

# Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)

Meeting Date: February 8, 2023

Board Members Present:  
( If X'd member was present).

Christine Hobrough, President  
 MaJeana Hallstrom, Past President  
 Karen Netland, Vice President  
 Jane Amble , Treasurer  
 Cindy Nollette, Secretary  
 Greg Dravis, Director at Large  
 Gerry Kaluzny, Director at Large  
 Jacob Nollette, Web site and Tech, non-voting board member

Absent:  
Sandy Younger, Director at Large  
Glenn Gapp, Director at Large

Start of Meeting/ Call to Order by Christine Hobrough at 6:04 PM

The meeting on 2-8-23 was our first quarterly meeting of 2023. This meeting was recorded. Unfortunately the audio was corrupt.

## Agenda

### **Secretary's Report - Cindy Nollette**

Changes were made to the 11-22-22 notes and sent to Christine for review.

We will hold the January 23, 2023 special meeting notes for our May agenda to offer more time for review and for any corrections.

### **Treasurer's Report - Jane Amble**

Jane reviewed our current account status. We currently have over \$31,000 in our account.

Jane noted that there were no expenses for December, 2022 and January, 2023.

We did not pay the bill for the AIS testing as Jane was not aware this was needed and due. We are going to appeal the amount of \$3493.95 ( \$2795 is for AIS testing). MaJeana is going to work with Jane to assist in the follow-up to Hubbard Co. Environmental Services about payment for the AIS testing.

We discussed the benefit of future investments, especially with the Northwestern Minnesota Foundation (NWMF). Jane will talk to Teri Darco, with NWMF, about the investment opportunity (a minimum of \$10,000 is required).

## **Unfinished/Ongoing/Old business**

### **Website update and statistics - Jacob Nollette**

Jacob reported that we had about 40 users before Christmas eve. We are typically getting around 20-35 users a week. These users come from an “organic” search in which keywords are put into google.

We get around 3-5 hits per day. Our most viewed page has 237 views. Our online dues page has 154 hits and the directory has 59 hits.

Karen Netland is going to send Jacob some new logo information.

### **Northwestern Minnesota Foundation (NWMF) - MaJeana Hallstrom**

The Board has approved the investment in the Northwestern Minnesota Foundation investment. There is a slight penalty on the CD we currently have. We need to execute some paperwork with the NWMF which MaJeana and Jane will work on completing.

We want to mention at our annual board meeting that the NWMF is an option for giving and estate planning.

# **Aquatic Vegetation and Samping Report - MaJeana Hallstrom**

Sharon Natzel with COLA asked MaJeana to do a report based on our experience and findings with our vegetation mapping.

MaJeana reviewed that in 2005 Dan Kittleson and a few others started the vegetation mapping of Little Sand Lake. They spent considerable time mapping the vegetation on our lake. Eventually, COLA wanted to do the mapping and a few lakes went together to complete the mapping.

Part of the requirement of our grant is to demonstrate how we are going to maintain and commit to the mapping requirements. Little Sand is very invested in maintaining a healthy lake. We strive to have healthy lake values, which in turn equates to higher property values.

In 2022 new standard procedures for lake vegetation mapping were established.

No concerns were identified by RMB Labs regarding any vegetation levels in our lake.

As a board we need to decide how we want to continue the process of monitoring the vegetation. One option is to look at about 10 sites each year and compare from year to year. We would like to have someone work with Marshall Howe to do the monitoring once per year.

MaJeana also raised the possibility of developing a Volunteer Shoreline Monitoring Program.

Andrea Dutcher is in charge of Lake Belle Taine's AIS program. She may be helpful to us as we further develop our programs.

We will do another contract study in 2033. We need to decide if we build into our AIS budget funds to cover the next vegetation sampling.

MaJeana will send the presentation out for review prior to the May, 2023 meeting.

## **Unfinished Business**

We are always needing volunteers for various committees and projects. We will ask for anyone interested in volunteering at our annual meeting.

## **Annual Meeting**

Our annual meeting will be held on June 10, 2023 at Zorbaz. Some of the topics that we will include are:

- Northwestern Minnesota Foundation
- The process and results from the aquatic study
- Election of officers
- Volunteer opportunities and sign up

## **New Business**

Karen Netland began a discussion about raising our annual dues. The current dues is at \$35 and has been at this amount a very long time. We would like to add to the AIS fund. Other funds include the general fund and our memorial funds.

We will discuss raising funds at our annual meeting. We need to educate our lake owners of the potential need for AIS funding etc and look to ways to increase our funds.

## **Meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm**

Gerry moved to adjourn and MaJeana seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Nollette, Secretary