

SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2021
Home of Gary Miller

Board Members Present: GPM, GH, JK, AS, RF

Board Members Absent: TP, KR

Gary Miller called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

- (1) The meeting minutes from the March 24, 2021 email meeting were distributed and reviewed. AS made a motion to approve these minutes, and was seconded by RF. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- (2) The minutes of the October 15, 2020 BOD meeting were available in draft form on the SLPOA website. A copy was also distributed and reviewed by the board members present. A motion by JK was made to approve the minutes, and seconded by AS. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- (3) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$6,636.70 in checking, and \$26,124.54 in the money market. The total of both accounts is \$32,761.24.
- (4) Membership Update – Jolene and Gail reported that the total number of paid memberships for the 2020-2021 membership year was 214. Membership renewals and new members to date for the 2021-2022 year is 20. An email reminder will be sent asking for members to renew prior to the Annual Meeting on June 12, 2021. Also, a letter and membership form will be mailed to property owners that are not members, or have not renewed the membership.
- (5) The Spring Newsletter was distributed by email on April 19, 2021. The board reported that they have received positive feedback from membership.
- (6) Spring Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up – the clean-up was held Saturday, May 1st. Gary Miller, JoLene Kerr, and Lee & Becky Mindemann volunteered their time to complete the clean-up. GM also reported that he has renewed the commitment on behalf of SLPOA to Otter Tail County to complete the County Highway 41 ditch clean-up for 2021 and 2022. Our commitment is to complete the clean-up in the Spring and the Fall of both years. Our thanks to Gary and all of the volunteers that worked to keep our commitment of keeping this area of County Highway 41 clean!
- (7) In March of 2021, GM corresponded with Chuck Grotte, OTC Engineer, to request updates on the Frank's Memorial Bridge on County Road 41. He has not received a response as of the meeting. UPDATE: OTC responded on 5-21-2021 that they have received plans from KLJ. OTC will need to review and make changes prior to submitting to MN DOT for review and approval. Funding approval by the state is expected. The availability of Bridge Contractors may be an issue as most bridge contractors are busy. OTC does not expect work to start until August at the earliest.

- (8) BOD Member Recruiting – The board discussed the status of 2 vacancies on the board that will need to be filled at the Annual Meeting. We have received interest from 2 members that may be considered, as well as a potential third candidate. GM will contact them to discuss the possibility of being candidates for the vacancies.
- (9) Annual Meeting – The SLPOA Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, June 12th, from 9:00 AM – Noon, at Camp Joy. The following details were discussed:
- a. The menu will consist of pancakes, sausages, fruit, juice and coffee. Discussion was held regarding the ability to prepare scrambled eggs for the potential number of people attending. GM will talk to Matt Larson, Camp Director of Camp Joy.
 - b. We have 4 signs that will be positioned in locations that will be readily visible to property owners. The locations will be corners of 41 & 108, 380th & 41, Beaver Dam Rd & 108, Beaver Dam Rd and 35. The signs will be go out on either May 27th or May 28th, prior to Memorial Day weekend.
 - c. RF has been busy collecting door prizes donated by local businesses. We will finalize the list by June 5th so that we can prepare a list of the businesses to share at the meeting. GH has the numbered tickets and will bring them to the meeting.
 - d. For the Business Meeting portion, a tentative agenda was discussed and are as follows:
 - i. Results of Financial Review
 - ii. Goals for 2021
 - iii. Digital Speed Signs for County Highway 41 and MN State Hwy 108
 - iv. Lakescaping Grant Program
 - v. Lake Ordinance Monitoring
 - vi. Speakers: Jim Wolters, MN DNR on fish hatchery and walleye stocking; Spencer McGraw, AIS Specialist
 - e. Education for Members
- (10)Swamp Shark Tournament – The date has been set for June 19th, with Bell’s Resort as the Headquarters/Check-In point. The following details were discussed:
- a. The Permit has been issued to hold the tournament. We can have up to 50 boats.
 - b. All boats must pre-register and will be given a registration number.
 - c. The start time will be 8:00 AM, with boats starting anywhere on the lake.
 - d. Teams must check in by 2:30 PM.
 - e. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first 12 boats that check in with 20 Northerns, as well as for smallest Northern for the adults, and for the kids.
 - f. \$20.00 in gift certificate for Bell’s Resort will be awarded to each boat that checks in with at least 12 Northerns.
 - g. Each boat will receive 2 T-Shirts, and one Fish Ruler.
 - h. GH will bring the Lake Protection Fund donation box, and canopies.
 - i. If they are received in time, the T-Shirts will be available for pick-up at the Annual Meeting. The other option will be Friday, June 18th at Bell’s Resort Parking Lot.
 - j. GM will prepare the email communication announcing open registration for the tournament.

- k. Another meeting will be held 1 week prior to the tournament to finalize plans and assign specific duties.

(11)SLPOA Website Support – Brenda and Aubrey Ebanks notified the BOD that they are considering retiring from their website support business. They have created an excellent SLPOA website over many years. A motion was made by GH and seconded by RF to recognize and thank the at our June 12th, 2021 annual meeting for their support of not only our website, but also email communications and newsletter development.

GM shared information about Big Groovy Designs, a company that provides web design, hosting, email and newsletter design. GM will discuss the transition with Aubrey and Brenda.

(12)Safety Buoy Status – All buoys are out on the lake. It was brought to our attention that additional buoys may be needed near the south arm as there are some large boulders that are not marked and with the lake level down, it is a hazard. Also, we will schedule a meeting with the members that volunteer to assist with the buoys. GH will pull the list together and send it to GM.

(13)Digital Speed Signs Update – GM provided the following information:

- a. We have received the approval from Star Lake Township.
- b. Dora Township has not provided a response.

Discussion was held regarding next steps to secure approval from Dora Township. It was decided that we will need to attend a meeting of the Dora Township Council. RF will check their calendar to determine meeting dates. GM, AS and RF will plan to attend.

(14)MLR Lake Steward Program – this item will be tabled for discussion at the next BOD meeting.

(15)Kost Trucking – We have been made aware that some land near Star Lake has been purchased by Kost Trucking. It is not known how the land will be used, or possible impact to Star Lake and surrounding roads. We will continue to seek additional information to determine if there may be a negative impact on Star Lake.

(16)Steve Knutson, Lake Lida Association Concern – Gary received a letter from a property owner and association member on Lake Lida. He provided information on proposed changes to some of the Otter Tail County Shoreland Ordinances as posted by Land and Resource Management. More research needs to be completed by the board to understand the changes and how this will impact Star Lake property owners. GH will research information available on OTC website and share with the board at the next BOD meeting.

(17)Recap of Action Items:

- a. Update the meeting minutes from draft to FINAL and send to YERBUA for posting on the SLPOA website – GH.
- b. Prepare email communication to membership as a reminder to renew SLPOA membership for the 2021-2022 year by June 12th. Information on the utilizing the new

feature on the SLPOA website will be provided, as well as links for paying with the traditional hard-copy form and check. GH

- c. Prepare letter to all Property Owners that will include the Membership Form and reply envelope requesting responses prior to June 12th. GH
- d. Contact potential BOD candidates to discuss opportunity to serve on SLPOA board. GM
- e. Talk to Matt Larson at Camp Joy regarding menu items for Annual Meeting (eggs?). GM
- f. Set up signs advertising the Annual Meeting Date, Time and Location at 4 locations prior to Memorial Day weekend. GM
- g. Finalize Door Prizes for Annual Meeting that have been donated by local businesses by June 5th and provide list to GM. RF and AS
- h. Contact member and schedule financial review prior to annual meeting. GM and JK
- i. Obtain dates for Dora Township council meetings and make plans to attend to gain support for Digital Speed signs for MN State Highway 108. GM, AS & RF
- j. Finalize Annual Meeting business meeting agenda and speakers. Prepare email communication to membership regarding Annual Meeting date, time, location and agenda. GM
- k. Research proposed changes to Shoreland Ordinances to present to BOD. GH
- l. Finalize Swamp Shark Rules and Sign-up process. Prepare communication to membership. GM
- m. Determine when T-Shirts for Swamp Shark tournament will be ready. JK
- n. Schedule meeting 1 week prior to Swamp Shark tournament to finalize duties and assignments. GM
- o. Prepare Cash Prize envelopes for Swamp Shark Tournament. JK
- p. Contact YERBUA about transitioning website support and other activities to Big Groovy Designs. GM
- q. Pull list of membership that have volunteered for Water Safety/Buoy Placement & Maintenance and send to GM. GH
- r. Schedule meeting for Water Safety/Buoy Placement committee. RF and GM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. The next board meeting will be held at 6:30 on June 10th at the home of GH, 40244 330th Ave.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen
Secretary, SLPOA