

**Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2016**

Social Time: 8:30 AM

Call to order: 9:05 AM

Meeting was called to order by LSLAA President Wayne Swanson.

Self-introduction (all):

Some 45 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Diane Johnson

The 2015 LSLAA meeting minutes were available on the website and a few were printed for members to review. There were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Janet McMillan and seconded by Larry Odegard to accept the 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotta (Punky) Catlin

All attendees received a copy of the Fiscal Year (January 1, 2015 –December 31, 2015) as well as the last month's (May 1-31, 2016) Treasurer's Report. As of the end of May, 2016, LSLAA has a balance of \$9,484.50 in its checking account and a CD with a balance of \$3,510.30. Note that dues and donations to LSLAA are tax deductible.

Leah Pigatti moved and Tony Yerkes seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Reports

Healthy lakes:

Restore the Shore

John Kisser

John Kisser reported that orders for plants and trees for 2017 can be done via website beginning in August 2016. Plants will be delivered in the spring of 2017. Jim Thomsen volunteered to help plant the young trees and plants.

AIS/Zebra Mussel Monitoring Marshall Howe

Results of SWCD inspections and road counter

Marshall Howe provided an overview of LSLAA's efforts toward monitoring aquatic invasive species (AIS).

AIS Vegetation: There is no evidence of plant invasive species in Little Sand.

Zebra Mussels. There is no evidence of zebra mussels in Little Sand. Marshall talked about suspending a cinder block in the water to check for zebra mussels. COLA will be asking which lakes are using this technique to monitor for zebra mussels. COLA has Settlement Samplers to put in the water to monitor zebra mussels. Maggi Yerkes made and Jim Thomsen seconded a motion to purchase 10 Settlement Samplers from COLA to monitor Zebra Mussels around the lake. Motion carried.

Note that SWCD no longer runs this program, it is now run by Environmental Services.

Watercraft Inspection. In 2016, inspections will be done at the same number of hours as was done in 2015. Number of hours will be 464. In 2015 no boats had to be sent for decontamination.

Lake Monitoring/Secchi discs. The last Secchi disc reading was 33 ft. The lake level is a little low

COLA Rep

Wayne Swanson

COLA Sporting Items Garage Sale Bring items on June 16 to the Environmental Building at the Fair Grounds, Sale is on June 16 & 17 Donations made toward this event are tax deductible. They are looking for items such as fishing or hunting gear, decoys, old lures, and sporting goods such as water skis, paddles, etc.

Dan Kittilson spoke on behalf of COLA and emphasized the good work done by COLA and how much funding they have given Little Sand. He hopes that each person will take an interest in COLA and support it. He discussed how to help members become more aware of COLA. COLA info will be forwarded to members as is appropriate.

Communication/Education:

Newsletter

Renee Bexell

The newsletter went out recently to the website. A few copies were printed and sent out to people not having computer access. Please send info for the newsletter to Renee.

Directory

Renee Bexell

The lake directory is now online. You need a password to get into the directory. If you need the password, contact Renee or Wayne.

Educational Material

Larry Bexell

LSLAA provided cards to local sporting goods stores, motels, etc. that provides information about AIS and has descriptions and photos of AIS species. There are a few left and these will be used until they are gone.

E-Mail Coordinator

Janet McMillen

Emphasized need for making sure Janet and/or Renee get updates of email addresses.

Website:

Diane Smith/Karen Netland

There is a counter on the website that counts how many times the website is accessed. This means we know the number of visits to our website. Send information for the website to Diane or Wayne. We also have a "facebook page" for people to post pictures and happenings on the lake. It is not to be used as a platform for political issues.

Social

Denise Kisser

Social calendar is now online. If a member needs a hard copy because they do not have internet access, we will print one for you. Denise is taking reservations for the Long Lake theatre. Walking days will return to Tuesday and Thursday. This is Denises' last year as chair of this committee. She introduced and thanked her committee. We need a new chair. Thank you Denise for your good and faithful leadership.

Membership

Maggi Yerkes

Maggi puts together a large packet of information for new property owners on the lake. This morning 24 people joined at this meeting and 31 prior to this meeting. After the meeting, a letter will be sent to those who have not paid dues asking them to join. In years past we have totaled over 100 members.

Board Members Nomination and Election

Maggi Yerkes presented the following for re-election:

- Luanne O'Neill, Vice President
- Diane Johnson, Secretary
- John Kisser, Board
- MaJeanna Hallstrom, Board

Maggi Yerkes made a motion to elect these nominees; Janet McMillan seconded; motion carried.

State of Minnesota and Lake Emma Township 2016 grant

We again received money from the State and Lake Emma Township to partially fund AIS inspection at the Boat Landing.

Dock Signage

Larry Odegard

Larry Odegard continues to make signs for docks and other purposes.

Sandpiper Pipeline update

Wayne Swanson

This continues to be studied by the state. The Public Utilities Commission is in charge.

Lake Vegetation Mapping last done in 2005.

This mapping needs to be updated. Marshall Howe has volunteered to lead the effort to update this mapping in 2017. He asked for volunteers to help with the effort. A two year plan to recheck and update needs to be developed. Both submergent and emergent vegetation will be mapped. The DNR provides the GPS locations to check.

New Business:

Fireworks on the lake:

Member Julie Svendahl talked about her concern about the loud and prolonged fireworks that disturb both the people and the animals. She handed out a write up of what is considered legal and illegal for fireworks. Hopefully people will be respectful in the use of these fireworks as they are illegal. This brought up a related issue of hearing shots fired around the lake. This begs the question is it legal to have a firing range on your property? Are there ways to control the use of firearms on personal property? Research must be done so we know our rights.

Adjournment

Renee Bexell moved and Maggi Yerkes seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.
Meeting ended at 11:30am

Door Prizes

Door prizes were given away.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Johnson, Secretary LSLAA