

STAR LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
2014 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 14, 2014
10AM – 12PM, DENT COMMUNITY CENTER

There were approximately 64 SLPOA members in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by President Tim Lindgren at 10:00 AM.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lee Mindemann presented the Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting and it was moved to accept them as submitted by Dale Salberg, 2nd by George Gouette – motion carried. They have been posted on the SLPOA website.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Jim Ebert presented the Treasurer's Report for the period 1/1/2013 through 12/31/2013 indicating 186 paid memberships, and an ending bank balance of \$10,426.79. It was moved by Dave Kaser, 2nd by Bob Dimitrijevic that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted – motion carried.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT - Gary & Peggy Grossweiller reported that financial report for the SLPOA for the period of 1/1/2013 through 12/31/13 was complete and accurate. They commended the association's Treasurer, Jim Ebert, for excellent work.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – President Tim Lindgren reported that there were four Director vacancies in that the terms of Tim Lindgren, Mike Cribb, and Arlette Preston were expiring; and that Director Noah Riley was resigning from the Board with one year remaining on his term.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Dick York reported that the nominating committee was submitting the names of Bob Syverson and Jody Shaw for nomination to two of vacant Board positions. Dick York moved the candidates be elected by acclamation, 2nd by Don Herron – motion carried.

It was explained that the SLPOA Board is authorized to appoint willing individuals to serve for a one year term to any board vacancy. It was requested that anyone having an interest in serving should contact any board member after the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING DIRECTORS – Jim Ebert recognized out-going Directors Tim Lindgren, Mike Cribb, Arlette Preston, and Noah Riley, and thanked them for their many years of loyal service.

SPECIAL THANKS TO AUBREY & BRENDA EBANKS was also offered for their on-going work as SLPOA Webmasters,

UP-COMING MEETINGS – Lee Mindemann reported to the membership the details on three future meetings as follows;

1-SLPOA BOARD MEETING 7/10/14, 6:30PM DENT LIONS CLUB BLDG.- GUEST SPEAKER – JEFF FORRESTER WITH MN LAKES & RIVERS will be speaking at 7PM – open to membership,

2- SPECIAL SLPOA MEETING 8/16/14, 10AM DENT COMMUNITY CENTER. The SLPOA Board is requesting membership to save this date, and will be sending Official Notice of the Meeting on or about August 1st detailing the subject of the meeting.

3- 2015 ANNUAL SLPOA MEETING – JUNE 12, 2015, 10am to Noon, Dent Community Center,

JIM WOLTERS, DNR FISHERY – Made an informative presentation on the STAR LAKE SPECIAL SUNFISH REGULATIONS. He advised the membership that the DNR is recommending that the special regulation limiting sunfish possession of 10, should be continued. **Bob Dimitrijevič moved that the SLPOA Membership should endorse the DNR recommendation of the sunfish limit of 10, Dick York 2nd – Motion Carried.**

SHORELINE RESTORATION – Member Janet Moore made some brief comments on the environmental impact of shoreline restoration. She provided a handout of “10 Things We Can Do to Improve our Lakes & Rivers”. A copy of that will be posted to the website.

LID VOTE on July 5th, 2 – 8PM at Star Lake Townhall. Tim Lindgren, Jim Ebert, and Lee Mindemann made brief remarks urging the SLPOA membership to support the LID. Poster Boards detailing different aspects of the LID were displayed around the meeting room for members to view before and after the meeting. A general discussion followed regarding the up-coming LID vote.

- 1- ***A member asked about the role of Otter Tail County in determining the amount of LID tax and how it should be spent.*** It was explained that the annual LID budget is proposed by the LID Board to the LID membership at the annual meeting. The LID membership then approves/modifies/disapproves the proposed budget. The results of that decision determines what budget is submitted to the county for collection/disbursement. By MN Statute this process must be completed in July or August each year. It was explained that there is precedent in Otter Tail County for LID proposing a zero based budget during years where there were no additional funds needed.
- 2- ***A member asked about the purpose/need for liability insurance as that represents a significant cost.*** It was explained that this is the same type of liability insurance that the SLPOA currently maintains. It covers the actions of the association, it's Board of Directors, and any employees it may have. It is a financially prudent practice, and provides a level of protection necessary to recruitment of volunteer workers.
- 3- ***A member asked about the By-Laws and why they were not published.*** It was explained that a “DRAFT” set of By-Laws have been published and are posted on the SLPOA website for viewing and input. At the first annual meeting of the LID, the acting Board (which will be appointed by the county) will need to present a set of By-Laws for the membership to approve. It is expected that the acting Board will start with the “Draft” By-Laws, but they may very well want to modify/add/delete items from them, before they make “their” recommendation to the LID membership.

Lee Mindemann pointed out there was an Absentee Ballot Application attached to the meeting packet and that anyone wishing to vote that way, would need to insure their completed ballot reached the Otter Tail County Auditor's Office by 4:30 PM on July 3, 2014. Ballots received after that time will be null and void.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.