

Annual Meeting Minutes – 2021
Star Lake Property Owners’ Association
June 12th, 2021 – Camp Joy on Star Lake

President Gary P. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Gary thanked the members for attending and Camp Joy for hosting the event.

1. Gary asked Brenda and Aubrey Ebanks to stand and be recognized for their outstanding work on the SLPOA website and ongoing email communications to membership. They have made the decision to move away from website support and will be assisting us with transitioning to a new vendor. A big Thank You to both for everything they have done to help us with building, maintaining and adding new features to the SLPOA website.
2. Gary introduced the current board members to the membership: Gary Miller as President (expiring at end of annual meeting); Richard (Dick) Fultz, Vice-President; JoLene Kerr, Treasurer; Gail Hagen, Secretary; Arnie Schenck, Director; Tamara Pream, Director; and Steve Roth, Director. On June 10th, Steve Roth was appointed by the board to serve as Director (replacing Kelsey Roth) up until the Annual Meeting. Steve will stand for election to serve the remainder of Kelsey’s position, expiring in 2023. Gary also introduced Linda Dimitrijevic, who has agreed to serve on the board in one of the vacant positions. If elected, Linda will serve for a 3-year term.
3. Gary provided an overview of the Annual Meeting Agenda:
 - a. Presentations from:
 - i. Jim Wolters, DNR Area Fisheries Manager
 - ii. Matt Yovarow, Asst. County Engineer
 - b. SLPOA Business Meeting
 - i. Treasurer’s Report (JoLene Kerr)
 - ii. Financial Records Review Report (Gary Miller)
 - iii. President’s Report
 1. Website Support
 2. Swamp Shark Tournament Update
 3. Shoreline Ordinance Changes 2021
 4. Safety Buoy Update
 5. Digital Speed Sign Project Update (Dick Fultz)
 - iv. Board Member Nomination Call and Election
 - c. Door Prizes (Attendees must be present to win)
 - d. Call for adjournment
4. Jim Wolters, DNR Area Fisheries Manager was introduced. Jim presented information on the following: Core Activities of MNDNR Fisheries of Walleye Egg take, hatching & stocking operations; and Lake Survey Program of monitoring fish populations. After presenting information on the various methods used to index fish populations, Jim provided specific Star Lake results for Northern Pike, Walleye, Yellow Perch, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Black Crappie,

Rock Bass and Tullibee. Jim also fielded questions from the membership. A copy of Jim's presentation is attached to these minutes.

5. Matt Yovarow, Asst. County Engineer (Otter Tail County) was introduced. Matt presented information on the Bridge Replacement project on County Hwy 41. The project is estimated to cost \$1,512,000, and will be paid by county bonding. Plans have been submitted to MnDOT for final review and they expect completed plans in approximately 1 month. The next steps are to finalize permits with DNR. They will then be able to advertise for bids to construct the bridge. Construction is expected to take 3-4 months. They are planning to bid the project this fall, with construction expected to start in the spring of 2022. During construction, boat access will be sporadic during working hours. The new bridge will be concrete (vs. Timber); 70 feet in length (vs. 58 feet); and 32' 4" in width (vs. 32' 9"). A copy of Matt's overview is attached to these minutes.
6. Treasurer's Report – JoLene Kerr reported that the SLPOA checking account balance is \$8,476.78. The SLPOA money market account is \$26,127.55, which includes the Lake Protection Fund of \$18,188.95. A big thank you to SLCCG for and our membership for their generous donation of \$16,053.95, the balance of funds remaining after successfully challenging the WEN Casino project.
7. Financial Records Review Report – Gary presented the report based on the results of the review performed by Linda Dimitrijevic. Linda reviewed the 2020-2021 membership year (June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021). After completing this review, Linda also reviewed the 2019-2020 membership year (June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020).
 - a. All bank account balances matched exactly to balances reported by treasurer.
 - b. All receipts and deposits were related to Star Lake business.
 - c. All checks were related to Star Lake business.
 - d. All invoices paid were validated to be related to SLPOA business.
 - e. All required filings for Non-Profit status were completed timely.
 - f. All checks had dual signatures, except one.The following recommendations were made and immediately implemented:
 - g. Use duplicate checks
 - h. Start a new file for records at the beginning of the membership year
 - i. Start a new register for transactions at the beginning of the membership year
 - j. Prepare and present an itemized report for all expenses at each SLPOA BOD meeting

8. President's Report – Gary provided information and updates for the following projects/activities:
 - a. Website Support Transition – On behalf of SLPOA, Gary presented Brenda and Aubrey Ebanks with a Thank You gift for their website and communications support. They will provide assistance in transitioning this workload to Big Groovy Designs.
 - b. Swamp Shark Tournament Update – The tournament will be from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 19th. Teams will check-in their fish at Bell's Resort. We can have up to 50 2-person teams and there are slots still available. DNR Statistics were discussed, and based on CPUE, Star Lake small northern population has increased by 30% since the year 2000. Based on 2018 test netting data, it is at its highest level since DNR test netting began in 1973. During the same period, our primary forage base fish (the perch) has declined by 53%. The perch is a major food for not only Northerns, but many other

fish species. The three goals developed for the event: Provide the structure for a fun day of fishing on the water; Help a local business impacted by the COVID restrictions; and Help the effort to restore more of a balance to the fishery.

- c. Shoreline Ordinance Changes 2021 – Gary provided information regarding OTC Land & Resource Shoreline Ordinance changes as provided on their website. There are many changes and it is suggested that membership utilize the resources on OTC Land & Resource website to learn how these changes will impact the property owners of Star Lake. There are 5 videos on the OTC website that review the changes.
 - d. Safety Buoy Update – A big thank you to Tyler Riley for taking the lead with volunteers that place, maintain, remove and store the buoys that are used throughout the lake. Also, thank you to all volunteers that help including Frank & Tami Pream, Ryan Salberg, Robbie Rimer, Tom McKinnon, and Bob Greenland. We are planning to update our list of volunteers to make sure we recognize everyone that dedicates their time to this important project.
 - e. Digital Speed Sign Update – Dick Fultz provided information on our project of purchasing Digital Speed Signs for State Hwy 108 and County Road 41. The County has approved our request for the sign that is intended to be placed for Northbound traffic on County 41 south of Bell’s Resort. The State requires that a Government Entity apply for the Permit for Digital Signs (applies to signs for State Highway 108). The section impacted is in Dora Township. We have had communications with Dora Township commissioners and will attend their BOD meeting in July. After all approvals are received, the signs will be purchased by SLPOA. Our intent is to have fund-raising activities to replace the funds required to purchase these signs. Several comments were made by members about the safety issues they have personally experienced, especially on Highway 108.
9. Board Member Nomination Call and Election – Gary reviewed the ballot that was provided to membership. We have two vacant positions, and one person (Linda Dimitrijevič) that is recommended for a position. Gary called for nominations from the floor (3 times). No nominations were received. Use of the ballot was not necessary. Richard Fultz and Gail Hagen’s term are renewed for 3 years (2024); Steve Roth will serve the remaining term (2023); and Linda Dimitrijevič will serve for 3 years (2024).
10. Door Prizes – The drawings were completed and all door prizes distributed. A big thank you to the following businesses for donating door prizes:
- a. United Community Bank, Dent
 - b. Triple Play, Dent
 - c. Dougout, Dent
 - d. Pirate’s Corner Tackle, Dent
 - e. Nootzi’s on Main, Dent
 - f. DuCharme’s Corner Store, Star Lake
 - g. Betty’s Pantry, Ottertail
 - h. Gene’s Sport Shop, Perham
 - i. Mark’s Home & Hardware, Perham
 - j. Mark’s Fleet Supply, Perham
 - k. LAC Country Car Wash, Perham
 - l. Jean’s The Right Plant Place, Perham
 - m. Service Foods, Perham
 - n. Central Market, Perham

- o. Landmark Liquor, Perham
- p. Bongard's Retail Store, Perham
- q. Central MN Credit Union, Perham
- r. Dairy Queen, Perham
- s. Subway, Perham
- t. Applebee's, Fergus Falls

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA

Attachments: MN DNR Fisheries Presentation
CSAH 41 Bridge Replacement