

Sugar Lake Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 15th, 2016, 9:00-11:25 am

Call to Order: Sally Quinn Phenow, Chairperson; Ron Elsner, Vice Chairperson

Roll Call: Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, filling in for Andrea Welter
Present: Robin Fox, Sue Mann, Sally Quinn Phenow, Suzanne Quinn-McDonald, Kathy Suddendorf, Keith Theisen, Paul Gustafson, Don Peterson, Ron Elsner, Sheldon Brown, Dan Erdman, Larry Jude
Absent: Todd Latterell, Robert Strom, Doug Miller, Marsha Schrupp, Gary Borrell, Andrea Welter
Others: Dale Gustafson

Open Microphone: none

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed the draft budget for 2017, with several line items updated. Many clarifying questions were asked, which Ron took notes on. It was decided that the executive board would discuss, and bring the proposed budget forward on November 19th for a vote.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Membership-** Sally requested that the committee choose their new chairperson. The committee discussed switching data base from 'Filemaker Pro' to 'Little Green Light', at a cost of \$450.00 per year. Kathy Suddendorf volunteered to take over data entry and wants the checks sent to her. The membership group will meet to divide up the rest of the duties. It was noted that next year is a directory year.
- B. **Fisheries-** Paul Gustafson reported that the carp trap will go from being cleaned 2x per week to 1 x per week after November 1st. The DNR will hold a meeting to go over Special Regulations pertaining to Northern Pike and Black Crappies, on Oct. 20th from 7:00-9:00pm at the Corinna Township Hall. A Newsflash went out.
- C. **Water Quality-** 1. Dan Erdman reported water quality readings as of Oct. 10, 2016: Culvert Inlet 23"; Culvert Outlet 28'; Water Clarity was at 9'; Water Temp. at 9' was 66 degrees, air temp was

68 degrees. Water condition was a 3 on a scale of 1 Good to 5 Poor; a fair green tint to the water. He saw only the two juvenile loons left on the lake. 2. Dale Gustafson reported that we have money assigned for the Hollister Project, and that Wright County Soil and Water wants to take the main leadership role. This project would slow down the runoff water after a rain event, so that it can be filtered before it enters the lake.

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D. Lake Vegetation- Dale Gustafson reported that Lake Coronas and Lake Sylvia have confirmed Starry Stonewort, an aquatic invasive species that is very difficult for boats and swimmers to move through. It was bad enough in Lake Sylvia for the DNR to treat. He noted that when the DNR treats significant infestations, they also leave the public accesses open, which doesn't make sense, as public landings are the sites of current infestations.

Lake Associations need to outline a treatment plan when applying for money to treat. The DNR does not come in and develop a plan for you. *The SLA needs to have an emergency plan in place for action on treating Starry Stonewort when needed.* Money is distributed on a first come, first serve basis. Dale would like the Association to buy updated books on Starry Stonewort at \$30.00 each, to help educate the board members and beyond. You can also go to U-tube and type in Starry Stonewort to see what they have. Treatment involves cutting it; letting it rise to the surface; pulling it in with a vacuum; and then applying a copper based chemical to the area, which kills everything. It costs \$30,000 per ½ acre to treat, so early detection and treatment is critical.

Paul Gustafson moved that the SLA chair write a letter of support to Lake Sylvia's Lake Association, acknowledging their efforts to eradicate Starry Stonewort in their lake. Keith Theisen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E. Communications- Don Peterson noted that this month's newsletter was pretty thin on content, and asked if there was anything new to contribute. He also noted that he is the only person signed up for the communications committee. If anyone on the board would like to help with this committee, especially updating the website, please let him know.

F. Fundraising/Special Events- 1. A “Go Fund Me” page on facebook was suggested if we need to fundraise for Starry Stonewort. There was a reminder that we had decided to move our “Winter Meeting” to April in the hopes that more people would attend. Ideas included a “lunch and learn” with Starry Stonewort as the topic. 2. Keith moved that we hold a food drive for a local food shelf. Kathy Suddendorf seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Bogs- There were several very large bogs on the move late this summer, causing distress and alarm. There was discussion about forming a “bog committee” in April to develop a system for dealing with future incidents, and letting the membership know what to do about them. ? What do you do if you see a giant one headed your way? Where do they go? How do you stake them down?

B. Dogs- Robin reported that there were concerns on the lake regarding barking dogs- she will check with Clearwater Township regarding dog ordinances.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Moved by Kathy
Seconded by Paul

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Quinn-McDonald
(subbing for secretary, Andrea Welter)