colored delineated maps of the lake taken with the Lowrance camera

Over 300 points are depicted, representing where invasive plants are located.

80% of the lake has some type, and 100% has some curly leaf pondweed. There are 6 large patches of Eurasian Water Milfoil that have been marked with buoys.

The treatment plan for curly leaf might include a new chemical that is more systemic and cheaper. (enderthol)???

Dale warned we could be looking at another huge treatment area.

Sally Quinn Phenow asked Dale to write an article to ask members to be on the lookout for curly leaf and what to do with it.

Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment is scheduled for next month.

Dan Erdmann will load the Lowrance data file onto the website so we can all see the weed density. Dale will include an article for the newsletter that will include directions to go to the website for interested Association members.

E. Starry Stonewort (Ron Elsner)

Training for interested lake members will be the last week of June. Dale will send out the info in a newsflash.

There still is no state authorized treatment that will get rid of it.

On June 13th language for an inspection ordinance was nailed down

On June 27th Wright County will hold a hearing, and if passes, becomes effective immediately.

Currently there are contract issues being discussed, primarily what organization is going to sign for the building construction, etc. Until those issues are resolved, there is hesitation to contract with an engineering firm to design the facility.

Motion by K. Theisen to send a letter from the SLA to Wright County in support of the pilot program and seconded by S. Brown.

Motion carries.

(Ron will write and send the letter, and also send a copy to the Greater Lake Sylvia Association)

Ron, Dale and Don P. encouraged all to attend the June 27 meeting at the Courthouse at 9:30 AM.

F. Zebra Brick Monitoring (Bob Peltier)

DNR logged 650 boats at the landings so far, and 2 were sent back.

Zebra Mussel bricks results from the U of M will come back sometime in July

G. Newsletter (Don Peterson)

Need June 24th fishing contest info immediately after

Golf tournament will be spotlighted on the front page

Don will ask Doc Williams to write up info for Diane's Lights

Dale will write a vegetation report

5K info

request for nominations for new board members

note: the newsletter is now a link instead of a document

Directory:

Ron has lined up 18 advertisers, and Sheldon has 2 additional ones with the ads ready to be downloaded

H. Picnic

S. Quinn-Phenow will talk to Sue regarding prizes

Adjournment

Karen Suddendorf moved that the meeting be adjourned, and seconded by Paul Gustafson. This was agreed upon at 9:24 AM.
