

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

Home of Gail Hagen
40244 330th Ave, Dent MN 56528
September 12, 2022

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

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

- (1) The minutes of the August 10th 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: \$2,310.20 in checking, and \$25,063.25 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 \$27,373.45. It was discussed that the tuition for the AIS course (previously paid) should come out of the LPF. JoLene will make the changes. Gail made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Steve seconded. All were in favor.
- (3) Membership Report – Gail reported that we currently have 211 paid memberships, with 12 of those as Associate Members.
- (4) Committee Updates from BOD:
 - a. Adopt-A-Highway: Event is September 17th at 9:00. Gail will post the event on Facebook. Steve will call the volunteers on file.
 - b. Water Safety: Yvette has volunteered to be the lead on the board for the buoys. Gail will update the website and a communication will go out in the Spring.
 - c. AIS & Water Quality: Linda provided the following update on the AIS Committee. At this time, Star Lake still only has one identified AIS and that is Zebra Mussels. There is no feasible treatment for Zebra Mussels in a situation such as ours. We have a 5 person AIS committee—Lee Mindemann, Kristin Daniels, Bonnie Graham, Bob Gettel and myself. Throughout last winter, our main goal was familiarizing ourselves with AIS. This was primarily done through the MAISRC. MAISRC is associated with the University of Minnesota. SLPOA sponsored 3 students for the AIS Detectors course (\$450 total) and these students were Bonnie Graham, Kristin Daniels and Bob Gettel. In addition, Bonnie paid for her own tuition for AIS 101. I paid for my own tuition for AIS 101 and AIS Detector. We met monthly throughout the winter and attempted to formulate plans for spring and summer 2022. We posted articles on the SLPOA Facebook page and the SLPOA Newsletter. We staffed AIS Education tables at the Annual Meeting and the Star Lake Picnic. There was committee participation in the MAISRC symposium in Detroit Lakes June 9, the bus trip to Lake Koronis for Starry Stonewort education, Starry Trek and We Are Water exhibition at Fergus Falls Library. The two Star Lake Public Accesses were assessed in August in the same manner that was done during Starry Trek (with a sampling rake). Bob Gettel made our sampling rake. The

plant findings from Beaver Dam Road Access were photographed and cleared (no AIS) by an AIS specialist from DNR. He currently has the plant photographs from Hwy 108 Public Access testing and we are awaiting his response. I had intended to get to Frank's Lodge to test there but ran out of time. It is possible that one of the committee members will test this fall. The current emphasis of many AIS committees is to educate lake and river users and to stave off further infestation, hoping that research will catch up with the need for treatment.

- d. Membership & Publicity: As reported previously, membership is currently 211. Gail will announce the Adopt-A-Highway event on Facebook. Also, the Fall Newsletter is in the works with plans to have it in the memberships' mailboxes by the end of October.
 - e. Fisheries Improvement: Steve is working to get a committee together and begin meeting.
 - f. Shoreline Restoration: JoLene received a request from Bruce and Linda Christianson. They plan to add plantings to prevent erosion on their hill down to the lake. No fill will be brought in, so no permit is needed. JoLene will ask for description and list of plantings. We will also review our current grant requirements to determine process when permits and EOT Soil & Water Conservation approvals are not needed.
- (5) Digital speed signs: The Star Lake Township board has agreed to complete the permit application on behalf of SLPOA for approval of installing Digital Speed Signs on Highway 108. JoLene will complete the purchase order and provide the Tax Exempt forms to the vendor. MNDOT will take delivery of the signs. We will look at different ideas for fundraising at our next meeting to defray the cost to the SLPOA.
- (6) Winter Ice Fishing issues: Star Lake Township is in support of No Parking along Beaver Dam Rd. We also received a response from Commissioner Wayne Johnson to keep him posted on violations that are being reported to OTC Sherriff. Phone numbers will be provided in the Fall Newsletter along with information on reporting Poachers to the MN TIP Line.
- (7) Star Lake Picnic Recap: All positive feedback for picnic.
- (8) Budget Discussion: JoLene provided totals for the Swamp Shark Tournament and the Annual Picnic. We will look at the categories for membership communications at our next meeting.
- (9) 2023 Membership Directory: Gail is meeting with Sue Nyhus and will update the board at the next meeting. The Advertising brochure was reviewed. A list of business will be prepared and the board will contact them. A new section is being planned for "Services Offered" ads. The size and word limit will be less and the cost for advertiser will be more economical. Plans are in place to reach out to membership for their input on service providers to contact.
- (10) Fall Newsletter:
- a. Articles from the committees will be due by October 1st.
 - b. Date earmarked for mailing is October 15th.
 - c. Star SPOTlight will be Camp Joy. Gail will contact Matt Larson.
- (11) The next BOD meeting is scheduled for September 26th at 6:30 and will be at Gail's home, 40244 330th Ave.

(12)Recap of action items:

- a. Prepare communication for Adopt-A-Highway date – Gail
- b. Adjust LPF balance to show AIS Course tuition expense – JoLene
- c. Update website to have Yvette as the Water Safety (Buoys) lead - Gail
- d. Request plan and detailed listing from Christianson’s – Jolene
- e. Prepare PO for Digital Speed Signs – JoLene
- f. Prepare list of fundraising ideas – All
- g. Finalize Fall Newsletter – All
- h. Contact Matt Larson for SPOTlight article – Gail
- i. Put together list of expense categories for budgeting purposes – Gail
- j. Prepare list of potential advertisers for Directory - All

Gail made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA