

STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SLPOA)
2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2018
9am – 12 pm Camp Joy on Star Lake

Call to Order – Gary P Miller called the 2018 annual meeting to order at 9:45 am in the Camp Joy Chapel building. Matt Larson, Camp Joy Director, provided a brief recap on Camp Joy, its mission, improvements made and planned, and coming events. Matt and his counselors were thanked for providing an excellent breakfast before the meeting.

Guest Presentations – Darren Newville, District Manager, East Otter Tail Soil & Water Conservation Department presented information on natural lakescaping, shoreline buffers, rain gardens, and ways to reduce erosion around the lakeshore through natural methods. Mr Larson highlighted flower, plants, and grass options as well as where to find native plants, how his department can provide financial and technical assistance for anyone interested in shoreline buffers or restoration. SLPOA will followup with Mr Newville as our shoreline restoration grant program is being developed.

An Ottertail County Public Access Inspector provided timely information on what happens at the public boat ramps for invasive plant and species control as well as some experiences dealing with people at the ramp. Members were taken outside for a demo on how an actual boat inspection is conducted. Members were reminded that that ANY boat (including the Sheriff's) arriving at the ramp MUST have the plug removed and all water drained. Any time a boat travels on Minnesota roads, the plug must be removed or a \$185.00 fine can be levied. The good news from the report is that the vast majority of lake users are trying to do a good job of removing weeds and checking for unwanted hitchhikers. Information was shared relative to timeframes needed for watercraft to be out of the water to kill zebra mussel larva as well as the new requirements for boat lift out of water times. A map of all infected lakes in the county was posted for review. It will take support from all of us to slow the spread of invasive species.

Association Business

- (1) Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting were made available via handout. Based on a motion by a qualified member and a qualified second, the 2017 annual meeting minutes were approved.
- (2) Peggy Maasjo provided the annual financial report. Peggy shared that the Association fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31. For our 2017 year, our beginning balance was \$10,070.89. We took in \$26,242.58. Expenses were \$20,276.88 leaving a year ending balance of \$16,036.09. Currently, our balance is \$15,048.44. Peggy was thanked for her work throughout the year as Treasurer. Report was accepted.
- (3) Linda Dimitrijevic conducted an audit of bank statements, expenses and general financials. All were reported to be proper and in agreement with the financial report provided by Peggy Maasjo. The audit report was accepted.
- (4) Jason Gorr provided a status report on the proposed casino development project and results of the recent White Earth tribal election. The entire project has not moved to the full EIS stage as Ottertail County has not received the \$30,000 application fee. We will continue to monitor and report on any changes in status for the project.
- (5) Jason Gorr made members present aware that the SLPOA Board is working to develop criteria for a SLPOA funded shoreline restoration grant program. Discussion was held. More information will be provided to members on the criteria that could be used for such a program.
- (6) The following changes to the SLPOA Bylaws were approved on a qualified motion, second, and vote.

Added at the beginning of the bylaws:

Star Lake Property Owners Association, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, or environmental protection purposes. Including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Added to the end of Article XVI:

Any assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of a competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located. Exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which is organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

- (7) Discussion was held on the background and reason for a request to increase the SLPOA annual dues from \$25.00 to \$30.00. Based on a qualified motion, second, and vote, approval was granted for the increase.
- (8) Dick Fultz presented a proposal on behalf of the Board to install a solar powered light at the main (Hwy 108) public access. Extensive discussion was held on the pros/cons of such an installation. Concern was expressed about using SLPOA funds to pay for the equipment vs county funding, security, light intrusion around the lake, and the additional boat traffic such a light may generate at a time when no inspectors are present. The approval for installation of a solar powered light at a cost of \$3098.00 was brought forward on a qualified motion and second. The motion was defeated by a large margin. The SLPOA will NOT pursue this project further based on the vote of membership. Dick was thanked for the research he had completed on the project and his presentation.
- (9) OTHER
 - (a) Gary reminded those present that many issues including the casino project remain in a “not done deal” state so continued involvement from members is very much needed.
 - (b) Gary and Jason promoted the new 10 small northern limit. Pickled fish recipes and “how to clean a northern” directions were made available.
 - (c) The following slate of Board members were presented for consideration:

Gary P Miller, President. Gary would replace Eric Peters who has decided to resign from the Board at this time due to the demands of his growing family and work. Gary would fill the position for the remaining two years of Eric’s term until 2020.

Jason Gorr, Vice-President. Jason would fill the vacancy left by Gary Miller taking over as President. He would fill that position until 2019.

Peggy Maasjo, Treasurer. Peggy is currently elected to serve until 2019.

Dick Fultz, Board Member. Dick is currently elected to serve until 2020.

Dave Kaser, Board Member. Dave would be a new member of the BOD and would serve a three year term until 2021.

Arnie Schenck, Board Member. Arnie would be a new member of the BOD and would serve a three year term until 2021.

Gail Hagen, Board Member. Gail would be a new member of the BOD and would serve a three year term until 2021.

Dick Fultz moved that the candidates listed above be elected by acclamation. Motion adopted.

- (d) Lee Mindemann thanked the members of the Board and all members for their interest and support through the casino development discussion.
- (e) Gary thanked Eric Peters, Tyler Riley, Jason Gorr, Dick Fultz, Peggy Maasjo, Janet Moore for their work on behalf of the association. Eric did a super job of leading through a challenging period for the association. Also, Aubrey and Brenda Ebanks were thanked for their tireless effort to maintain the SLPOA website and get information out to members. SLPOA truly does have one of the best websites of any association you can find on the web!
- (f) The BOD will meet July 12th at the Dent Community Center. Members are always welcome to attend. That is the same day the Minnesota High School League is planning to hold a large fishing event for its student members on the lake. More information will be sought on that event.
- (g) There will be a boat/pontoon parade at 1:00 on July 4th starting in front of the Galaxy Resort.
- (h) The Association is still in need of someone to host the annual 2018 picnic that is typically held the first part of August. Please let any Board member know if you would like to host a very fun social event for members. Thanks!

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Submitted by Gary P. Miller, acting as secretary