

## SLPOA BOD Meeting Minutes

Home of Gail Hagen  
40244 330<sup>th</sup> Ave, Dent  
September 16, 2021

Board Members Present: Dick Fultz, Gail Hagen, JoLene Kerr, Steve Roth, Tamara Pream. Linda Dimitrijevic participated by phone.

Board Members Absent: Liz Poliak

Dick Fultz called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

- (1) The minutes of the August 17th SLPOA Board of Directors Meeting were distributed and reviewed. TP recommended that the minutes reflect the planned distribution of the new buoys. JK made a motion to approve the minutes with the additional information, and TP seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- (2) Treasurer's Report – JoLene reported that the balances in our accounts are as follows: \$6,868.43 in checking, and \$26,687.87 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 \$33,556.30. Deposits for checking were \$220.00 for membership dues, \$.37 in interest, and \$100.00 for Lake Protection Fund. Deposits for Money Market were \$3.50 in interest. Expenses paid totaled \$2,226.00. GH made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, TP seconded the motion; all were in favor.

The board discussed the requirement of 2 signatures on checks. Currently, DF and JK are the signors. Dick will be leaving the area to return to Kansas for the winter. If any expenses need to be paid, it will be challenging to get Dick's signature. It was decided that we would pursue adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> Director as an authorized signor for checks. TP made a motion to add Gail Hagen, Secretary, as an authorized signor for our bank accounts, and SR seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

- (3) Membership Update – Gail reported that the total number of paid memberships for the 2021-2022 membership year received to date is 229, which includes 9 associate memberships. In comparison, we had 214 memberships in 2020-2021, and 232 in 2019-2020. A second letter to property owners that are not members was mailed on 9-14-2021.
- (4) Star Lake Family Spotlight – Gail reported that there are no updated to report. The questions will be finalized and sent to Dick to be our first Spotlight.
- (5) Facebook Page – The Facebook "Group" that was already existing on Facebook is now administered by Gail. We have been getting more "likes", views and interactions on the posts. A new discussion #bragboard has been started after a suggestion by a member. This will also be added to our website. We will communicate this to membership in our fall newsletter and also in an email.

- (6) Business Cards and Notecards - We received our business cards and notecards. They were distributed to the Directors at this meeting. Gail will mail cards to Linda, and will make arrangements to get cards to Liz. We will get the nametags before our next social event, which will be in the spring of 2022.
- (7) OTC COLA Annual Meeting – Tami, Steve and Linda attended the meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The main speaker was Chris LeClair from OTC Land and Resource. He reviewed the Shoreline Ordinance changes that went into effect in early July. Linda also obtained information handouts for AIS that she made available at the picnic on the 28<sup>th</sup>. If members have any questions about the new Shoreline Ordinance and how it impacts their property, they are encouraged to contact Chris LeClair’s office. There are also links to the videos and documents on our website.
- (8) Star Lake Apparel Online Store – There were a total of 15 orders placed, and 90 items. We discussed timing of the store and whether we should consider another store event prior to Christmas. We decided that we would hold the next event in the Spring/early Summer, to coincide with the Annual Meeting.
- (9) Committee Assignments – status update from board members:
  - a. Adopt-A-Highway: The date for the fall clean-up will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, meeting at Bell’s Resort Parking Lot at 9:00 AM. Details were communicated in an email that went out Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. A separate email was also sent to members that had indicated interest in volunteering on their membership form. Also, a post was shared on Facebook. JoLene picked up the vests and plastic bags. To date, she has not received any responses from the email or Facebook post. Steve volunteered to be there.
  - b. Water Safety: Tamara provided an update on the buoys. They were delivered today at JoLene’s employer. We saved over \$600 in shipping charges by having them delivered to a location with a loading dock. Tammy picked them up and will distribute them to replace damaged/broken buoys, and to those that requested additional buoys to mark hazards on the lake. We also discussed when to remove the buoys from the lake. The water level is making it hazardous to keep boats on lifts, and the DNR is recommending that boats be removed due to the water levels. Tamara would like to remove them the weekend of September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will send a communication to membership to alert them of the planned dates for removing buoys.
  - c. AIS Monitoring and Water Testing: Linda provided an update on water readings and samplings. She is recommending that we get another Secchi Disc and Tube. She is also recommending that we provide training to volunteers. She will work with RMB and Carolyn Herron on training plans. Gail made a motion that we purchase a Secchi Disc and Tube for the purpose of conducting Water Quality readings and samplings; Steve seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.
  - d. Membership & Publicity: Gail sent out a letter to non-members on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to provide ongoing communication and promote our association through US mail, email, website and Facebook. Gail is also working with our web service provider on ongoing changes, ease-of-use, and consistency with the appearance. She received some feedback from Brenda Ebanks on suggestions and will consolidate for updating website.

- e. Fisheries Improvement: Steve provided an update regarding Fisheries. The DNR fish gill netting survey was completed in July of this year. The findings were shared with Gary Miller. He provided his feedback on the netting survey results. Steve is recommending that we continue the Swamp Shark tournament next year. It worked out well to have the Swamp Shark Tournament on the weekend following the Annual Meeting. We will plan to coordinate the scheduling the same next year. JoLene will provide Steve with the Permit Application that was filed this year. Steve will take care of the application for the 2022 tournament date. Steve has also talked with MN DNR to ensure we have enforcement on the lake during the winter. The conservation officers are well aware of the issues on Star and will make their presence known this winter.
- f. Shoreline Restoration: JoLene is planning to draft communication to our membership for the purpose of educating property owners on the availability of the East Ottertail Soil and Water Conservation District resource and our Lakescaping Grant Program. Timing would be better in the early Spring to coincide with plans for Spring/Summer projects.

(10)Dynamic Display Signs – We did not follow through with a ballot at the picnic. We had received feedback from multiple members that a change in the by-laws was not recommended. Also, proper notice to membership of a meeting is required. It was decided that we would table this item until next Spring and address it at our Annual Meeting. We have the ballots that were printed and will try to use them by modifying them with a label to correct the date and any wording changes.

(11)Picnic - The Star Lake Picnic was held on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at JoLene and Mark's home. We had an awesome turnout – even with the rainy morning! We served 107 meals. The Food Truck started serving at 1:00 PM and the line continued without a break until 2:30 PM. The food was delicious and the Root Beer Floats were a big hit – and we even ran out of Ice Cream. We had very favorable feedback from attendees. Mike & Gail Hagen donated the bottled water, Root Beer keg, ice cream, and supplies for the floats; and their family served the floats. They want to thank Doug at The Dougout in Dent for ordering the Root Beer keg and 3 gallons of Ice Cream for the event. Also, a big Thank You to JoLene and Mark Kerr for hosting at their scenic overlook of Star Lake, to Linda and Bob Dimitrijevic for providing the Star Lake photo props, to JoLene Kerr for taking pictures, and to Mike & Gail Hagen and their family for providing and serving the Root Beer Floats. For next year, we will consider holding the picnic within the first 2 weeks of August so that it is not too close to Labor Day weekend.

(12)Fall Newsletter – Articles and Assignments (**Deadline to submit to Gail is October 10<sup>th</sup>**):

- a. Message from President – Dick (include thank you to Gary Miller)
- b. Paragraph to recap committees – All Directors
- c. Annual Meeting Recap – Gail and Dick (include thank you to businesses for donation)
- d. Picnic Recap with photos – JoLene
- e. Swamp Shark Tournament Recap – Gail (summarize Gary Miller's report)
- f. Website Overview – Gail (include photo submission, Brag Board, Resources, etc.)
- g. Facebook Page – Gail
- h. Star Lake Apparel Online Store – Gail
- i. Amazon Smile Program – JoLene
- j. Camp Aquila Blue Ribbon and Spring-Cleaning Sale idea – Gail

Discussion was held regarding whether the Fall Newsletter should be mailed or just electronic. Since we have a new email service provider, there is a possibility that emails are ending up in spam folders. We will send the Fall Newsletter via US Mail to ensure all receive it. Our targeted in-home dates will be October 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. We will also have it available on our website. The newsletter theme will be Halloween.

(13) Next Meeting Date and Location – October 14<sup>th</sup> at the home of Steve Roth, 33163 380<sup>th</sup> St, Dent.

(14) Recap of action items:

- a. Check with bank on additional signor for accounts – JoLene and Gail
- b. Finalize questions for Spotlight: Gail and Liz
- c. Nametags for Directors – Gail
- d. Email to Water Safety Volunteers regarding date to remove buoys and new buoys – Tamara
- e. Email to members regarding removal plans of buoys – Gail
- f. Purchase Secchi Disc and Tube – Linda
- g. Plan training for volunteers – Linda
- h. Work with Big Groovy on website updates – Gail
- i. Provide copy of DNR Permit Application for Swamp Shark Tournament to Steve – JoLene
- j. Newsletter Articles due to Gail by October 14<sup>th</sup> - ALL

(15) Gail made a motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Hagen  
Secretary, SLPOA