

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes
July 6th, 2023 @ 6:30 PM
Home of Steve Roth, 33163 380th St, Dent MN

Board Members Attending: Dick Fultz, JoLene Kerr, Gail Hagen, Steeve Roth, Tom Deegan and Linda Dimitrijevich. Attending by phone: Yvette Lewis.

Dick called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

- (1) The minutes of the May 31st SLPOA Board of Directors Meeting were discussed. JoLene made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Linda seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (2) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$10,071.0 in checking, and \$19,266.79 in the money market. The total of both accounts is \$29,338.39. Gail made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Linda seconded and all were in favor.
- (3) Membership Report – Gail reported that the total of membership renewals to date is 197. A second letter to Star Lake property owners will be mailed in August, which typically generates more renewals and new members.
- (4) Adopt-A-Highway – No report or updates.
- (5) Water Quality – Linda reported that Lee Mindemann conducted the water sampling and testing on behalf of Carolyn Herron.
- (6) AIS Committee – Linda provided a report on the AIS committee activities. A written copy was also provided and is attached to these minutes.
- (7) Membership & Publicity – Gail reported on the progress of the Membership Directory. The revenue from ad sales was shared. The printing estimates were also shared with the total amounts varying based on quantities of 350, 400 and 500 copies. Based on the revenue from advertisers, and cost per piece savings with higher quantities, the board recommended that we proceed with printing 500 copies. JoLene made a motion that we approve the expenditure for printing of \$3,763.80 plus pre-press costs and tax. Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (8) Fisheries – Steve has confirmed the availability of Jim Wolters, DNR Fisheries Supervisor, for a special Fisheries meeting to be held on July 12th at 6:00 PM at the Dent Community Center. Steve has provided Jim with a list of the primary concerns for discussion points. Dick asked that all board members try to attend. Gail will plan to attend along with her husband Mike. Linda and Bob will also attend.
- (9) Water Safety – All buoys are in place. Yvette will schedule an informal meeting with the Water Safety committee later this summer or early fall to get feedback from the volunteers on the condition of the buoys, compile a permanent record of the placement, and issues that need to be addressed. We also will check with other Lake Associations on what they do to manage the buoy placement, removal and maintenance.

- (10) Budget Committee – Steve has prepared a spreadsheet that will import all of the financial transactions from our bank accounts. We will assign categories to the expenditures and deposits so that we will be able to summarize total amounts by category. More review will be discussed at the next meeting to establish a budget for 2024-2025 membership year.
- (11) Star Lake Gear online store – There were 43 orders placed in early June. Most orders were picked up at duCharme’s. A big Thank You to Yvette for taking care of this for us. JoLene reported that we received a check totaling \$161.46 from Long Weekend Sportswear from the orders.
- (12) Digital Signs – Signs are in working order now. Dick said that Trudy will be our point of contact at MNDOT for any issues with the signs.
- (13) Annual Meeting – All feedback seemed to be very positive on the annual meeting. The food was good and it was very well attended. Based on the tickets that were handed out, there was well over 100 people for the breakfast. Gail, Linda and JoLene will meet next week to work on Thank You notes for the businesses that donated door prizes and our speaker, Emily Riley.
- (14) We received our annual invoice from Big Groovy, the company that manages our website. We had some discussion on the possibility of allowing us access to the site to make changes, upload files. Gail will schedule a call with Jim and ask for other board members to be on the call.
- (15) As reported in the AIS Committee Report (attached), the Throw-A-Rake for Star Lake event was held on July 1st at the 2 public accesses on Star. Members that came to participate were Sue Nyhus and members of the Daniels family. No AIS plants were identified at either location.
- (16) JoLene asked that we discuss Carolyn Herron’s request that SLPOA donate \$1,000 to MAISRC to help fund research on AIS. Information was shared with the board members on the funding that was made available to MAISRC in the recent Minnesota State budget. The board opted to defer a donation this year.
- (17) Picnic – The date for the Star Lake Picnic is Saturday, August 26th from noon to 2:00 PM. JoLene presented information on options to consider for the catering. Based on the information provided, the board decided to move forward with Heart O’ Lakes Meats and the menu will be a Taco Bar with toppings, Chips & Salsa, Rice and Beans. Yvette is donating 6 gallons of vanilla ice cream, and Gail and Mike Hagen are donating the Root Beer for the Root Beer Floats. JoLene will contact Mark’s True Value on the availability of a Canopy to rent for the event so that the food is under cover. Gail will also purchase the bottled water. Members will be notified by email, Facebook, and a Postcard mailing.
- (18) Dick had an opportunity to meet the people that purchased the property next to the bridge. They recently experienced an unfortunate event where a pet was hit by a speeding vehicle and a child was also at risk of being hit. Dick asked that we consider contacting Otter Tail County to request lower speed limit for the area before and after the bridge. Tabled until next meeting.

(19)The next meeting will be held on August 16th at the home of Gail Hagen, 40244 330th Ave, Dent, at 6:30 PM.

(20)Recap of Action Items:

- a. Gail will mail a membership to property owners that have not paid the current years dues. The letter will go out in August.
- b. Gail will finalize the directory and order 500 copies from the printer.
- c. Steve will take notes from the Fisheries meeting on the 12th and follow-up with the BOD at our next meeting on recommended next steps.
- d. Yvette will schedule an informal gathering of the Water Safety committee with the objective of creating a permanent record of the quantity, buoy placement, conditions and contacts by location.
- e. Steve will have spending data by category ready for our next meeting to be used for budgeting for next year.
- f. Gail, Linda and JoLene will take care of Thank You notes for the businesses that made donations for the Annual Meeting door prizes and the speaker, Emily Riley.
- g. Gail will schedule a call with Jim at Big Groovy to discuss access to SLPOA website and website hosting options.
- h. JoLene will confirm caterer and menu selection for the Star Lake Picnic.
- i. Yvette will donate 6 gallons of Ice Cream.
- j. Gail will get the Root Beer, cups, straws and spoons for the Root Beer Floats. Also, the bottled water.

(21)Gail made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA