Sugar Lake Association Board & Membership Meeting

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:30 PM

1. Call to order – Keith Theisen
2. Roll Call – Secretary Todd Jackson

In Attendance: Steve Kowalczyk, Mike Emerson, Mark Ertl, Mark Kraemer Keith Theisen, Rob Gusaas, Tom Nimmo, Kim Hanson, Trudy Richter, Todd Jackson, Printup, Mark Snyder, Kevin Welle and Don Peterson

Not in attendance: Dan Salfer, Lisa Salfer, Scott Radkte, Diane Hall, Kim Hanson and Trudy Richter

Motion to approve minutes of June Meeting – Rob Gusaas (1), Mike Emerson (2), passed.

1. Chairman’s Report – Keith Theisen
   1. Nominations for directors - Seven Openings
      1. Jim Schimelpfenig
      2. Cindy Stevens
      3. Martha Newell
      4. Dan Erdmann
      5. Gary Borell – Backup
      6. Jan Tift – Backup
   2. Appointments – after bylaws
      1. Mark Ertl - Membership committee leader
      2. Others
   3. Bylaws- Chairman Theisen reported that the July newsletter would have a list of the proposed changes and a link to the updated bylaws.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Tom Nimmo

General fund $71,581

Invasive species fund $167,021

Lake Improvement fund $51,267

Total $289,869

Cash up over $11,000 since last month. Raffle ticket sales approximately $2,300 and expect to reach last years total of $4,100.

1. Picnic Update Sally / Jan
   1. Volunteers – Need people to sign up to help with parking, setting up food area and help with games. Also asking everyone to take a bag of garbage home when they leave as we can’t get a garbage pick up till the following week.
   2. Raffle Prizes – each board members should bring a raffle prize to picnic and drop it off at the registration desk.
   3. Sunday will be the alternative picnic date if we have rain out on Saturday.
2. Old / New Business and Open Mic
   1. North Landing Safety Concerns – Chairman Theisen reported that the DNR was out and filled in holes again. He doesn’t expect anything more to be done till next spring.
   2. South Landing CD3 Cleaning Station – Chairman Theisen reported that he had met with the president of CD3, the DNR and WCSW. Ready to move forward with installation of the CD3 station. WCSW has decided they want to purchase the station out right this year so we need to pay our half this fall and not spread it out over two years. We will also need to pay for site preparation. WCSW will have ownership of the CD3 station and perform all maintenance, insure it, etc. A motion was made by Steve Kowalczyk to use up to $16,000 to purchase the station and $2,000 for site preparation. Seconded by Rob Gusaas, motion carried.
   3. Bogs- proposal to manage and remove Bogs- Chairman Theisen brought up that we promised SLA members at the last meeting we would consider a bog management policy in which the association would take responsibility of removing bogs from members property should a bog float on to their lakeshore. It was decided a committee would be formed to study the issue and report back by October on a recommended policy and funding mechanism. Committee volunteers included Todd Jackson (chair), Trudy Richter, Dan Erdmann and Tom Nimmo.
   4. Sanfort Buffer Strip – inspection wright county. Chairman Theisen reported that he, Dan Erdmann and WCSW inspected the buffer strip and WCSW made recommendation on how to treat weeds and how often to mow property.
   5. Long-term contract? Chairman Theisen led a discussion about needing to get an actual lease agreement in place on the Sanfort buffer strip, which then morphed into a discussion about what other lake improvement areas we should be addressing. It was decided that a Lake Improvement Committee would be formed and Jim Printup agreed to lead it.
3. Review 2021 Calendar of Events / Checklist of tasks
   1. 2022 fishing event – Chairman Theisen reported that feedback from participants was they would like to see the event go back to being live where people got together at the end of the fishing event for a weigh in and have lunch. Dan Erdmann and Jim Schimelpfenig agreed to chair event for next year.
   2. Boat parade – Jan Tift reported that we had 10 participants in the parade and event went well. Some SLA members have expressed wish to see event be held on July 4th. Discussion was too many families have a lot going on that holiday and likely less participation.
   3. Golf Event – Event will be held July 31st. Rob Gusaas reported that based on his conversation with Greg Selle record attendance is expected. Looking for more prizes and hole sponsors.
4. Committee Reports
   1. Water Quality/AIS
      1. Water Quality Statistics – Dan Erdmann
      * Water Clarity 17 ft
      * Water surface temperature was 76 degrees
      * Air Temperature was 77 degrees
      * Culver inlet 14.25”
      * Culver outlet 20.25”
      * Water quality was a 2 on a scale of 1 (good) to 5 (bad)
   2. Fisheries – No report
   3. Carp Trap Monitoring -No report
   4. Membership – Chairman Theisen reported:
      1. SLA has 300 members and that 16 were brand new members. 50% of the members donated extra dollars to the Invasive Species Fund
      2. The Scott Radtke Family is planning to print 250 copies of the updated member directory to hand out at the SLA picnic.
   5. Communications
      1. Newsletter – Don Peterson reported newsletter will cover:
         * Boat Parade
         * By-Law Changes
         * Golf Event
         * Picnic
         * Chair’s corner
         * Apparel sales
         * Bog Committee being formed
5. Motion to Adjourn – Motion made to adjourn by Rob Gusaas and seconded by Mike Emmerson. Motion approved.