

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2021

Present via email: GM, JK, GH, RF, TP, AS, KR

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, President Gary Miller requested a meeting of the Board of Directors be held via email to address 2 issues relating to moving forward with the 2021 Swamp Shark Tournament. Gary distributed the following information to the entire board via email with a request for action:

- (1) Gary and JoLene have been working on the details for holding the Swamp Shark tournament in June of 2021. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is requiring that we obtain either a Surety Bond or Bank Letter of Credit. Gary has researched both options and is recommending that we move forward on requesting a Bank Letter of Credit. The cost will be from \$25 to \$50 for the LOC. A Surety Bond will be \$100.
- (2) Via email, Dick made the motion to approve obtaining a \$1,000 Bank Letter of Credit, authorize President Gary Miller to obtain said LOC, and sign as a representative of the association. The motion was seconded by JoLene Kerr. All were in favor and responded via email. A record of this communication is attached to these minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gail Hagen*

Gail Hagen  
Secretary, SLPOA

## SLPOA Stuff

9 messages

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Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 6:43 PM

To: "arnie7up@gmail.com" <arnie7up@gmail.com>, Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>, "rafultz@kansas.net" <rafultz@kansas.net>, Jolene Kerr <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>, Tamara Pream <tpream17@gmail.com>, Kelsey Roth <kelseyroth@gmail.com>

The sun is shining and the snow is melting. Good signs that summer 2021 could still happen! I decided it was a good time to get you updated on several items. Knowing I am a chronic list maker, here goes:

1. In consultation with JoLene, I set dates for two events. Our annual meeting is set for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Camp Joy. That day works for Matt Larsen and his Camp. Hopefully, the pandemic will have things open in MN by June. I also established Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> for our second "Swamp Shark" tournament. It will be based out of Bell's Resort again.
2. I keep checking with Chuck Grotte at OTC re the bridge. KLJ Engineering is working on the design. Bids should be let in mid to late April. About all he knows until the bids are sent. The State of MN also still has to approve the bonding for the bridge replacement.
3. I am working with JoLene on the permit for the northern tournament. Small snag. The MN DNR is requiring we get a surety bond or a bank letter of credit for the tournament since we have not been issued a fishing tournament permit before. It seems like major "red tape" but if we want the permit, it is required. SO.....to get that accomplished we need to conduct a BOD meeting via email to approve Gary P Miller as SLPOA President to enter into discussion with United Community Bank of Dent to secure a \$1,000.00 letter of credit for our June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 "Swamp Shark" fishing tournament. The LOC meets to be approved by the BOD as well as authorizing me to enter into such an agreement.

So, please respond to Gail that you approve of both items. Then, Gail, I will need a set of minutes documenting that a meeting was held via email and official votes were cast via email to approve the actions. Once I have the minutes, I will present them to Perry Coleman at the bank to have him draw up the LOC. He thought the bank would charge between \$25.00 and \$50.00 to issue the letter. I did check with a surety bond agency. They want \$100.00 to issue a surety bond. The LOC seems cheaper.

Honestly, I did not expect a simple one day fishing tournament permit to need this level of legal protection for the state of MN. They seem to waste millions on stupid programs but cannot trust a lake association to pay out \$1,000.00 in prize money! What a mess we create for ourselves! Anyway, enough spewing. No LOC, no permit.

4. Brenda and Audrey Ebanks informed me that they are retiring from their web support service. They will no longer support our website after May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Brenda did recommend a group out of Grand Rapids, MN to transfer the website and support to. They have worked with the group on several other projects. I contacted them. They are willing to take on the work. Cost for one year is \$480.00. That includes web hosting, changes to the website (within reason), spam and virus protection, newsletter layout/support, and basic troubleshooting. We will need to take action on that at some point as well.
5. Finally, I started to work on the articles for the spring 2021 newsletter.

What I have thus far, is as follows:

President's Letter

Article on BOD Member Recruiting

President's Drop-Offs (brief recap of a number of things going on)

2021 Swamp Shark Tournament Information and Rules

Calling All Techies! (article on Brenda and Audrey's retirement and request for any member with web skills to take on web support)

Article on how the County determines property values in the lakes area

I need any ideas and/or articles you may have. Gail or JoLene.....could you write up some information on the addition of the PayPal feature to our registration page and process? Would be good to explain to members how the addition works. Should we include an article/ reminder on paying their 2021/2022 membership dues as well?

I also have some information from COLA and the Lakes and Waters Association that I will pull together for the newsletter on invasive species and new water regulations. Other ideas are welcome.

That is it for now. To keep this moving, I need your action on the bank LOC for the fishing tournament ASAP. Thanks! Take good care! Gpm

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**JoLene Kerr** <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 8:13 PM

To: Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>

Cc: Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>

I give full approval and or consent to Gary Miller to discuss our needs to our banker for appropriate documentation to acquire our fishing tournament permit.

JoLene J Kerr, Treasurer SLPOA

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2021, at 5:43 PM, Gary Miller <[garypmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:garypmiller@hotmail.com)> wrote:

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**rafultz@kansas.net** <[rafultz@kansas.net](mailto:rafultz@kansas.net)>

Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 11:17 PM

To: Gary Miller <[garypmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:garypmiller@hotmail.com)>, arnie7up@gmail.com, Gail Hagen <[gmahagen@gmail.com](mailto:gmahagen@gmail.com)>, Jolene Kerr <[jolenejeankerr@gmail.com](mailto:jolenejeankerr@gmail.com)>, Tamara Pream <[tpream17@gmail.com](mailto:tpream17@gmail.com)>, Kelsey Roth <[kelseymroth@gmail.com](mailto:kelseymroth@gmail.com)>

Replying to Gary's Request...I approve of the LOC , authorize the President to obtain said LOC and sign as a representative of the Association. Gail, enter these votes into the minutes. Thanks Dick

**From:** Gary Miller

**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 5:43 PM

**To:** arnie7up@gmail.com ; Gail Hagen ; rafultz@kansas.net ; Jolene Kerr ; Tamara Pream ; Kelsey Roth

**Subject:** SLPOA Stuff

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**JoLene Kerr** <[jolenejeankerr@gmail.com](mailto:jolenejeankerr@gmail.com)>

Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 7:39 AM

To: rafultz@kansas.net

Cc: Gary P Miller <[garypmiller@hotmail.com](mailto:garypmiller@hotmail.com)>, Gail Hagen <[gmahagen@gmail.com](mailto:gmahagen@gmail.com)>

I agree with Dick's request...his response was so much more eloquent than mine...SHOW-OFF!!!!  
JoLene

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2021, at 10:17 PM, [rafultz@kansas.net](mailto:rafultz@kansas.net) wrote:

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**tpream17** <tpream17@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 12:15 PM

To: rafultz@kansas.net, Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>, arnie7up@gmail.com, Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>, Jolene Kerr <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>, Kelsey Roth <kelseymroth@gmail.com>

I approve the LOC as well Gary please proceed.

I also wanted to let everyone know Frank and I saw and spoke with DNR earlier this week. They have been watching and stopping folks all week. I am not sure Gary how long but he did tell us that he has been monitoring for sometime.

It is a shame the mess the ice fishing folks have made of the south shoreline. My plan is to walk and pick up as much garbage as I can today.

They started to drive on wherever because they blew the ice open weeks ago so there are multiple spots now that are showing some wear hopefully the riprap didn't get too beat up.

We will know when it thaws. Very excited for the thaw!

Best regards,

Tami Pream

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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**Gail Hagen** <gmahagen@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 12:31 PM

To: tpream17 <tpream17@gmail.com>

Cc: Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>, Jolene Kerr <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>, Kelsey Roth <kelseymroth@gmail.com>, arnie7up@gmail.com, rafultz@kansas.net

I approve as well and will prepare the minutes this weekend! We are staying in Florida a little longer this year. I'm going to have my hip replaced (finally)! Hopefully I will be able to get around easier this summer!

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**Gary Miller** <garypmiller@hotmail.com>

Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 12:41 PM

To: Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>

Wow. Good surgery! They have become somewhat "routine" but still surgery. My best. Take good care. Gpm

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2021, at 11:31 AM, Gail Hagen <[gmahagen@gmail.com](mailto:gmahagen@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**Kelsey Roth** <kelseymroth@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 2:14 PM

To: Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>

Cc: Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>, Jolene Kerr <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>, arnie7up@gmail.com, rafultz@kansas.net, tpream17 <tpream17@gmail.com>

Hello, all! I approve of the LOC and authorize the President to obtain said LOC and sign as a representative of the Association.

Florida sounds great right now, Gail! Hope your surgery goes well!

Kelsey

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**arnie7up** <arnie7up@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 20, 2021 at 3:57 PM

To: Gail Hagen <gmahagen@gmail.com>, tpream17 <tpream17@gmail.com>

Cc: Gary Miller <garypmiller@hotmail.com>, Jolene Kerr <jolenejeankerr@gmail.com>, Kelsey Roth <kelseymroth@gmail.com>, rafultz@kansas.net

I approve on both items