

**Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)
Annual Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2018**

These minutes are considered draft and will be submitted for approval by the LSLAA membership at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Social Time: 8:30 AM

Call to order: 9:00 AM

Meeting was called to order by LSLAA President MaJeana Hallstrom.

Self-introduction (all):

42 members were in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Diane Johnson

The 2017 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 Maggi Yerkes and seconded by Jerry Swedberg to accept the 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Charlotta (Punky) Catlin

Attendees received a copy of the Fiscal Year (January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017) as well as the last month's (May 1-31, 2018) Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Wayne Swanson and seconded by Tony Yerkes to move \$600 from the Memorial Fund in the budget to the AIS Line item in the budget. Maggi Yerkes moved to amend the motion to increase the dollar amount to \$1000. Karen Odegard seconded the amendment. The amendment carried. Then the motion carried.

Maggi Yerkes moved and Tony Yerkes seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed and presented. Motion carried.

For our information: We have 48 paid memberships. The potential is for about 150.

Unfinished Business:

Committee Reports

Healthy lakes:

Wayne Swanson

Wayne covered several topics..

- **COLA:** Line 3 (Enbridge) will be voted on soon. There were a number of conferences on AIS. A study is being done to identify the genetic origin of Zebra Mussels. There will also be training on identifying AIS.
- **Minnesota Lakes & Rivers Advocates:**
This is a lobby in St. Paul. Special boat inspection procedures are being tested in Wright County. A report on the results will be published later.
- **Lake Report Summary and Recommendations**
This is the report we voted at the 2017 Annual Meeting to have done by RMB Environmental Laboratories. A couple of areas for Little Sand to note: One is second tier development. That is development not directly on the lake shore. This is not a problem for us at this time. Second is

Stormceptors. We must make sure that they are cleaned by the highway department. John Kisser and Wayne Swanson will look at them. Dan Kittilson has prepared a summary of this report as well, which MaJeana plans to share in an upcoming "State of the Lake" report.

- **State of Minnesota and Lake Emma Township**
The State provides the majority of the money for inspection. Some comes from Lake Emma Township. LSLAA also provides funds. The report of funding can be found on the Hubbard County website.
- **AIS/Zebra Mussel/Veligers Monitoring**
Through an "Eyes on the Water Program" we have sediment samplers scattered throughout the lake to check for Zebra Mussels. If you want one, they are available.
- **Shoreline Restoration/Possible Grants**
SWCD has grant money available for shoreline restoration. There is also a Score Your Shore questionnaire that you can use to evaluate your shoreline. Wayne is looking at it. There is a 4 to 5 page version available which may be helpful.
- **Lake Monitoring/Secchi Discs**
Based on latest Secchi Disc testing, this is the cleanest our lake has been.

Social

Phylis Trutna

Activities have been planned through September. The monthly calendar is on the website and will come out monthly by email. The Annual Picnic will be July 28, 2018. It will be a Pirate Party held at Catlins. All are welcome.

Membership

Maggi Yerkes

Maggi is looking for someone to replace her as chair. She outlined what she did. She also noted it is a good way to get to know others on the lake. We have been one of the top 5 lakes in the state for cleanliness due to our membership. *Post-meeting update: Amy Tronsgard has agreed to take over Membership Chair from Maggi. Thank you, Amy!*

Communication/Education:

Newsletter

Renee Bexell

The newsletter is being distributed via email to those who have email. It is delivered to those who do not have email. Please provide your email when possible. Luanne O'Neill will take over the Newsletter. Thank you Luanne. We start gathering Newsletter articles in April, and the Newsletter is distributed in May. Please send info for the newsletter to Luanne.

Directory

Renee Bexell

The 2018 LSLAA Directory has been printed. Each member household is allowed one free copy; additional copies may be purchased for dues-paying members for \$5 each. The directory is also available on the LSLAA website

and is password protected. Karen Netland has been managing the online Directory and will take over the printed Directory as well. Thank you Karen.

Educational Material and Fishing Contest **Larry Bexell**

Larry passed out cards that provide information about AIS and have descriptions and photos of AIS species. Nancy Doda will take over the Kiosk at the Public Landing. Thank you Nancy.

Larry will coordinate the Fishing Contest this year August 4. He would like to have someone else take over after this year. Larry suggested perhaps LSLAA might want to “take a break” from sponsoring this event – especially if we do not find someone to coordinate it.

E-Mail Coordinator **Janet McMillen**

Janet is resigning the end of June as email coordinator. It is not a difficult job. Please contact her if interested. *Post-meeting update: We have a volunteer! As of this writing, we have not met with the individual. We will be updating members shortly with that information.*

Website: **Diane Smith/Karen Netland**

MaJeana shared that the website was updated with a new look and feel this past winter thanks to Diane and Karen. Take a look at our website.

Facebook:

We do have a Facebook page that is monitored by Randi Herda and MaJeana. This is a good place to add photos and get messages out to your neighbors.

Board Members Nomination and Election

John Kisser presented the following slate of candidates:

Diane Johnson, Secretary, 2 year term

Karen Carlson, Board, 2 year term

Cindy Nollette, Board, 2 year term

Larry Odegard, Board, 2 year term

Steve Trutna, Vice President, 2 year term

John Kisser made a motion to elect these candidates; Janet McMillen seconded; motion carried. The slate is elected.

Motion to Increase Dues

Punky moved and the motion was seconded to increase the annual fees from \$30 to \$35 with the increase to go to the AIS Fund. Motion carried.

Thank You

MaJeana gave certificates of appreciation to outgoing Board Members and volunteers as well as to our current webmasters. She also presented Wayne Swanson and Punky Catlin with Little Sand canoe paddles in appreciation for the many years of service each of them has given.

New Business:

Directory:

Extra copies are available to members for \$5.00 each. (Non-member lake residents may purchase directories for \$15.00 each, but we would rather have you join the LSLAA.) MaJeana reminded us that the Directories are considered confidential as we gather information that is not publicly available. We should treat them as such as we want our lake residents to want to be included in the Directory.

Help Wanted:

The following positions are open and we need volunteers to take over:

- Membership Chair (engage lake residents to join LSLAA, prepare and present Welcome packets to new lake residents).
- Email Coordinator (Email information out to LSLAA members and lake residents.)
- Newsletter and Directory Coordinator or Coordinators These positions have been filled.

Post Meeting Update: As mentioned earlier, these positions have been filled! Thanks again!

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

- DO Testing (twice a month in Summer): contact Dan Kittilson, Larry Odegard, Mark Doda
- Water samples (4 times a Summer): contact Rod Westrum, Larry Odegard, Mark Doda
- Vegetation sampling: contact Marshall Howe
- Fishing Contest: contact Larry Bexell. He will be done after the 2018 Fishing Contest

Post Meeting Update: We have had several additional folks volunteer for the water quality monitoring, but we would still like to have more involved. Reach out to the folks listed above.

Announcements:

Dock Signage is still done by Larry and Karen Odegard

Little Sand Lake Apparel is available from lake-resident Angela Albee

Fishing Contest is August 4 and will be coordinated by Larry Bexell

Door Prizes were given out. The list of donors will be published on our website.

Many thanks to the donors; the goods were used for the Annual Meeting and will also be used for the Fishing Contest.

Adjournment

Wayne Swanson moved and Steve Trutna seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Johnson, Secretary LSLAA