

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 23, 2016 8 AM
Minutes

1. Call to Order – Suzanne Quinn-McDonald called the meeting together with a one minute ‘Lake Meditation’
2. Roll Call – Jan Tift
 - A. Present: Cathy Beckman, Suzanne McDonald, Bob Peltier, Jan Tift, Ken Vande Steeg, Todd Latterell, Sue Mann, Sally Phenow, Doug Miller, Marsh Schrupp, Keith Theisen, Cathy Suddendorf
 - B. Absent: Robin Fox, Robert Strom
 - C. Others Present: Dale Gustafson, Paul Gustafson, Steve Mann, Ron Elsner
3. Acceptance of October, 2015 meeting minutes
4. Open mike
5. Treasurer’s Report, Insurance renewal status – Todd Latterell, Treasurer
 - A.
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Membership, Raffle Tickets, set prices – Cathy Beckman and Keith Theisen
 - A.i. Updated membership package, updated form, descriptions of all the committees, letter of why you should join SLA
 - A.ii. Looking at moving the membership database to a cloud based system, Little Green Light, so we won’t be dependent on one person anymore. It will have the capability to take payments on line with merchant payments. Don is working on making the transition and we should be up and running totally by fall.
 - A.iii. Raffle tickets prices will be the same
 - B. Fisheries, regulation changes – Paul Gustafson
 - B.i. On February 8, 2016 the Sugar Lake Association received a new Fish Screen Permit, this one covering the period April 22, 2016 through March 31, 2017. The purpose of the Fish Screen or Carp Barrier is to control the entrance to Sugar Lake of carp coming from the slew or upstream from Limestone Lake. Since January 1st, the barrier has been visited and cleaned when necessary eight times. When carp barrier door is closed it needs to be cleaned every day. There are about 8 people on the list to clean the carp barrier.
 - B.ii. DNR is monitoring fish counts
 - B.iii. We have new fish regulations on Sugar Lake; Pike allowed to take one over 36” Crappie: allow 5 in possession

B.iv. There will be a public meeting with Joe Stewig in the fall to discuss the fishing regulations. There will be a newsflash to discuss the new regulations

C. Water Quality/Lake Vegetation - DNR treatment permit, what help is needed with invasive treatment's – Dale Gustafson

C.i. \$20,000 is dedicated to us for the Big Ditch project from the state. Total cost is \$70,000-\$80,000. We will probably have to pay around \$25,000. Nothing will happen on the project until fall. There will be other money from Soil and Water and other sources.

C.ii. DNR, Invasive Species: Dale is looking for more volunteers to monitor water temperature in the morning to determine the time to treat curly leaf pondweed. Dale expects that we will get a permit to treat more of the CLPW this year. The DNR person admitted that she should have given us a permit to treat more last year. We will probably be treating around the first week of May. Milfoil will be treated later in the season. Notices have been sent out to lake owners informing them of the treatment of invasive species.

D. Facebook Website - Jan Tift

D.i. Put ads on the website from our sponsors for the directory

D.ii. Add more people to administrate Facebook

D.iii. Add minutes to Website

D.iv. There is a good article from the Annandale Advocate <http://annandaleadvocate.com/index.asp> Newspaper on the Monarch Butterflies on Sugar Lake

E. Update Committee Assignments

7. Old Business

A. February winter meeting: Need to change the time of year for the meeting. There is strong support for changing the winter meeting to a Spring Meeting possibly in May for next year. We tabled the decision to make a decision until August.

8. New Business

A. DNR monitor at boat launch

A.i. Has been working with Jefferson and we were the first ones to start working with him so we have preference. We are looking for weekend monitoring. DNR is not offering as many hours this year but we will get some hours. We have approved \$10,000 to monitor at both landings from Memorial Day through the end of September.

B. Zebra brick monitoring – Bob Peltier

B.i. Zebra Mussel monitoring will begin using plates to monitor zebra mussels, which is part of a broader program. We will continue to use the bricks for monitoring on Sugar.

C. Sugar Lake intern – Chryssa King. Her family recently purchased property on the east side of the lake. She needs to fulfill a requirement for a college degree from St. Cloud State. Dale, Jan and Suzanne met with her to discuss possibilities for an internship this summer on the lake. Ideas: zebra brick monitoring, identify invasive species, training, work with kids (Camp Sugar), neighborhood watershed project. Cathy Becknman suggested that we set it up as a Sugar Lake Internship Scholarship project. Doug Miller is willing to supervise our intern. Cathy Suddendorf will be the secondary supervisor. We need to talk to our accountant to determine the best way to handle the money. We need to ask for a letter from Chryssa to the board to propose an internship. There was a motion to approve a \$1500 scholarship for 100 hours of work. Motion was approved. yTodd Latterell will talk to the accountant. Next year we can do a formal announcement for the internship program.

D. Picnic planning

D.i. We can have the picnic on Carl's Property this year. The date is August 6th. Deb Beltrand will coordinate

E. Events Calendar

E.i. Fishing Contest: Sue will check with Lynn Bonine.. June 25th is tentative date

E.ii. Golf Contest: Tentative in July. Ken will confirm with Greg Selle.

F. Membership Organization Dues: We belong to 4 organizations: We are members of Lakes and Rivers Advocates, Minnesota Waters, Minnesota COLA, Wright County COLA

G. Plant sale: Quinns will host the plant sale on May 28th from 9-11. Suzanne has contacted Hasty Woods tree Farm and Nursery and they will bring plants and give us 20% Minnesota Natives and Shoreline restoration are other possibilities for involvement

H. Walking Path- Long term dream. We have an opportunity with the new development to develop this idea.

- I. Keith Theisen brought up the idea of sponsoring a Clean up day around the lake on May 21th. He will write up something for the newsletter. He also suggested doing the Adopt a highway program. Corinna Clean up day is July 30. Clearwater Township drop off day is May 21.
- J. There will be road improvement on 125th and Hart Ave with poor man's blacktop
- K. Wright county Sheriff is wanting to inform people doing VRBOs on the lake and they will inspect the boats for safety inspection that are associated with the rentals. They are asking the association to inform our membership. We need to have the Sheriff's office write an article that we can approve to put in our newsletter.

9. Adjournment of Meeting