

Star Lake Property Owners Association-Board Meeting
Minutes 5-10-2018 Meeting

Location: Dent Community Center

Attendees: EP, GPM, PM, JM

Absent: TR, JG, DF

President EP called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Minutes of the 4-12-2018 meeting were approved on a motion by JM and a second by PM.

(1) Treasurer's Report

PM provided the financial statement for activity through 5-10-2018. We have received (5) 2018/2019 membership dues payments thus far. The buoy expense was paid. Balance is \$15,541.09. The financial report was accepted on a motion by GPM and a second by JM.

(2) New Business

(a) Walleye Stocking

GPM handed out an email response from Howard Fullhart, MN DNR Representative regarding the stocking of walleye fry on Star, Dead, and Rush Lakes. Discussion was held. Although Lake Associations may buy walleye fry for stocking, that is not a current consideration for Star Lake. The request for information was to learn about the differences in stocking and what criteria is used to determine stocking levels. More discussion will take place after the 2018 test netting results are published (test netting is scheduled for 7-16-2018 on Star Lake)

(b) Muskelunge Legislation

No new information was available to report

(c) Mailing Permit Update

GPM reported the USPS application for reduced postal rates as a 501(c)3 organization was submitted through the Dent Post Office. A physical address was required to complete the application. GPM reported "201 Birch Street, Dent, Minnesota 56528" (Dent Community Center) as the physical address as it is the location where SLPOA BOD meetings and business is conducted. It takes 2-4 weeks for a ruling to be made on the application.

(d) BOD Recruiting and Position Transition

TR will be asked to put together a list of his key duties to assist the next secretary. TR was praised for all his work he put into the newsletters, minutes, agendas, SLPOA communications, and Safety Committee.

Discussion was held on finding not only a replacement for TR but also for new BOD members. We need members (and/or family members) to come forward before or at the annual meeting to fill vacant BOD positions. Although the casino issue has become less active, it is not over. The lake is facing many AIS issues. Having interested and involved BOD members is crucial to the SLPOA continuing its success.

(e) Shoreline Restoration Grant Program

GPM reported on what Lake Lida has for a shoreline restoration program. Discussion was held on criteria for a Star Lake program that would be handled by SLPOA. EP will contact the Ottertail County Shoreline Restoration Coordinator to learn more about their program and to request a presenter on the program. It would be of value to both connect with and support what is currently available, as we work on developing our program

(3) Old Business

(a) Public Access Lighting Update

DF will present to membership at the annual meeting.

(b) Ditch 23

GPM reported he has emailed and called the Ottertail County Ditch Coordinator, but has not received a response. He will create and submit a formal letter requesting a status update on Ditch 23 and the tax assessment attached to it.

(c) Casino Update

No new information was shared.

(d) Annual Meeting

EP reported Matt Larson/Camp Joy agreed to host the SLPOA annual meeting and provide the breakfast. Items discussed for the agenda:

Bylaw additions approval

Dues increase approval

DF public access light proposal

DNR/Fisheries update

AIS information presentation

(4) Other

EP reported on the use of Star Lake by the newly formed Minnesota High School League Fishing Teams. The area teams (Perham, New York Mills, Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids, etc) will use Star Lake as one of its primary lakes. Other primary lakes are Ottertail, Lida, and Big Pine. The other primary lakes have confirmed AIS issues. Concern was discussed relative to the training and diligence of the teams on AIS as they will be traveling between lakes. The program has been well received by both students and sponsors. We will try to learn more on how the league will operate and use our public access facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

GPM acting as secretary