

Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA) Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 18, 2020

Board Members Present: (If x'd, the member was present)

- X MaJeana Hallstrom, President
- X Punky Catlin, Treasurer
- X Cindy Nollette, Secretary
- X Glenn Gapp, Director at Large
- X Mark Doda, Director at Large
- X Larry Odegard, Director at Large
- X Wayne Swanson, Director at Large
- X Steve Trutna, Director at Large
- X Christine Hobrough, Director at Large

Start of Meeting: 6:02 Pm

Agenda

Welcome and Call to Order: MaJeana Hallstrom, President

Secretary's Report: Cindy Nollette, Secretary

- The Secretary's report was previously sent to MaJeana Hallstrom for review. MaJeana sent the report to all Board members prior to the meeting.
 - Motion to approve the Secretary's report:
 - Steve moved to approve
 - Christine seconded the motion
 - Motion carried, Secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Information: Charlotta (Punky) Catlin, Treasurer

- Punky reviewed the current report, including expenses and the current balance. A \$5,000 CD was purchased per the Board recommendation.
- We have made some money with our current CD's with the current value at \$8,634.66.
- Dues collections have slowed down, likely due to COVID. We had 87 paid members (we typically have about 110 paid members at this time of year). The Board discussed that our membership has been challenged by COVID and we will make a big push for membership at the beginning of the season in 2021.
- Our bills are currently paid including water testing (\$195.00) and our COLA dues (\$348.00). Our balance as of October 30, 2020 is \$10,817.85.
- We will have our AIS Water Inspection fee due on 1-31-21 for \$2730.00.

- Restore the Shore had considerable orders of trees (per Glenn Gapp) but no amount was available at the time of the meeting.
- Larry recommended that we hold off on replacing our sensor for the year which will help reduce expenses.
 - Motion to approve the Treasurer's report
 - Moved to approve by Larry
 - Seconded the motion by Steve
 - Motion carried. Treasurer's report accepted.

Unfinished/Ongoing/Old Business

- **Restore the Shore:** Glenn Gapp
 - We had 6-7 orders for Restore the Shore. Glenn will follow up with more information at a later date.
- **COLA Update:** Wayne Swanson
 - We applied for the Lake Emma Grant money. We typically get between \$1200-\$1500 /year.
 - Wayne noted that the Park Rapids Enterprise noted that AIS funding was being reduced. We are paying for 187 hours this year. The amount of \$4067.00 is due on January 30, 2021.
- **Eyes on the Water:** Wayne Swanson
 - Wayne reported that 6 people from Little Sand Lake reported on Eyes on the Water testing.
 - The results were reported to Hubbard County.
 - There is close monitoring of Zebra Mussels, Eurasian Milfoil (potentially spotted on Big Mantrap) and Faucet Snails (on Boulder Lake).
 - The board discussed that there are different types of milfoil. Little Sand Lake does have some native milfoil in the lake and this type of milfoil is not an aquatic concern.
 - The U of M is showing some promising results of eradication of Zebra Mussels.
 - We are not aware if an official loon count was done this year.
- **Membership**
 - As previously discussed, our membership was down for 2020 likely due to COVID. We discussed starting our membership drive in 2021 and actively trying to engage our members and get new members early in the season. We would also like to educate our members that, as noted by Wayne, the county has reduced funding due to COVID cuts in the state budget; this means if LSLAA wants to maintain the level (i.e., numbers of hours) we traditionally have, we will have to pay for those extra hours. We will be requesting additional donations from LSLAA members to help pay for the additional hours LSLAA will need to pay for.
 - Our electronic payment option will be set up soon and we hope that this will make it easier for members to sign up and pay online. Mark Doda, Jacob Nollette, Punky Catlin and MaJeana Hallstrom are working on the project. It was

decided that we will go with Stripe (vs Square). The website portal is being created and allows for member payments and donations. The hope is that the payment option will make it easier for our members to pay.

New Business

- **Budget:** The new budget was not fully updated given the change in the new information we were given about AIS.
 - Punky reported that we have quite a bit of money in the Memorial Fund and we will need to purchase plaques for the kiosk.
 - Punky indicated that we have \$955 in the Memorial Fund. We have the ability to move some money and we can move it to AIS to help cover the reduced amount we received this year. Discussion to move \$850 from Memorial Fund to AIS fund.
- **Motion to move \$850 from the Memorial Fund to AIS**
 - Motion moved by Wayne
 - Motion seconded by Mark.
 - Motion carried and approved.
- **Website**
 - Jacob Nollette took over managing the website. Jacob and Mark Doda have assessed our needs and the use and determined that Stripe would be used and are proceeding with the implementation. Mark reported that the content of the website is currently out of date and Jacob will work with Mark, Christine and MaJeana to bring the site current.
- **Directory**
 - We will discuss the directory at our next meeting in 2021.
- **VRBO concerns**
 - Christine and MaJeana have been gathering information about concerns of VRBO's.
 - MaJeana put together a package of information that cabin owners can provide to renters.
 - Christine talked to Eric at the county about the rental unit at the end of the bay. She explored the use of this cabin regarding the number of bedrooms, renters, and use of the septic.
 - The board discussed that at this point it is best to keep track of any concerns that surface, and reach out to the owners of the property.
 - We have learned that other lake associations are also concerned about similar issues.
 - MaJeana discussed forming a group with members from our association, and adjoining lake associations to discuss concerns that VRBO's may bring to the lake, and discuss potential guidelines. Once this is done, we could potentially send it out to all lake owners who rent out their property.
 - It was also discussed that we need to work with the county around these issues, as there did not appear to be clear county guidelines.
 - Wayne suggested that we further document any concerns with individual properties, and take pictures such as the debris left on the lake and share those

with the county commissioner. If there are large parties with such things as noise violations, property owners can be notified and or 911 can be called if needed.

- Mark suggested that information about VRBO and rental property be placed in the lake packet for new members.
- MaJeana suggested that we send all information to Sharon Natzel, COLA president, for further exchange and coordination of information.
- The board would like to have the packet reviewed by the end of the year, and final version by the beginning of the season.
- **Signage at the launch**
 - The board discussed that we would like to put up a sign, that there is “no cleaning of fish in this area”.
 - We have to contact Parks and Trails to setup a new sign.
 - MaJeana recommended that we start with a large colorful sign, versus going with official signage.
 - MaJeana will send a picture to Larry of the kiosk and signage area, and Larry will explore options for the sign.
- **June 2021 - Board and Officers election**
 - We will have elections in June, 2021
 - We need a director at large, for each 25 members
 - We will need a “replacement for MaJeana” as her term expires in June of 2021
 - MaJeana will remain on as past president.
 - We will discuss this further at our next meeting in February or March
- **Motion to adjourn**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Nollette, Secretary