

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

Home of Dick Fultz
31010 State Highway 108, Dent
August 17th, 2021

Board Members Present: Dick Fultz, Gail Hagen, JoLene Kerr, Steve Roth, Linda Dimitrijevic, Tamara Pream and Liz Poliak

Board Members Absent: None

Dick Fultz called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

- (1) The minutes of the July 15th SLPOA Board of Directors Meeting were distributed and reviewed. TP made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and JK seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (2) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$8,874.11 in checking, and \$26,584.37 in the money market. The Lake Protection Fund is \$18,638.95, and is included in the money market total. The total of both accounts is \$35,458.48. Deposits for checking were \$330.00 for membership dues, \$25.54 from Amazon Smile, and \$.37 in interest. Deposits for Money Market were \$3.27 in interest. Expenses paid were \$480.00 to Big Groovy Designs for annual fee for website and email support. GH made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, TP seconded the motion; all were in favor.
- (3) Membership Update – Gail reported that the total number of paid memberships for the 2021-2022 membership year received to date is 224, which includes 9 associate memberships. In comparison, we had 214 memberships in 2020-2021, and 232 in 2019-2020. A second letter will be mailed to non-members.
- (4) Star Lake Family Spotlight – Liz has put together some sample questions. Liz and Gail will review to finalize and start with putting Dick in the Spotlight. JoLene also suggested that we gather information from Linda and Bob as their background is very interesting!
- (5) Facebook Page – The old Facebook page should be removed. There has been no activity for several years. Gail will contact Facebook to request it be removed.
- (6) Business Cards and Notecards – They have been ordered and will arrive prior to our next board meeting. Nametags for the Board have not been ordered yet.
- (7) OTC COLA Annual Meeting – Tamara and Linda will plan to attend the annual meeting on August 19th. They will take notes and share them at our next board meeting.
- (8) Star Lake Apparel Online Store – Gail provided an update on the online store. Longweekend Leisurewear recommended that they select the items due to limited availability of items with suppliers. The store will have an assortment of sweatshirts, t-shirts, pants, ¼ zips, and items for youth. The store is open and ready for ordering. The deadline will be September 5th. Orders will

be shipped directly to the customer approximately 2-3 weeks after the store closes. Members will be notified by email, facebook posts, and the website.

(9) Committee Assignments – status update from board members:

- a. Adopt-A-Highway: The date for the fall clean-up will be September 18th. Details will be shared with membership through email, facebook and website.
- b. Water Safety: Tamara provided an update on the buoys. There are several that need repairs. She is also getting feedback from members that more are needed due to the low water levels. There are more hazards exposed that need to be marked to prevent accidents and/or damage. She has researched vendors and found one in Minnesota that also has the best price. There is also a savings when multiple buoys are purchased. Tamara can distribute the buoys to those that need to either be replaced or have requested additional buoys, and will store any extra buoys. JoLene can arrange to have them delivered to her employer's business which has a loading dock. This will reduce the shipping cost. GH made a motion that we purchase 6 buoys, and JK seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- c. AIS Monitoring and Water Testing: Linda provided an update on water readings and samplings. Star Lake participates in the Lakes Monitoring Program through RMB Environmental Laboratories. Carolyn and Don Herron have been taking Secchi Disk readings and water samplings on Star Lake for over 20 years. They are very diligent in their process to ensure accurate readings and water sampling data. Samplings are done 5 times a year and reports are available on RMB's website. There are training opportunities and videos available through RMB's website. We have 5 members that have expressed interest in participating on this committee. Linda will provide the training videos with the membership volunteers.
- d. Membership & Publicity: Gail will be working on a second letter to property owners that are not current members to encourage joining the association. Membership communications will continue on our website, Facebook page, and email communications.
- e. Fisheries Improvement: Steve provided an update regarding Fisheries. The DNR fish gill netting survey was completed in July of this year. Preliminary findings are attached to the minutes. The DNR Lakefinder will be updated later this year after they compile the trends.
- f. Shoreline Restoration: JoLene led a discussion on our Lakescaping Grant Program. We have had 2 members that have utilized this program. We currently offer a \$2,000 grant. The board discussed lowering the amount to 20% of the member's project cost up to a maximum of \$1,000. GH made a motion to change the grant amount to 20% of the estimated cost up to a maximum of \$1,000. TP seconded the motion. All were in favor. The document on our website will be updated to reflect this change.

(10) Ballot for By-Laws Amendment: Dick shared the current situation with Dora Township and the State of Minnesota's process for applying for a permit for a Dynamic Speed Display sign. Dora Township has requested that our By-Laws state that they are not financially responsible for the purchase and upkeep of the sign. In order to make this change, we are required to hold a special meeting for membership voting. Dick has requested that we call a meeting to order at

the picnic for this purpose. We will need to have ballots ready for the membership and verify that the attendees are members. He will not be at the picnic due to a prior commitment. Dick will provide the verbiage for the ballot; Gail will get copies made and have a current membership listing available. A check-in table will need to set up at the picnic.

(11) Picnic - The Star Lake Picnic will be Saturday, August 28th at JoLene and Mark's home.

- a. Directors attending: Gail, Linda, JoLene, Liz and Steve
- b. Menu: Ditterich Farms Food Truck will be serving Beef Brisket or Pulled Pork on a bun, Baked Beans, Coleslaw and Cornbread Muffins. Gail will be serving Root Beer Floats and provide bottled water.
- c. Supplies Needed: Food truck will supply all supplies needed for serving; Gail will provide cups, spoons, straws & napkins for floats as well as bottled water on ice.
- d. Tables: Gail and Tamara will bring over tables. Gail will also bring over 2 Tent Canopies.
- e. Parking: Cars can park along Beaver Dam Trl.
- f. Signs: Signs will be at corner of Beaver Dam Trl, on beach and 108 & Beaver Dam Rd.
- g. Port-A-Potty: JoLene has requested that we do not rent a Port-A-Potty. The duration of the picnic is only 2 hours, and anyone needing a restroom can use theirs.
- h. Check-In Table: We will have a check-in table and give out tickets so that we will have a count of the number of meals served.
- i. Sample Star Lake Apparel: Gail placed an order of various Star Lake apparel and will have them on display at the picnic. They will also be available for purchase. Gail will also have printouts of the online store items, and handouts with the web address.

(12) Fall Newsletter

- a. Ideas for Articles: AIS article, Message from President, Update from each board member and their committees.
- b. Goal for completing: October 1st.
- c. Discussion held on increasing frequency to quarterly.

(13) Next Meeting Date and Location – September 16th at the home of Gail Hagen, 40244 330th Ave, Dent.

(14) Recap of action items:

- a. Gail: Letter to non-members, printout of Star Lake apparel for picnic, update website for Lakescaping Grant Program, supplies for picnic, table for sample Star Lake apparel, nametags for picnic, communication or Adopt-A-Highway date.
- b. Liz: Questions for Dick; meet with Gail to finalize questions.
- c. Linda: RMB Training Videos – share with committee volunteers, AIS article for newsletter, Speaker for next meeting, send notes to Gail, send information on decontamination unit to Gail for Facebook page.
- d. Steve: Send catch results to board when available. Gail will post on Facebook and website.
- e. Dick: add Spring Cleaning idea to agenda for next meeting

(15) Liz made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen

Secretary, SLPOA