

Annual Meeting Minutes 2019
Star Lake Property Owner's Association
June 22nd, 2019 Camp Joy on Star Lake

President Gary P. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Gary thanked the members for attending, Camp Joy for being the meeting host, Stu Peterson for his "pure" maple syrup served at the breakfast, and all members that provided their membership renewal information and dues in advance of the annual meeting. It really helps our Treasurer's workload! Gary recapped the 2018/2019 association accomplishments as follows:

- (1) Through the ongoing efforts of Brenda Ebanks, SLPOA kept the excellent website updated and added new information to the site
- (2) Completed our Amazon Smile program registration and began receiving funds from purchases
- (3) Completed our tax-exempt organization mailing permit allowing SLPOA to save money on postage costs. (thank you to Gail Hagen for her help with that application process)
- (4) Increased our "Lake Protection" fund through donations from members
- (5) Provided input on several proposed lake projects involving shoreline variance requests.
- (6) Began a lakescaping grant program to promote shoreline restoration. Camp Joy became the first member to receive a grant under the program
- (7) Continued to put out (23) safety buoys through the efforts of several volunteers.

Member volunteers recognized for their help with buoys were:

Tyler Riley
Mike Anderson
Robbie Rimer
Duane Solberg
Arnie Schenck
Lee Mindemann

Gary also noted we have some new volunteers that we will get involved later this summer

- (8) Continued our water quality testing and monitoring through the efforts of Caroline Herron
- (9) Took part in providing comments and testimony on the WEN casino project
- (10) Put together two excellent newsletters for member use and information

Gary shared the 2019/2020 goals as follows:

- (1) Add to our SLPOA website
- (2) Improve our fishery
- (3) Continue to provide constructive input on projects
- (4) Work on additional shoreline improvement
- (5) Continue to monitor invasive species

Presenters

Chris LeClair, Director, OTC Land & Resource Management Office, Fergus Falls

Mr. LeClair provided an overview of how a healthy septic system is designed and functions properly. He explained why systems fail and how his office conducts a compliance inspection. Members were provided with a handout titled "Septic System Owner's Guide." (we have some extra copies if any member unable to attend would like one). Mr. LeClair fielded multiple questions and septic systems operation, regulations, and maintenance and care of a system.

Jim Wolters, Fisheries Supervisor OTC Fergus Falls

Mr Wolters discussed the 2018 Star Lake test netting results, how a test netting is conducted and used for research, and the basics of stocking fry into Star Lake. Mr Wolters also discussed the multiple variables that must be considered when assessing the health of a fishery. Other topics involving fry stocking vs fingerlings, the impact of pelicans and other birds, as well as lake structure were discussed. The management of a complex fishery like Star Lake has many variables to consider. Overall, the health of the Star Lake fishery is considered good.

Jim Lilienthal, Retired Little Falls Fisheries Manager

Mr Lilienthal retired after 38 years as the manager of the Little Falls district fishery. He is a pioneer in promoting the development of programs to promote the catch and release of larger northern pike vs keeping those pike under 22 inches. Mr Lilienthal discussed the impact of a high concentration of small northern pikes on other species like walleyes, perch, and sunfish. Currently, the ratio of test netted walleyes to northern pikes in Star Lake is approximately 1:1. But, of the total northern pikes caught, 86 per cent were under 22 inches. Discussion was held. The SLPOA BOD will continue to work on ways to address the high concentration of northern pikes in Star Lake.

It was announced that following the adjournment of the annual meeting Jason Gorr would be giving a live demonstration on how to clean small northern pikes to provide boneless fillets.

Lake Happenings

Gary Miller shared that there is no new activity or information on the WEN owned property on Star Lake. The Hanson RV Park that was presented to the OTC Planning Commission and rejected was returned to the Commission for a second review by the OTC Commissioners. They felt the project meets the shoreline management ordinance with adjustment to the proposed size of the marina and the addition of a crosswalk for pedestrian traffic. Lee Mindemann noted the second hearing which was scheduled for July 10th, has been delayed until a time in August. We will continue to monitor for the date, place and time.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Maasjo reported that our funds balance on January 1st, 2018 was \$16,036.09. Income for the year was \$5,003.24. Expenses were \$4,120.71 for a net balance of \$16,918.61. Our current balance is \$18,053.44 with additional membership dues to enter into the account from the annual meeting. Membership is at 183.

Independent Member Audit

Linda Dimitrijevic was present to report that she had reviewed the bank statements and general financial accounts for the prior year. The figures as presented appear to be accurate and the bank statement reconciles with association records. Peggy Maasjo was thanked for her years of service to the SLPOA as Treasurer. She will be stepping down after the annual meeting from her Treasurer's duties and her BOD position. She was recognized for an excellent job keeping the association records and financials in good order.

Election of Board Members

The Board has two positions to fill as Jason Gorr and Peggy Maasjo will not return for another term on the Board. Ms Jolene Kerr was present at the meeting and had expressed interest in serving on the Board. Based on a motion by Lee Minndeman and a second by Tyler Riley, Ms Kerr was nominated to serve a three year term on the Board. All members present voted to approve her nomination. Both Jason and Peggy were recognized and thanked for their commitment and service to SLPOA and its mission. There is one position unfilled. The BOD will have discussion at its July 11th meeting as to how we go about filling that open position as well as replacing Peggy as Treasurer.

Door Prize Drawings

Gary Miller assisted by Gail Hagen and Richard Fultz drew tickets to give away the many items donated by local business and individuals as door prizes for the meeting. Due to the efforts of Arnie Schenck and Richard Fultz, the association received great support for donations for the meeting. Door prizes were provided from the following parties:

- (1) Bell's Resort, Bar & Grill
- (2) Stu Peterson/Camp Aguilla
- (3) Bongard's Cheese Shop
- (4) Triple Play Liquors
- (5) Central Market
- (6) Perham Locker
- (7) DuCharme's Corner Store
- (8) The Floppy Crappie
- (9) Sysco Meats/Mike and Gail Hagen
- (10) Nootsie's Restaurant
- (11)The Dugout Bar & Grill
- (12)United Community Bank
- (13)Dent Oasis/Cenex
- (14)Gene's Sport Shop

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.