

Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)

Annual Meeting Minutes

Zorbaz on Little Sand Lake

June 8, 2019



Social Time: 8:00 AM

Call to order: 8:30 AM

Self-introduction: 66 members attending

Board Members in attendance (marked by x):

X MaJeana Hallstrom, President

X Punky Catlin, Treasurer

Mark Doda, Director at Large

X Wayne Swanson, Past President/COLA Representative

X Steve Trutna, Vice President

X Larry Odegard, Director at Large

X Cindy Nollette, Director at Large, Interim Secretary

X Karen Carlson, Director at Large

Secretary's Report: Cindy Dolby Nollette.

LSLAA members were sent the June 9, 2018 Annual Meeting minutes via email to review prior to the meeting. Copies also available at meeting for Review. No further discussion of 2018 minutes.

Moved to accept Secretary's Report-Wayne Swanson

Seconded- Steve Trutna

Motion carried to accept 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotta (Punky) Catlin

Copies of the May reconciled bank statement and End of Year 2018 were prepared for members. The treasurer reviewed the typical expenses incurred during the business year. Our major expense is payment of our AIS inspection hours. In January of each year we pay for our inspection hours. The 2019 inspection number of hours paid were close to that of the previous year, and the inspection hourly rate increased. The LSLAA Board reviewed the AIS fund carefully in preparation for this expense. In November 2018 we reached out to our membership to seek additional donations to assure we had the funding available in January 2019. The generosity of our members added approximately \$600 more to the fund. The Board voted to move monies from the Memorial Fund and the General Fund to supplement the AIS fund to meet the \$2730 needed for the Inspection hours payment.

Generally our Little Sand Lake annual membership averages about 110 members. 29 new members signed up today adding to the 35 pre-paid memberships. Annual memberships are critical to meet our budgetary needs. If we know people that are not members, please encourage them to join; remind them that the primary use of dues funds goes toward efforts to maintain a healthy, AIS-free lake. And having a healthy, AIS-free lake impacts not only the enjoyment of the lake, but the value of your lake property.

Move to accept Treasurer's Report - Janet McMillen

Second- Larry Odegard

Motion carried to accept Treasurer's Report.

Unfinished Business:

Healthy Lake Report: Wayne Swanson, Past President/COLA Rep

COLA: COLA presented a fishing seminar before the May 11 fishing opener. This event was very well attended and will likely happen again next year. COLA meetings are the last Thursday of the month and are open to the public. There is always a guest speaker addressing issues of common concern to lake property owners.

Boat Inspections at Launch: Boat inspections began in Hubbard County in 2009. This was also the first year of inspections at Little Sand. Some 121,360 inspections have been done in Hubbard County since 2009. There are area lakes infested with Zebra Mussels, Eurasian milfoil, and other AIS. Due to inspections, fewer boats arrive at the launch with their drain plugs in. In total, from 2009 to 2019, some \$1,700,000 has been spent to inspect boats at county boat launches. Because more lakes are infested by AIS – and because boat inspections are increasing, we are recording more boats entering county lakes that have come from infested waters. Inspectors check boats over, record information about where/when boats have been in other lakes, and inform/instruct boat owners what to do if they have come from infested waters.

Boat Launch Inspections Administration: Inspections are coordinated by Hubbard County; the county hires and schedules inspectors. The Little Sand Lake boat launch receives approximately 460 hours of inspection. Payment for inspections is a 3-way partnership: 1) State of MN/Hubbard County pays for 288 hours, 2) Emma Township pays for 40 hours and 3) LSLAA pays for 133 hours. LSLAA's 133 hours totaled about \$2800 in 2019.

Lake Monitoring and Water Quality Testing: The following monitoring activities are done by these volunteers:

- Lake Quality Monitoring: Mark Doda and Wayne Swanson went out on May 20 to do the first water testing.
- The Secchi disc reading was done at 23 feet - windy, wavy conditions.
- Dissolved Oxygen
- AIS/Zebra Mussel/Veligers Monitoring
- Lake Monitoring/Secchi Discs

Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates- the public interest group that lobbies for lake groups/associations

Shoreline Restoration/Possible Grants- There is an upcoming event. There is also grant money you can apply for if you want to do shoreline restoration, which helps keep run-off from yards from going into the lake.

Social Committee Phyllis Trutna

Many fun activities planned June through September. All are posted on the website, and monthly information is sent via email to those on email list. Our annual picnic will be at the Hallstrom's on August 17. It will be a potluck this year—with a 50's theme.

Membership and Welcoming MaJeana Hallstrom and Amy Tronsgard

Amy delivered new member folders last year and will deliver folders to new members this year. The folder includes information about the lake and resources in our lake community. Amy reminded folks that her phone number is: 701-306-8100 and her email is: amytro@aol.com. Members are encouraged to reach out to residents that are not part of the association.

Communication/Education:

Newsletter Luanne O'Neill

Luanne took the newsletter over this year from Renee Bexell. Goal is to publish early May of each year. Any information you would like included in our Newsletter, please send to Luanne by early April.

Directory Karen Netland (as reported by Diane Smith)

Updates are posted on the website approximately once per month. Directory is password protected. The password was provided at the meeting, but we do not publish it, as we consider the directory information confidential. You may contact any Board Member – or ask a neighbor for the password. Our Board members and their contact information is on the website if you want to call or email them.

There was a discussion about identifying lake residents that are not members of the association. This is a topic that has been discussed in the past, and we have decided against it due to confidentiality and maintaining that information would be a constant effort.

If you have or know of changes to directory information, you may email Karen Netland and/or MaJeana Hallstrom.

Educational Material (Kiosk) & Fishing Contest Nancy and Mark Doda

Nancy and Mark Doda have taken over the maintenance and updating of information in the kiosk at the Boat Landing. Nancy plans to clean and add current materials to the kiosk. She would like to restain the kiosk to improve the look.

Mark and Ben Doda are in charge of the fishing contest this year. Nancy will help. If you know of any donations, please let the donations know.

E-Mail Coordinator Christine Hobrough. Presented by MaJeana Hallstrom

Christine took over the email over last year from Janet McMillen. During January there was a noted security issue. Jacob Nollette and Christine will work together to increase security.

Website: Diane Smith

The domain name was just renewed. Updates will be forthcoming.

Facebook: Randi (pronounced "Ron-dee") Herda Presented by MaJeana Hallstrom

Just a reminder to folks who use Facebook to join our page.

Board Members Nomination and Election Wayne Swanson

Wayne Swanson presented Board of Directors Slate of Candidates. Diane Johnson, Secretary, resigned during the 2018-19 year, so Cindy Nollette, Director at Large, served as Interim Secretary.

The following were nominated:

- MaJeana Hallstrom: President (2nd term)
- Cindy Nollette: Secretary (1st term – completed 1 year as Director at Large)
- Mark Doda: Director at Large (2nd term)
- Glenn Gapp: Director at Large (1st term – filling vacancy left by Cindy Nollette)

No discussion or further nominations.

Motion- Steve Trutna made motion to accept slate of candidates.

Second- Rob Hallstrom

Slate of candidate voted on and elected.

“Thank you’s” - thank you to all the volunteers!

New Business:

Directory

A “2019 Directory Update” was printed and distributed at the meeting.

LSLAA currently maintains two versions of the Directory: a hard copy version and the online version (on website). In the future, we will maintain only the online version and will print hard copies every other year or as deemed necessary by the Board.

Always Looking for Volunteers:

Those who do these tasks would love to have additional volunteers.

- DO Testing (twice a month in Summer): contact Larry Odegard, Mark Doda
- Water samples (4 times a Summer): contact, Larry Odegard, Mark Doda
- Secchi Disk: Wayne Swanson
- Vegetation sampling: contact Marshall Howe
- Fishing Contest: contact Mark Doda

Other: We are looking for a replacement for Marshall Howe with the Vegetation sampling. If interested, please contact Marshall Howe or MaJeana Hallstrom. Ray Carlson and Glenn Gapp volunteered to take over the vegetation monitoring on the lake.

Announcements:

- Little Sand Lake Apparel is available for customizing and purchase from Angela Albee and Unknown Legends.
- Larry and Karen Odegard make custom-ordered signs. Please contact them if interested.
- Loons
 - There are little loons coming up. If we see them being harassed etc, please report offenders to the DNR or to the Sheriff. (LSLAA is not a law-enforcement body.)
 - We have 4 nesting pair on our lake.
 - Lead weights etc are one of the primary causes of loon death. Consider taking lead out of the tackle box.
- Reports of bear sitings and a fox family at the end of Glider and Glacier Drive. There was reportedly a cougar siting also on Glider.
- Little Sand is stocked every other year by the DNR Fisheries Department. Our population is healthy and stable. Our excellent water clarity, unfortunately, makes it difficult to catch fish and may be encouraging a larger northern pike population – and smaller-mid-size northerns eat walleye fingerlings.
- There is a buoy in the bay by the end of the lake. We need to find out who puts the buoys in?

Adjourn

Move to adjourn- John Kissar

Second- Steve Fischer

Motion carried/meeting adjourned. Meeting adjourned - 9:30

Door Prizes distributed. (Many thanks to many local businesses who support LSLAA!)

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Nollette
Secretary