Sugar Lake Association Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 19, 2021

**1.    Call to order** – Meeting called to order by Chairperson Keith Theisen

**2.    Roll Call –** Conducted by Secretary Todd Jackson

Present: Steve Kowalczyk, Diane Hall, Mike Emerson, Mark Snyder, Mark Ertl, Scott Radkte, Don Peterson, Keith Theisen, Rob Gusaas, Tom Nimmo, Kim Hanson, Trudy Richter, Todd Jackson, Kevin Welle, Jim Printup.

Not present: Dan Salfer, Mark Kraemer, Lisa Salfer,

Guests in attendance: Jim Schimelpfenig, Keith Jessar, Steve and Diane Wiltermuth, Monica Raskob, Nicole Winter, Cori Duffey, Wren Larson, Cindy Stevens, Ron Elsner.

Motion to approve minutes of July Meeting made by Trudy Richter and seconded by Mike Emerson. Motion carried.

**3.    Chairman’s Report – Keith Theisen**

* This will be Keith’s last meeting as a board member as he has sold his home on the lake and will be leaving Sugar Lake.
* Keith indicated that Election Clerks for our annual meeting will be - Don Peterson and Mark Snyder. They will be tabulating ballots for the by-law changes and board elections.

**4.    Treasurer’s Report – Tom Nimmo**

* Tom reported the following cash balances:

General Fund $72,558

Invasive Species fund $164,867

Lake Improvement fund $32,850

Total $288,693

* Tom reported that the balances don’t reflect expenses for August/September: CD3 $16k, Lake Res $15k, Bluewater $2.4k. He also said that the balances don’t reflect apparel sales and the golf tournament fundraiser.

**5.    Old / New Business and Open Mic**

* South Landing CD3 Cleaning Station – Keith reported all going as planned. Still expect CD3 machine to be installed this fall and WCSW will maintain it. A guest wanted to know more about the machine being installed and was disappointed that SLA members not made aware of the plan. It was discussed that we should have an article in the next newsletter to cover machine. We also discussed that board minutes have covered discussions on the CD3 station but haven’t been posted on SLA website. Keith will follow up as to why this isn’t happening.
* Bogs - proposal to manage & remove large bogs. Todd Jackson reported that the Bog Committee has been formed and had their first meeting. DNR has been contacted by Dan Erdmann to discover if the association can get a permit rather than the property owners always having to get one. We are also reaching out to other lake associations to find out if any others have policies. Need to determine some minimum size of bog that SLA will help with.
* Lake Improvement Committee – Jim Printup reported that he is looking for SLA members to volunteer to serve on the committee. The plan is to reach out to the DNR and WCSW to determine areas SLA might want to develop plans to improve water quality. Also wants to talk to other associations to find best practices.
* Keith Theisen reported that members had expressed concerns to him about noise from the lake when boats play their music loudly and it can be heard across the lake. Upon discussion we will urge members to capture the boat registration number and report it to the wright county sheriff’s office as there is nothing SLA can do.
* Keith Theisen also reported members are concerned about low water levels and high number of weeds. This is a concern that most lakes around the state are dealing with due to the drought and perfect conditions for growing lake weeds in our lake due to early ice off and Zebra Mussels creating much clearer water. It was also noted that due to low lake levels people will have a difficult time getting boats off the lake as the landings are in rough shape. It was decided we will send out an email to members notifying them of the concerns and cover it in the next newsletter.
* Scott Radtke brought up that the sunken island off of bell point is really a bad weed problem this year and that boats are chewing up the weeds as they try to navigate through it. He urged SLA to acquire 6 buoys to better mark it for next year. Upon great discussion by the board Trudy Richter made a motion for SLA to acquire 6 buoys by next spring and mark it. Kim Hanson seconded it. Motion carried. (Two board members abstained from boating as they will not be on the board next year).
* Karen Gusaas reported that the apparel committee sold a record amount of clothing this year. Over $7,000 worth of clothing!!! She also noted that new volunteers have stepped forward to work on the committee next year

**6.    Review 2021/2022 Calendar of Events / Checklist of tasks**

Light Up the Lake – event is planned for Saturday evening September 4th. Backup will be Sunday September 5th. Will remind members in nest newsletter

2022 fishing event – Kevin Welle and Dan Erdmann will co-chair in 2022 and the Rick and Mary Olson’s will host a live event in 2022.

**7.    Committee Reports**

* Water Quality/AIS – Leader - Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann reported:
  1. August 16th, 2021
  2. Water Clarity 17 Feet
  3. Water temp at 17 feet 76 Degrees
  4. Air Temp 82 Degrees
  5. Culvert inlet  10"
  6. Culvert outlet    15-1/2"
  7. Physical Condition  2  on a scale of 1 goo to 5 poor,  very slight algae color
  8. No flow present in culvert.
* Fisheries  DNR survey – no update
* Membership Updates – Mark Ertl reported that there are 307 members of which 18 are new members.

New Member Directories have been reprinted and will be delivered to members in the next couple of weeks.

* Communications - Newsletter – Don Peterson noted that there were plenty of articles and topics for the next newsletter.

**8.     Member Voting Results –** Don Peterson and Mark Snyder reported the following voting results:

* By-laws – 81 votes in favor of changes to the by-laws. No votes against.
* New Directors – 53 votes in favor of the slate of new board members (Jim Schimelphfenig, Cindy Stevens, Martha Newel and Dan Erdmann) and affirmed the two 2021 members (Don Peterson and Jim Printup) appointed by the board. No votes against.

**9.     Adjourn Meeting** – Jim made a motion to adjourn, 2nded by Mike. Motion carried.