

Little Sand Lake Area Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 6, 2019 Time

**Started: 6:05 pm Adjourned:
6:49**

Board Members Attending:

- MaJeana Hallstrom, President
- Punky Catlin, Treasurer
- Mark Doda, Director at Large
- Wayne Swanson, Past President /COLA Representative
- Steve Trutna, Vice President
- Larry Odegard, Director at Large
- Cindy Nollette, Director at Large, Interim Secretary
- Karen Carlson, Director at Large
- Glenn Gapp, Director at Large

Presentation:

Doug Kingsley, MN DNR Fisheries presented how the DNR is handling the Little Sand Fishery and Walleye Stocking

Secretary's Report- May 2, 2019

MaJeana provided the May 2, 2019 meeting minutes via email to LSLAA Board members prior to the meeting. There was no further discussion. Steve moved to accept and approve the minutes; Larry seconded. Motion carried; minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report- Punky Catlin

Need to look at AIS funds to make sure we have a sufficient amount to pay for AIS activities - and especially for the launch inspections that are done from May to Labor Day. We anticipate we will pay about the same in 2020 as we did for 2019 – about \$2800. We pay in January, so that the county can hire and assign inspectors for the following summer.

LSLAA's Fiscal Year is August 31 is the end of our membership year. We have 70+ lake residents who have not paid dues in 2019. We currently have 89 paid memberships. We will have to pay COLA \$4/member as part of LSLAA's membership in COLA.

Unfinished/Ongoing/Old business

COLA Update- Wayne and MaJeana

- Healthy Lakes Committee
- Public Landing Inspections
- Water oxygen test unit maintenance

The only new information on COLA and Healthy Lakes is that we now have our own Secchi disc.

Membership

Membership is down from previous years. We discussed sending via email information to our email list members outlining our budget and sharing how membership dues and donations are used. (Several lake residents expressed to MaJeana this year that it was their understanding membership dues were mostly used for social events, and since they don't participate in social activities, they would be opting out of LSLAA. MaJeana clarified how dues are used with those individuals, and those folks eventually paid dues and/or contributed above and beyond the dues). We will highlight in the communicate that we spend \$3000 of our budget annually for AIS. We do not get the full amount of this allocation from the dues. We rely on donations to help meet the cost of AIS expenditures.

The Board discussed how membership dollars are previously allocated in our budget. Most funds have gone into the General Fund; however, AIS activities make up most of our expenses. Dues are \$35/family or property. We decided that we will change the allocation of dues as follows: \$35 dues –
\$15 will go into the AIS Fund
\$4 will go toward payment of COLA dues
\$16 will go into General Fund

Larry made the motion to allocate \$15 of the \$35 dues toward the AIS Fund . Steve seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Budget:

Following the May 2 LSLAA Board meeting, Punky reorganized the Budget template that we have been using to better outline the various expenses that LSLAA incurs – grouping them into General Fund, AIS Fund, etc. MaJeana proposed a FY2019-20 Budget to the Board. A discussion of the line items ensued, with the following recommendations:

Increase the budget for web development to \$130 to account for cost of website hosting.
Increase the LSLA/Big Sand Sensor from \$70 to \$80.
Present a Service Award (paddle) discussed and agreed to honor a deserving volunteer couple.

Final 2019-20 Budget is attached provided with these minutes. FY2019-20 Budget is in last column, highlighted in green.

Steve moved to accept the Budget as discussed and Glenn seconded it. Motion carried.

Directory

We will not have 2 separate versions of the directory. We will maintain the online version and figure out how to print it. It is challenging to keep track of changes.

Annual Meeting

Everyone agreed Zorbaz was a good venue, and starting a ½ hour earlier worked well. Annual meeting in 2020 will be June 13 – again at Zorbaz.

Other/ Miscellaneous Business

Loon count: 8 adults, we lost 2.

Water improvement has negative impact on the walleye. Larry moved to adjourn and Steve seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Nollette, Secretary.