

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

Home of Gail Hagen
40244 330th Ave, Dent MN 56528
October 26th, 2022

Board Members Present: Steve Roth, JoLene Kerr and Gail Hagen. Attending by phone: Dick Fultz, Linda Dimitrijevic and Yvette Lewis
Board Members Absent: None

Dick Fultz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- (1) The minutes of the September 12th, 2022 SLPOA Board of Directors Meeting were discussed. JoLene made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (2) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$2,721.22 in checking, and \$24,211.28 in the money market. The Lake Protection Fund is \$17,317.95, and is included in the money market total. The total of both accounts is \$26,973.81. Gail made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Steve seconded and all were in favor.
- (3) Membership Report – Gail reported that we currently have 220 paid memberships, with 12 of those as Associate Members.
- (4) Committee Updates from BOD:
 - a. Adopt-A-Highway: Event completed on September 17th. There was very little trash to pick up as expected due to bridge closing.
 - b. Water Safety: The last buoys to come out were the 6 off of Peterson Point. Mike Hagen and brother-in-law removed those and they are now located at their property. We asked for a volunteer from membership to take these buoys for placement and removal. In the meantime, Steve Roth will pick them up and store them for the winter. Mike Anderson will be the contact on the buoy committee to report buoy issues. Information will go out to membership with the Spring Newsletter. Yvette will be the BOD lead for this committee.
 - c. AIS & Water Quality: The AIS committee is planning on hosting 3 webinars over the fall/winter, calling them "Coffee & Connect". The first one is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 AM. The information was published in the newsletter and will also be posted on our website, Facebook and an email notice. Linda will as Kristin to post a notice on our Facebook page.
 - d. Membership & Publicity: The Fall Newsletter was mailed on Tuesday, October 26th, and should be arriving in mailboxes by Friday, October 29th.
 - e. Fisheries Improvement: Nothing new to report.
 - f. Shoreline Restoration: No new applications have been received. Bruce and Linda Christianson are going to wait until next year to proceed on their project.
- (5) Digital speed signs: The paperwork was submitted to Trafficlogix and was asked to provide an updated quote. JoLene has not received a response. Dick reported that he received the updated

quote via email. Dick will forward the quote to JoLene. We have not received confirmation from MNDOT for approval of the permit for the signs. Yvette will check with Star Lake Township and let us know whether it is approved or if more information is needed. We also need to get a timeline from Trafficlogix from time of order and payment to receipt of signs. JoLene will check with them to confirm the timeline. Gail made a motion that upon receipt of permit approval from MNDOT, the SLPOA will approve the purchase of Digital Speed Signs at a cost of \$2,724.00 per sign, or a total of \$5,448.00, less 1% discount for prompt pay. Dick seconded the motion. All were in favor. JoLene will also try to negotiate a bigger discount due to cash purchase vs. credit card. She will also provide the Tax Exempt forms to the vendor. MNDOT will take delivery of the signs.

- (6) Winter Ice Fishing issues: The No Parking signs on Beaver Dam Road are very worn and not very legible. We will request time at the Star Lake Township Board meeting to request new signs to replace existing ones, and add additional signs along areas of concern for parking. Yvette will check on the date for the next township meeting and request that we be added to their agenda.
- (7) Lakescaping Grant Request: discussed previously.
- (8) Fall Newsletter Review: One typo was noted in the Treasurer's Report. Ideas for Spring Newsletter: Septic Inspections, Well Water Testing, Buoy Committee.
- (9) 2023 Membership Directory:
 - a. Ads: Gail shared the list of service providers that Sue and Butch Nyhus put together for the directory. The Advertising Brochure was modified to include the option of the Classified listing for Service Providers. The cost of \$25.00 for the classified listing was agreed upon. Also, an advertiser that purchases one of the larger space ads will get a classified listing at no additional cost. Gail will work on a master list of businesses so that the board can approach businesses without duplicating efforts. A letter will be put together to be mailed to potential advertisers for the classified section.
 - b. Printing: JoLene will look up cost of printing for the last directory and provide it to Yvette. Yvette will get names of printers with full color capability with various options for binding.
 - c. Deadline for advertisers will be April 1st.
 - d. The 2023 Membership Directories will be available to hand out at the Annual Meeting in June 2023.
 - e. Gail will work with Jim at Big Groovy on a process for submitting photos with a description and permission release. Current link on website creates an email to Secretary.
- (10) Fund Raising Ideas: Although the BOD does not see a need for immediate fundraising, we do want to have some ideas so that we can put an event together should a need arise. The cost to fight Starry Stonewort have eaten into Lake associations' funds very quickly. We want to be able to be proactive about fundraising if it is required for things like treating AIS infestation. This topic will be added to BOD agenda items and revisit topic at regular meetings.
 - a. The Star Lake Gear online store was launched on October 30th. Long Weekend Sportswear has added \$2 per item and will donate the funds back to Star Lake Property Owners' Association. The funds will help defray the cost of the Digital Speed Signs.
 - b. The idea of a silent auction at the Annual Meeting was discussed.

- c. Sell advertising on back of t-shirts for Swamp Shark Tournament – the t-shirts are the biggest cost for the tournament. We see people wearing these t-shirts and could sell advertising on the back of shirts.
- d. The bridge reconstruction could be a theme for Star Lake items next year. The artwork would be provided to duCharme’s and they could sell items with this artwork. JoLene will work with graphic designers over the winter to come up with fitting artwork of the before and after bridge. Yvette will get some pictures of old bridge and send to JoLene.
- e. A cook-off event (i.e. chili, pies, etc.) could be held. Also could have silent auction items.

(11)Rededication of Frank’s Memorial Bridge: Yvette’s family will work with Star Lake Township to place a new plaque on the bridge and also schedule a rededication to occur sometime in the Spring of 2023.

(12)Linda has started a log of important events for Star Lake. She shared her progress. All agreed that this would be a great addition to our Star Lake records.

(13)The OTC COLA had an article in their newsletter about the Heart of the Lakes Trail. Linda would like to request permission to reprint as a Facebook Post. She will contact them for permission.

(14)The next BOD meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 6:30 and will be via ZOOM.

(15)Recap of action items:

- a. Pick up buoys from Hagen’s – Steve
- b. Create Facebook post for Coffee & Connect webinar – Linda to work with Kristin; Gail to include in email and update website.
- c. Check on MNDOT permit for Digital Speed Sign – Yvette
- d. Contact Trafficlogix for timeline and negotiate discount – JoLene
- e. Request time to request No Parking signs at Star Lake Township board meeting – Yvette
- f. Attend Star Lake Township board meeting – Yvette, Gail and JoLene
- g. Update brochure for advertising sales – Gail
- h. Create master list of businesses for directory advertising sales – Gail
- i. Work with Big Groovy to create option for membership to submit photos and descriptions for directory – Gail
- j. Research 2020 Membership Directory printing cost and give to Yvette – JoLene
- k. Prepare list of Printers for quotes for directory – Yvette
- l. Get pictures of bridge to JoLene – Yvette
- m. Contact OTC COLA for permission to reprint article - Linda

Gail made a motion to adjourn, Steve seconded and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA