

# SUGAR LAKE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

8.19.17

## Call to Order

A board meeting of the Sugar Lake Association was held on August 19, 2017 at Corinna Town Hall. It began at 8:10 AM and was presided over by Sally Quinn Phenow, with Andrea Welter as secretary.

## Attendees

*Voting members in attendance:* Robin Fox, Todd Latterell, Suzanne McDonald, Sally Quinn Phenow, Paul Gustafson, Doug Miller, Don Peterson, Marsha Schrupp, Keith Theisen, Gary Borrell, Sheldon Brown, Ron Elsner, Dan Erdmann, Larry Jude, Andrea Welter.

*Members not in attendance:* Sue Mann, Robert Strom, Kathy Suddendorf

## Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the previous July 15, 2017 meeting, was made by P. Gustafson and seconded by D. Erdmann. Motion carries.

## Appointment of Election Judges for the purpose of validating and counting new board member ballots

Scott Radke and Jim Schimelfenig agreed to be judges

## Open Mic

None

## Officers' Reports

### A. Treasurer's report (T. Latterell)

An additional \$1700 was collected by increasing the price of the raffle tickets from \$1 to \$2.

\$10,000 was paid to Anchor Dock

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by P. Gustafson and seconded by D. Miller. Motion carries

## Committee Reports

### A. Membership (Keith Theisen)

Currently 251 paid members.

\$47,727 in additional donations. This is a 30% increase from last year!

Board members were asked to help distribute the directories that were not picked up at the picnic.

### B. Fisheries/Water Culvert Flow (Paul Gustafson)

Carp Barrier Update:

The barrier has been cleaned 77 times this year to date.

The gate remains open.

### C. Zebra Mussels (Bob Peltier)

Shared statistics from Anchor Dock (see attachment) and recommended that we continue to budget \$25,000 to monitor the two boat landings.

Also encouraged members to diligently check over equipment when it is removed from the water and report any suspicious findings.

### D. Water Quality/Lake Vegetation (Dale Gustafson)

- Water coming into the lake from the big ditch is clear. Runoff will still run through vegetation even after harvest.
- Notify Dale if you see any plant that you think might be Starry Stonewort.
- Eurasian Water Milfoil is dying down after the treatment.
- There is a change of staff at the DNR.

- Everything has been checked off the list in the process for creating an enhanced cleaning facility by Wright County Soil & Water and is still awaiting DNR approval. They have asked for changes twice already.
- There is a place for the public to make comments online for 60 days, and Dale is encouraging the board and other members to support it and make positive comments. Also would like to see board and other members attend the open house/information meeting at the Annandale Pavilion on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8PM.
- The Greater Lake Sylvia Association has set aside \$50,000 to put towards construction costs.
- Lake Sylvia will be doing another survey to search for Starry Stonewort yet this Fall.
- Shared info about the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Institute workshop at the U of M St. Paul campus on September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Sally asked Dale if the Soil and Water speaker is still willing to come and address the board. He said she will be coming for the September meeting.

### **E. Communications (Don Peterson)**

Don asked for articles and pictures to highlight the golf tournament, 5K, Diane's Lights, Outdoor Catholic mass, Picnic, plane ride, and raffle winners for the upcoming newsletter.

Once the prospects list is created from the new database being used by membership, the hope is that board members will find out who their neighbors are that aren't members and personally invite them to join.

S. Quinn shared that she spoke to the insurance company regarding liability coverage in the event of identity theft from the use of credit cards to pay for membership, and learned that we are covered individually as board members, but that we should ask any 3<sup>rd</sup> party to issue us a certificate of insurance that names the Sugar Lake Association as covered.

### **F. Water Quality Statistics (Dan Erdmann via email)**

August 23, 2017

Water clarity	11 feet
Water temp	72 degrees F
Air temp	66 degrees F
Culvert inlet	16 inches
Culvert outlet	21 inches

Overall condition (1=good and 5=poor) 3 due to green algae tint

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. Sugar Lake Picnic**

@455 people were in attendance

### **Results of Board Member Election**

**A motion to approve the election results was made by Gary Borell and seconded by Sheldon Brown. Motion carries.**

Newly elected members: Dave Arnason Scott Radtke, Peter Ramme, Jim Schimelpfenig, Jan Tift. Sally Quinn Phenow will also remain on for one additional year, as allowed per the SLA bylaws for sitting chairpersons.

Sally Quinn Phenow invited all board members to the Quinn compound on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM for a thank you party for the exiting board.

S. Quinn Phenow directed the current and new board members to remain after the regular meeting for a Special Meeting of the Newly Elected Board of Directors.

## **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dan Erdmann that the meeting be adjourned and was seconded by Gary Borrell. This was agreed upon at 9:00 AM.

**SECRETARY APPROVAL:** Andrea M. Welter

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