

# Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)

Minutes approved on  
6-8-21 by LSLAA  
Board by virtual vote.

Meeting Date: April 13, 2021

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

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

Start of Meeting: 6:04 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. Larry moved to accept the report. Steve seconded the motion. The Secretary's report was accepted.

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

Punky reviewed the current report, including expenses and the current balance. Online payment is currently set up through Stripe so that members can join the Association or renew

their membership. We have had about 20 transactions up to April 13, 2021. Thus far, the new system is working quite well. We currently have 52 memberships for the Association. Punky has needed to “tweak” some of the Stripe transactions to adjust for the Stripe transaction fee. For example the current membership fee is \$35.00/year. We divide the amount so that \$20 goes to the General Fund and \$15.00 goes to AIS. With the Stripe transaction fees we net \$34.61. Punky is directing \$15 to AIS and the remaining amount goes to the General Fund.

Punky provided a detailed description of the transactions and donations etc reflected in our Treasurer’s Report. We currently have a balance of \$10,795.93.

Last year at this time we had about \$10,300 in our account. We will review at a later meeting if we should transfer some of the balance.

Mark has worked with Jacob Nollette to set up our new online pay system. Stripe fees have increased to 3.15% (originally at 3%). Many of our members donate more than the \$35 fee so our charges are absorbed with the added donations. Mark raised the question about the possibility of rounding up to ease the amount of the fees. We do not have the algorithm for that at this point, but that can be explored over time.

Wayne moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Christine seconded the motion. The Treasurer’s Report was approved.

## **Unfinished / Ongoing/Old Business:**

### **Restore the Shore**

Glenn Gapp took orders for saplings. The saplings should be delivered in early May.

### **Healthy Lake Report: Wayne Swanson**

### **AIS Update**

AIS watercraft inspection amount was actually less than what was re-requested. (We received \$1500 from Emma Township). We are charged \$21/hour.

**COLA:** per Wayne Swanson — there is nothing new to report.

### **Eyes on the Water**

Wayne Swanson raised the question of when we need to replace our meter head on the dissolved oxygen meter. We share the machine with Big Sand Lake and we each pay a portion. Punky indicated that the costs are approximately \$120/year.

Wayne volunteered to pick up the coolers for the water testing. He will also send out the schedule for the water testing dates.

Wayne signed us up for two Zebra testing sites this year. Larry and Mark will work with Wayne on this project. We did the dissolved oxygen testing last year, but NOT the Zebra Mussel testing.

## **Committee Updates**

### **Social Committee**

Phyllis Trutna will provide more information on the status of the Social Committee in the coming weeks. We are not certain at this time how the pandemic will affect the Social Committee this summer. We will be following MN guidelines for any future gatherings.

We will tentatively pick a date for our annual picnic. We are uncertain if that will occur in person or how it will look this year. We will make a decision later in the season depending on the status of the pandemic again following our state guidelines.

### **Membership**

We currently have 52 memberships. We will send out another email as a reminder to potentially further increase membership. MaJeana will compose something over the next few weeks and get it out. We will encourage members to utilize the online payment system.

## **Communication / Education**

### **Newsletter:**

Luanne O'Neill - We will send out our newsletter in the next few months. Articles need to be submitted to MaJeana who will then pass the articles on to Luanne. We would like to have the newsletter go out before our annual meeting in June.

### **Website:**

There is not any new business to report. We discussed that the content is out of date. We discussed some features of the website that we like. MaJeana will speak with Jacob Nollette about the website and do a bit of research on other sites such as the one that Big Sand has. We would like to refresh our site over coming months.

### **Directory:**

Karen Netland is trying to get updates done about two times per year. It is a big project to keep up. The Board discussed options that would be more streamlined and systematized such as adding a spot on our website for residents to add their own information.

We will print a new directory once all of the member information is updated. There have been many changes in lake property ownership over the last few years.

### **Educational Material (Kiosk): Nancy and Mark Doda**

Larry Odegard put up a 12 x 18 sign in early April. The sign has 10-11 points on it with information about use of the lake. The DNR authorized our posting of the sign. Mark has agreed to continue maintaining the launch area. MaJeana has some memorial plaques. MaJeana will ask Rob Hallstrom to post them.

### **Fishing Contest:**

Mark will coordinate the fishing contest again. The fishing contest will be on July 31, 2021, the Saturday before the Taste of Dorset.

**Email Coordinator: Christine Hobrough**

**Facebook : Randi Herda**

## **New Business**

### **VRBO and rental property on the lake**

Hubbard county is looking into VRBO properties and how they are managed. It is a growing problem and concern in the county. If a property is identified as a VRBO they may have additional requirements such as hotel tax , septic requirements, etc.

Our Association will provide educational material to lake residents about general care of our lake and surrounding property. It is hoped that those renting their property will provide this information to the renters. St Louis County has already implemented more guidelines for VRBO and rentals. They have a template for information that we will be able to use as we compile further information in this area. We would like to add any of this information in the next newsletter. We will also provide the packet of information to those who have a VRBO and those with rental property so that they could use this material to those renting. Mark emphasized that information and communication are key for both residents and renters.

### **Annual Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be on June 12, 2021. We are uncertain if we will do an in person or online event. MaJeana will speak with Jacob Nollette about what is needed to do an online or a hybrid meeting. Zorbaz agreed to host the meeting again. Zorbaz has AV equipment that we can use.

We will gather Door Prizes from area businesses. MaJeana will send Board members the list of businesses that provided door prizes last year. Board members will identify which businesses they will approach for donations.

### **Board/Officer Election: (at the annual meeting).**

Glenn and Cindy will remain. Cindy will continue to serve as our Board secretary. Christine will end her term as Director at Large and will become our Board President. Mark will “think about” assisting Punky with the role of our Board Treasurer. Punky has served the Board for many years! Karen Netland and Jane Amble have agreed to join the board as Directors at Large.

## **Adjourn**

Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Wayne seconded the motion. The board meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Nollette, Secretary