

STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SLPOA)

2015 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 13, 2015

10AM - 12PM, DENT COMMUNITY CENTER

CALL TO ORDER - Carolyn Herron called the meeting to order at 10AM,

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Lee Mindemann presented a written copy of the MINUTES OF 2014 SLPOA ANNUAL MEETING. Duane Salberg moved they be accepted as submitted, 2nd by Dave Kaser - motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Jim Ebert made a verbal presentation of the SLPOA Financial Report. The report indicated the following:

2014 Beginning Balance of	\$10,426.79
Revenue	\$ 4,965.25
Expenditures	\$ 5,589.06
2014 Ending Balance of	\$9,802.06

2014-15 Paid Memberships totaled 192. As of 6/13/2015 there were 113 paid memberships.

Don Herron moved the Financial Report be approved as submitted, Ken Paulson 2nd - motion carried.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - Dale Salberg made a verbal auditor's report which indicated the SLPOA Finance Report is complete & accurate, and commended Treasurer Jim Ebert for a fine job.

DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS - Lee Mindemann reviewed the Board of Director positions up for election, and presented the following slate of candidates:

Dick Fultz - to fulfill a two year vacancy with a term expiring in 2017,

Ken Paulson - to serve a three year term which expires in 2018,

Tyler Riley - to serve a three year term which expires in 2018,

Lee explained there was still an unfilled two year term, and an unfilled three year term and asked for any interested member to contact a member of the Board if they would like to serve.

Stu Peterson moved that the candidates presented be elected by acclamation, Mrs. Maagio 2nd, motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS -

1. Carolyn Herron briefed the membership on the current status of Otter Tail County Ditch 23. The re-determination of benefits is underway and will be addressed at the 7/28/15 OTC Commissioners meeting. It was pointed out that no specific plans for Ditch 23 have been presented at this time. The process being played out at this time, determines who will pay for any future maintenance costs associated with this ditch. (Ditch 23 is an agricultural ditch draining water from Star Lake to Dead Lake via a culvert and wetland located on the southeast corner of Star Lake.)

2. Jim Ebert briefed the membership on the current status of Otter Tail County Ditch 25. This project has been approved by the court but is in a HOLD status because of the discovery of an AIS (i.e. zebra mussels) in an upstream lake. The Little McDonald, Krebs, Paul (LMKP) Lake Improvement District is now pursuing a plan that would pump water through an earthen filter, and eventually upstream to the Otter Tail River. This is an expensive project for LMKP and funding for it is currently tied up in negotiations within the MN Legislature. (Ditch 25 is an agricultural ditch which flows into Star Lake on the north side via a culvert under Hwy 108. The LMKP is seeking approval to connect to Ditch 25 upstream via the addition of culverts and channels. This “connection work” has not begun.)

3. Carolyn Herron briefed the membership on the status of Star Lake’s Water Quality.

4. Lee Mindemann briefed the membership on some possible By-Law changes that the membership should consider, and provide input back to the board for future consideration.
 - a. By-Law Considerations: * (any By-Law change would require a majority vote @ regular/special SLPOA mtg.)
 - i. Annual Meeting Date - Historically 2nd Sat. in June - perhaps, 1st Sat. in August...
 - ii. Board of Directors - Given difficulty in staffing perhaps -
 1. # of directors be reduced from 9 to 7 ...
 2. Eliminate position of 2nd Vice President...

iii.Perhaps, eliminate 3 person nominating committee...

- b. There appeared to be significant agreement to changing the Annual Meeting date to August, (1st Saturday?)

5- Carolyn Herron advised the membership that work on an updated SLPOA Directory would be beginning soon and asked for interested individuals to contact a board member,

- 6. Brenda Ebanks made some brief comments on the Star Lake website www.starlakeassociation.com. She asked members to send any Star Lake photos for posting. This would be old and or new photos, and any historical information they may have.

11:00 AM - GUEST SPEAKER - Judy Corigan, MN Lakes & Rivers.

Ms. Corigan outlined the history, objectives, and recent accomplishments of the MN Lakes & Rivers organization some of which included:

1. The 2012 “Pull the Plug” act,
2. 2014 The establishment of county AIS funding to assist local organizations in the fight to control the spread of AIS,
3. Secured legacy funding for specific AIS projects,
4. Secured approval of low/no cost loans to property owners to upgrade septic systems,
5. Sponsored the bill to increase AIS penalties from \$100 to \$1,000,
6. Published monthly and often more often, the MN L&R News bulletins to membership to alert to current lake issues, and provide a way for members to communicate directly and quickly to their elected officials,
7. Represent the rights of “all” lake property owners, including out of state property owners, and successfully obtained a reduction in seasonal property taxes.

Membership feedback regarding this presentation has been very positive. Members are encouraged to visit the website www.MNLakesAndRivers.org to establish their own individual membership to this very worthwhile organization.

Members were reminded of the July 4th Boat Parade forming in front of the Galaxy at noon on July 4th for a 1PM start.

A “Lake-Wide Picnic” was announced for 8/15/15 from 10AM to 2PM at 33697 Beaver Dam Trail, the home of Don & Carolyn Herron. Additional details will be available on the website.

It was noted that no SLPOA funds will be used for this picnic. Guests are encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

The date of the 2016 SLPOA ANNUAL MEETING will be announced via the website and upcoming SLPOA Newsletters.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25PM.

OVER

UP-COMING MEETINGS - Carolyn Herron

1-The SLPOA BOARD MEMBERS "New & Current" will meet briefly immediately after this meeting. Directors please meet up on the stage right after this meeting. In accordance with the By-Laws the new Board will elect its officers. It would be appreciated if members could help clear the meeting room while this is going on.

2- THE NEW SLPOA BOARD will hold its 1st regular monthly meeting on **7/9/15** at 6:30 PM at the Dent Community Center. On-going monthly board meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of each month - any SLPOA member is welcome to attend.

3- JULY 4th BOAT PARADE - 1pm on **July 4th**. Begin gathering at noon in front of Galaxy Resort.

4- LAKE WIDE PICNIC on **AUGUST 15th**, 10AM - 2PM, at 33697 Beaver Dam Trail, Don & Carolyn Heron.

5- 2016 ANNUAL SLPOA MEETING - **JUNE 11, 2016**, 10am to Noon, Dent Community Center,

ADJOURN: