

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

Home of Linda Dimitrijevic
31875 W Rosewood Dr. Dent MN 56528
July 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Dick Fultz, JoLene Kerr, Gail Hagen, Linda Dimitrijevic, and Yvette Lewis.
Board Members Absent: Steve Roth

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

- (1) Dick welcomed Yvette Lewis, our newest Director, to the meeting. Everyone expressed appreciation for her joining the board and we are looking forward to her contributions!
- (2) The minutes of the May 26th and June 11th 2022 SLPOA Board of Directors Meeting were discussed. JK made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and YL seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (3) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$3,835.98 in checking, and \$25,053.46 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 \$28,889.44. JoLene also stated that the \$1,000 donation to Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center that was approved at the Annual Meeting was mailed and has been received. Some discussion was also made regarding the Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates. LD will research the group to report back the benefits so that we can consider support.
- (4) Membership Report – Gail reported that we currently have 179 paid memberships, with 13 of those as Associate Members. Gail also distributed a handout of the comments that were provided on the membership forms. There were a few suggestions and many positive comments on the activities of the board. Gail also provided a list of the volunteers for the various committees that also included contact information. There was some discussion on the number of families that enjoy Star Lake that are not property owners, but seasonal renters at Spruce, Frank's, Ebert's and others. Gail and Yvette will develop and implement a strategy to reach those families to give them the opportunity to join SLPOA. Gail will also send a letter to property owners that have not yet joined or renewed for this year.
- (5) Committee Updates from BOD:
 - a. Adopt-A-Highway: JoLene and Steve will work together to set a date for the fall clean-up date.
 - b. Water Safety: We need someone to be the lead for the buoys. Dick will reach out to the current committee volunteers to ask for someone to be the primary contact.
 - c. AIS & Water Quality: Linda provided an excellent report on the activities of those committees. A copy is attached to the minutes. Thank you Linda!
 - d. Membership: A letter will go out within the next 2 weeks and Gail and Yvette will work together to invite non-property owners.

- e. Fisheries Improvement: Dick will contact Gary Miller and ask that he lead a Fisheries Improvement committee. The committee will lead the effort to address winter stress on Star Lake.
 - f. Shoreline Restoration: There have not been any new requests from membership to apply for the grant. We have one grant request in process and waiting for plantings in order to be finalized.
- (6) Swamp Shark Tournament Recap – We held a discussion on this years’ tournament. There were many positive comments from participants. We will plan to have a poster at duCharme’s next year to help promote our tournament.
- (7) Annual Meeting Recap – We held a discussion on the meeting. The presenters did a good job staying within the timeframe we gave them. We liked the committee updates – especially the AIS group. It is a great way to demonstrate to our membership the work that gets done behind the scenes on behalf of everyone. Camp Joy did a great job on the breakfast and only charged us their cost. Thank you notes to the businesses that donated have not been sent yet. Gail will send the Thank You notes within the next 2 weeks.
- (8) Digital Speed Signs – Dick is leading this effort. There is no update at this time. He will be working on next steps and will have an update at our next meeting.
- (9) Clothing Sales – There were 42 orders placed. The decision was made to have orders picked up at Gail’s so that they could be received in time for the 4th of July. If we continue this in the future, orders will be shipped.
- (10)The CH 41 bridge work seems to be slow. It is supposed to be completed in September. It does not appear that it will be completed early.
- (11)Petitions from membership on No Parking and 5-fish limit for Sunfish – Dick will talk to Dale Lewis about process to ask Star Lake Township about No Parking on Beaver Dam Rd. Also, the Fisheries Improvement committee will be tasked with considering a request to DNR to reduce the daily limit for sunfish on Star Lake. There are many Minnesota lakes that already have this reduced limit in place.
- (12)The date for the Star Lake picnic has been set – August 27th. The location will be at JoLene and Mark Kerr’s house. JoLene contacted several possible food vendors and provided information. Betty’s Pantry in Otter Tail provided the best option and has lots of experience with catering events like our picnic. A motion was made by Gail to secure Betty’s Pantry as the vendor for the picnic. Yvette seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion was approved.

We will also have root beer floats again. We will get more ice cream so that we don’t run out. We discussed having activities for kids and whether we should have giveaways like can koozies. Yvette will find out where her daughter purchased them for her wedding and the approximate cost. The AIS committee will have a table set up to distribute information and support our education efforts. JoLene will take pictures.

(13)2023 Annual Meeting dates – Dick talked to Matt Larson at Camp Joy. The dates can be either June 14th or 21st, depending on other scheduling. Dick will talk to Matt in January 2023 to finalize the date.

(14)2023 Swamp Shark Tournament date – We will have the Swamp Shark Tournament one week after the Annual Meeting, so it will be either June 21st or 28th. The date will be finalized in January.

(15)2023 Membership Directory – Dick has secured one ad for the directory. Gail will work on putting together a brochure to provide to potential advertisers. She will have it ready for the next BOD meeting and our ad prices will be discussed at the next meeting.

(16)The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10th, at 6:30 PM at Gail Hagen's, 40244 330th Ave, Dent.

(17)Recap of action items:

- a. Research Minnesota Lakes and Rivers Advocates and potential benefit for SLPOA and provide information at next meeting – Linda.
- b. Send membership invitation letter to property owners that have not joined/renewed – Gail.
- c. Prepare SLPOA Associate Member invitation to be shared at resorts for non-property owners – Yvette and Gail.
- d. Get a volunteer to lead the Water Safety (Buoys) committee – Dick.
- e. Set date for fall Adopt-A-Highway clean-up – JoLene and Steve.
- f. Contact Gary Miller regarding leading the Fisheries Improvement committee – Dick.
- g. Send thank-you notes to businesses for donations – Gail
- h. Work on next steps for Digital Speed signs – Dick
- i. Talk to Dale Lewis of Star Lake Township board to discuss No Parking on Beaver Dam Road – Yvette and Dick.
- j. Talk to Camp Joy in January to set date for Annual Meeting – Dick
- k. Prepare sample brochure (without pricing) for Directory Advertising sales – Gail

JK made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA

Attachment to 7-14-2022 SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

AIS Committee Report 7/14/22

Bonnie Graham, Bob Gettel, Linda Dimitrijevic and Carolyn Herron attended an MAISRC sponsored AIS symposium held in Detroit Lakes June 9. We learned about the research carried out at University of MN, received updated info for the fight against AIS, got an opportunity to network with the AIS committees at nearby lakes.

The AIS Committee manned an AIS info table at the Annual Meeting. We engaged members in conversation about zebra mussels, plant invasive species, bait rules, CLEAN DRAIN DRY DISPOSE, etc. We distributed handouts about AIS.

Lee Mindemann, assisted by Spencer McGrew, arranged for one of the speakers at the Annual Meeting. Sylvia Soeth gave us an idea what the Pine Lakes went through to control Curly-leaf Pondweed. Lee obtained laminated cards to hand out at the meeting with descriptions and pictures of some common AIS, invasive species laws, CLEAN DRAIN DRY DISPOSE info, links for more info.

Kristin Daniels fine-tuned a one page handout for the SLPOA to share with resorts on Star about AIS. A plastic sleeve (about a dozen) of these were delivered to Ebert's, Spruce Lodge, Frank's and Bell's with a couple of MAISRC handouts-"Got zebra mussels? Now what?". Bonnie got these at the symposium. I recommended posting them on an office bulletin board or in the resort fish cleaning house. They could also be copied and posted in each cabin. Eberts wanted to post a copy in their resort FACEBOOK account so that each family would get the info.

I stopped by Stoll's Bait in Dent and gave them the ATTENTION ANGLER cards in a plastic sleeve so that it could be posted at the bait shop and both sides of the card could be seen.

Lee Mindemann and Linda Dimitrijevic attended the OTC-COLA sponsored bus trip on July 11 to Lake Koronis near Alexandria. Lake Koronis does an educational presentation at lakeside to let the rest of us know that Starry Stonewort is NOT something we want our lake to experience. There is a program in August called Starry Trek where volunteers search MN lakes for this very invasive plant (actually an algae). Starry Stonewort can grow so dense that a boat cannot pass through the mats that form.

I asked Bob Gettel if he could come up with some type of "prop" that could be used at the Star Lake Picnic for photos. He has already taken care of this. He had a large wooden fishing lure that he got at a sale. He then took letters with adhesive on the back and wrote STAR LAKE 2022 across the over-sized lure.