

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2019
Dent Community Center

Members Present: GPM, GH, AS, JK, RF, TP

Members Absent: DK

Gary Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Tamara Pream was introduced. She has expressed interest in serving on the board for the Star Lake Property Owners' Association.

(1) Approval of July 11, 2019 Minutes – The minutes from the July SLPOA Meeting were distributed and reviewed by the board. There was a motion made by AS to approve the meeting minutes, and a second was made by JK.

(2) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balance from the previous month was \$18,612.44. We have received 8 memberships for a total of \$240, and \$.72 in interest. The new balance as of the meeting is \$18,853.16.

JoLene also shared that there may be options for accounts at the bank that will earn more interest for the monies on account. JoLene made a motion to transfer \$10,000 to a savings type account, with the same signature authorizations as our existing SLPOA checking account, in order to earn more interest. A second was made by Arnie.

(3) Member Update – JoLene reported that since last month's meeting count of 195 members, we have received 8 membership forms and dues totaling 203 members. There are also 2 new membership forms in the mail, and 1 associate membership form. The new totals are 205 Property Owners Members, and 1 Associate Member.

(4) Buoy Volunteer Dinner/Meeting – The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 5th, at 6:00 PM at The Dugout in Dent. Gary is coordinating.

(5) Small Northern Tournament Update – Gary shared the draft of the proposed small northern tournament as well as information received from the DNR. Since our tournament will be limited to 25 boats and payout no more than \$500, we will not need a permit. Also, in order to donate the fish to a nursing home or somewhere similar, the DNR will issue a permit to allow possession of more than the limit for transporting to the third party. We also discussed when to hold the tournament and early June was suggested so that it could be held a second time in 2020 if successful. Also, Gary will approach Camp Joy for the possibility of using their camp as the base camp for the tournament.

(6) Fall Picnic – Mike and Gail Hagen have volunteered to host the annual picnic. The date will be August 24th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The picnic will be an all lake picnic as in the past. The SLPOA will provide Pulled Pork, coleslaw, tacos in a bag, chips, and bottled water as well as and plates/utensils. Attendees will be asked to bring a dish to share, their own chairs, and their own

beverage if they choose. An email communication will be sent to the membership with the information on where to park by boat or car. JoLene has a source for making signs that will be placed around the lake to communicate the date. Also, signs will be placed to direct cars to the Hagen's.

- (7) "Get a Board Member" Promotion – Tamara Pream has expressed interest in serving on the Star Lake Property Owners' Association board. Tamara shared information about herself and the family history of being on Star Lake for 53 years. Dick made a motion to appoint Tamara as a Director on the Board, and a second was made by JoLene. Welcome Tamara to the board!
- (8) Adopt-A-Highway Fall Clean-up – Gary will be coordinating the volunteers for the fall clean-up along Highway 41. The last Saturday in September, September 28th, will be the date for the clean-up. An email communication will be sent to the membership asking for volunteers.
- (9) Buy-Sell-Trade-Free Website addition – The idea of adding a section to our website for members to advertise items for sale, trade or free was discussed. This area can also be used to promote local businesses around Star Lake. There will be a limit of 1 photo and 50 words. A process will be put in place to review prior to going live on the website. Gary will work with Brenda on this addition.
- (10) Planning for 2020 Membership Directory – We have been on a 3 year cycle of producing a membership directory. The directory has two sections: Section 1 is information specific to the SLPOA including an alphabetical listing of the membership. Section 2 is information on all Star Lake property owners that is from the Otter Tail County GIS database. There are also advertisements to help pay for the cost of producing the directory. The board will reach out to the 2017 board for help with planning to produce the 2020 directory.
- (11) Lake "Stuff":
 - a. Planning for the Fall newsletter has begun. Ideas for articles include: Letter from President, 2019 accomplishments, 2020 Small Northern Tournament, Results of High School Tournament on Star, Water Quality Update, Recap of Picnic, etc. Target date for sending newsletter is end of October.
 - b. The Otter Tail County Planning Commission meeting is August 14th and the proposed RV park is on the agenda. An email will be sent to the membership to let them know of the meeting.
 - c. An idea to ask the DNR to attend our next board meeting to discuss Walleye fingerling stocking in the lake.
 - d. Tamara brought up the Wild Rice that grows on Star Lake. In years past, Wild Rice was harvested on Star Lake. Tamara volunteered to research Wild Rice harvesting, how to obtain appropriate permissions for harvest, WEN approvals and potential sale of harvested rice.

(12) Recap of Action Items:

- a. Copy of 8-8-19 meeting minutes will be provided to JoLene and Gary in order to open an interest bearing account.
- b. JoLene will get signage made for the picnic.
- c. Gail will review 2019 membership forms to compile lists of volunteers for the various committees.
- d. Gary will draft an email to the membership regarding the Adopt-A-Highway date.
- e. Gary will work with Brenda to build the Buy-Sell-Trade-Free section of the website.
- f. Gail will review materials from previous secretary to help with formatting the 2020 directory.
- g. Gary will talk to Camp Joy about using their site for the Small Northern tournament in 2020.
- h. Gail will finalize email communication to be sent out regarding the picnic.
- i. Tamara will contact WEN regarding Ricing, and also research process to obtain approvals for harvesting wild rice on Star Lake.
- j. Gary will contact DNR and invite them to attend next board meeting to present information on walleye stocking.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA