

Little Sand Lake Area Association Board Meeting October 29, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by MaJeana Hallstrom, President at 5:33 pm. Board members in attendance in person or via teleconference: MaJeana Hallstrom, Wayne Swanson, Punky Catlin, Larry Odegard, Steve Trutna, Karen Carlson, Mark Doda and Cindy Nollette.

Secretary's Report: The July 21, 2018 meeting minutes were virtually approved (via email) and accepted on 8-7-18. Karen Carlson moved to accept. Steve Trutna seconded. M/C.

Treasurer's Report: Punky presented the Treasurer's Report through 9/30/18. At the time of this meeting, LSLAA has 109 paid memberships. We usually run around 110 memberships. At the July 21 LSLAA Board meeting, the Board discussed receiving a refund from the county/township for about \$1800 for its share of AIS inspections on Little Sand Lake. Since July, the Board was informed that refunds were not being made for 2018. (There was a change in process that the LSLAA Board was not aware of. The \$1800 was used by the county to increase LSLAA inspections in 2018 to a level not typical for LSL.) This means that the LSLAA AIS fund is short about the said amount. See **New Business Section** for plan to address shortfall.

Donations: Punky reported that we have received \$400.00 in donations for AIS from an anonymous donor. She noted that the people on our lake have been very generous in terms of donations.

Motion: Wayne moved to approve the Treasure's report and Larry seconded the Motion. M/C.

Unfinished/Old/Ongoing Business:

Restore the Shore

Two orders came in for Restore the Shore and were given to Lynn Goodrich, SWCD.

COLA Update

Wayne provided an update on COLA topics, including 2018 Little Sand Inspection Data (prepared by Nicholas Macklem, Hubbard County Environmental Specialist) . Key information of interest from report:

- Inspections: 436
- Entering: 279
- Exiting: 157
- Entering from Infested Waters: 18 (Note: Boat owners were asked to clean off the boat or go to the decontamination station.)
- Hours worked: 528

Wayne also mentioned that in March, COLA does a Chili Cookoff . The money is donated to the food shelf. COLA typically has donated about \$3,000. There was discussion about if/how LSLAA should contribute to the COLA Cookoff/Food Shelf. Rather than LSLAA making a donation as an organization (and taking from the LSLAA budget), the Board felt that individuals on the lake should be told about the fund-raising event and let them make donations to COLA/Food Shelf themselves. Wayne suggested that we send out a

mailing to our current membership to inform them of this event. We will discuss again prior to March to get the letter out.

Healthy Lakes Committee

Marshall Howe has said he will serve as our Healthy Lake Committee Chair. We are all pleased that we have been getting new volunteers to participate in water testing/monitoring.

Dissolved Oxygen Testing

Doug Kingsley provides updates on Little Sand lake quality based on data we provide from water monitoring. The lake has been monitored with a DO₂ testing device since 2009. The lake quality has been getting better since 2009 with notably improved oxygen levels.

Currently we share our testing equipment with Big Sand Lake; we also share expenses related to maintaining the equipment. One other lake recently asked about using our oxygen testing device. Big Sand and Little Sand Lakes share 1/2 and 1/2. *IF* it is agreed upon there would be a 1/3 cost share for each of the three lakes. *IF* it is approved, we would need to work out a usage schedule. It was discussed that we would need a formal commitment and agreement by all three lake associations that would be involved with the equipment and cost share. Wayne will coordinate this project (i.e., communicate/coordinate with the other lake associations about the equipment and cost share).

Motion: Wayne made a motion to proceed with communicating to both the other lake and to Big Sand. Karen seconded the motion. M/C.

State of the Lake Report

Done. Was emailed to email list members and posted to Facebook on September 15.

Tax Exempt Status – 501(c)(3).

Punky provided documentation for Board review following the last meeting. Current Board members are now up to speed. No actions to take. Done.

Membership

There are 109 members as of October 15. We are aware that a few more were coming in shortly after that date.

Board Members:

The Board reviewed **Article V: OFFICERS** from the LSLAA by-laws. There was a discussion of the number of Board members needed. We believe we do not need to take any action regarding adding Board members at this time.

New Business:

Public Landing Inspections:

The state/county/township and lake associations pay for inspections, with the county coordinating the inspections for each lake, and the township deciding how much will be spent at each lake within the

township. Irene Weiss was at the September COLA meeting (for Board of Lake Emma Township). Lake Emma Township will contribute about \$1,000 (about 48 hours) towards LSLAA's inspector fees. We typically get 288 inspector hours paid for by the state. The county board has not yet acted on it (it is a recommendation). LSLAA typically pays for additional hours of inspection time to maintain a level of inspections. We must pay our share before January 30, 2019.

Inspections: Inspectors at the Public Site will be paid \$21.00 /hour in 2019, up from \$18.50/hour. We reviewed the job of inspectors. The primary job is to make sure the boats are cleaned off. If an invasive species is found, the owner would need to take the boat to a decontamination station.

MaJeana expressed concern that because we did not get the expected refund for 2018, that our AIS fund had a shortfall, and we might not be able to fund as many hours of inspection as we have in the past. There was a question about the benefit of moving money from the general fund to assist with these costs (since we cannot be certain about the extra donations above and beyond the membership dues).

There was a discussion about LSLAA Board commitment to diligent inspections. We do NOT want to go backward with reduced inspector hours.

The Board discussed how to potentially generate more funds to assist with the monitoring of AIS. It was decided that a letter would be sent before the end of November to our to our member pool what is, in fact, done to monitor for AIS and that lake residents need to help (if they can) with donations to help prevent AIS. Wayne Swanson will write the letter and send it to MaJeana for distribution.

The Board decided that we want at least 460-some hours of inspection. Given the assumption that the state and county/township will pay for 336 hours, LSLAA will pay \$2800 to cover the additional 130-some hours. (This is more than we have budgeted in the past, but the increased amount is needed because of the increase in AIS inspector wages.) This amount will need to be paid to Hubbard County by January 31, 2019.

Motion: Karen Carlson made a motion for LSLAA to pay for 133 AIS inspector hours. Larry Odegard seconded. M/C.

Budget:

We did not participate in the Freshwater Festival (\$100.00); however, we will keep it in the budget.

We will change the wording for the "Water oxygen test unit repair" to "Water oxygen test unit maintenance." We will change the amount of \$300 to \$70.

Boat Inspections category will change from \$1800 to \$2800.

Motion: Karen moved that \$2800 be moved from the General Fund to the AIS fund. Steve seconded. M/C.

Motion: Wayne moved to accept the revised budget. Karen seconded the motion. M/C.

Communications to our membership:

Wayne volunteered to draft a letter/email to send to our membership to inform of the increase in our cost to provide the inspections. We could include the report and inspection results for 2018. We will continue to send emails to the members. We will continue to post on our Lake Association Face Book page.

Annual meeting:

We will have our annual meeting at Zorbaz. Wayne and MaJeana will coordinate the power point.

Resignation:

Diane Johnson resigned as secretary. Cindy Nollette agreed to serve as the interim secretary.

Holiday Party:

The Holiday Party will be on Friday December 7. The plan is to eat dinner at the Hilltop in Hubbard and then go to the Hallstrom's after.

Motion to adjourn by Karen. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Nollette
Interim Secretary