

7-12-2018 Star Lake Property Owner's Association BOD Minutes
Dent Community Center
Members Present: GPM, GH, AS, DK,TR,JG (by phone),DF
Members Absent: PM

President Gary Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. With several newly elected members present, each member was asked to give background information about themselves and how they relate to Star Lake.

(1) Minutes 6-14-2018 BOD Meeting

Minutes of the 6-14-2018 meeting were approved on a motion by DK and a second by AS.

(2) Minutes 6-23-2018 Annual Membership Meeting

Minutes of the 2018 annual meeting of members were approved in their draft form on a motion by GH and a second by AS.

(3) Treasurer's Report

Although she was not present, PM provided an updated financial report as of 7/12/2018. Our balance is \$18,463.41. Expenses have been paid for the annual meeting maple syrup, the annual COLA fee, and website expenses. Paid memberships are at 82. We have the Camp Joy breakfast hosting fee to pay and some misc. expenses.

(4) Banking Fees/Charges

In PM's absence, the BOD discussed the increased fee schedule being applied to our account by United Community Bank. Our monthly fees have increased. PM will be asked to research the costs to place our checking account at Bremer Bank, Perham Credit Union, and other area banks that are close enough to make access convenient. Report will be given at our August meeting.

(5) Updated Bylaws Review

GPM handed out the SLPOA updated Bylaws, as approved at the 2018 Annual Meeting. GPM discussed a point of order raised by an SLPOA member relative to the election process used at the annual meeting. Per Bylaws, SLPOA members elect the slate of candidates for the BOD. The BOD members then elect the officers for the next year. The process used at the annual meeting identified the officers in the voting process. Also, the new member terms were not all for three years as stated at the annual meeting. Two BOD seats will be three year terms, but one seat is for only one year as it is the replacement for JG who has one year remaining on his BOD seat. Discussion was held and the Bylaws were reviewed. The BOD members affirmed the following officers for the 2018/2019 Association year:

Gary P Miller, President

Jason Gorr, Vice-President

Peggy Maasjo, Treasurer

Gail Hagen, Secretary

Dick Fultz, Board Member

Arnie Schenck, Board Member

David Kaser, Board Member

It was determined that AS will fill the one year term and GH and DK three year terms. This action will place us in compliance with our Bylaws.

(6) Membership Directory

GPM shared that we do have extra 2017 Star Lake Directories available to any paid member who did not receive a copy. Please contact him to have one made available. The BOD information was updated and will be shared with Brenda Ebanks for posting to the SLPOA website. Discussion was held on the duties of the Secretary. Tyler Riley was present to share a recap on how he handled the duties of the office. Tyler was thanked for his service to the Association during his time as Secretary and for his willingness to continue to serve on the Safety/Buoy Committee. GPM stated that he will be responsible for organizing the 2019 Membership Directory with help from Gail Hagen and other members.

(7) Lakescaping Grant Program

A "draft" of a lakeshore restoration program was distributed for discussion. The draft was built around a program used by the Lake Lida Association. Discussion was held on the criteria being proposed for the program. GPM will send a copy to Darren Newville, District Manager, East Ottertail Soil & Water Conservation District for his input. The SLPOA BOD is the District Office can be developed with support from Darren's office. The East Ottertail Office may also have funds available to help cost share with our program projects. The BOD will have further discussion on the program at its August meeting.

(8) High School League Fishing Event 7-12-2018

GPM reported that the MN HS Fishing League is holding their event this evening on Star Lake. Up to 75 teams are expected. The event is total catch and release. Star Lake is hosting the "northern" district of the league this year. The "southern" event is being held on Pomme de Terre Lake the same evening. There is terrific volunteer support for the event. GPM asked to be provided with a summary of the event from tournament officials to share with SLPOA members. Discussion was held on improving the advance notice for the event, as it fills the public access sites for the evening.

(9) Membership Enhancement

Discussion was held on ways to not only increase but also improve the value of being a SLPOA member. Paid membership's are behind last year. Based on a motion by JG and a second by DF, the BOD approved (1) a general appeal letter to all property owners to join the Association and (2) a targeted letter to paid members from the prior year who have not renewed their membership. Cost is set not to exceed \$100.00 for the mailings. GH will help with our tax exempt mailing status. The BOD also approved the use of a gift card type drawing for members who help sign up a new member. Two \$50.00 Fleet Farm gift cards will be made available in a drawing for those people who help find new Association members. Finally, placing SLPOA membership registration cards at the resorts on the lake and public access areas was discussed. GPM will pursue getting that setup. The need to increase our membership and offer value will be a focus for the next months.

(10) Fundraising 2019

Ideas for a 2019 fund raiser were discussed. A straight forward gun and/of meat raffle seems to be a good way to generate revenue for the Association. The BOD will have further discussion on the type of event it wants to sponsor at the August meeting.

(11) No member has volunteered to host the 2018 fall picnic. Discussion was held on the BOD hosting the event at locations like the Star Lake Township Building, the Dent Community Center,

and the Dent Park. DF had completed research on the cost of each site if we rented tables, chairs, coolers, etc. Costs accumulate quickly when the event is not hosted at a volunteer site. GPM will send another email to members asking if someone would volunteer to host the event.

(12) Buoy Maintenance On the South Arm

Currently, SLPOA volunteers handle the placement, removal, and storage of the 22 safety buoys around the lake. They are a great safety benefit for lake users. The Ottertail County Sheriff's Dept no longer supplies the buoys to lake associations. Therefore, we need to buy the buoys as replacements are needed. There has also been concern expressed by our SLPOA volunteers regarding the placement and removal of the buoys (large and heavy) Discussion was held. GPM will discuss with COLA members how other associations deal with this need. JG will contact area dock and lift companies to determine if a contract for buoy placement and removal is a possibility. It is becoming more difficult to find volunteers to handle these duties. More discussion will be held on this topic at the August meeting.

(13) GPM outlined a goal setting process for the August BOD meeting to help the BOD set lake improvement goals for 2019. BOD members were asked to have (3) ideas in mind to share at the session.

(14) Signage

DF presented a concept for annual and general meeting signs. He will have a sample made of what a permanent material type sign would look like and have for wording. Based on a motion by AS and a second by GH, DF was directed to pursue the acquisition of signs at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. The example will be shared for the BOD to review before a final order is placed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20.
Gary P Miller, acting as Secretary