

# Little Sand Lake Area Association (LSLAA)

Meeting Date: 5-11-22

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

- Christine Hobrough, President
- MaJeana Hallstrom-Past President
- Punky Catlin, Treasurer
- Cindy Nollette, Secretary
- Glenn Gapp, Director at Large
- Larry Odegard, Director at Large
- Jane Amble, Director at Large
- Steve Trutna, Director at Large
- Karen Netland, Director at Large
- Jacob Nollette, Technical Director

Start of Meeting: 6:30 Pm

## Agenda:

Welcome and Call to Order- Christine Hobrough, President

Secretary's Report :Cindy Nollette, Secretary

The Secretary's report from the board meeting on 2-22-22 was previously sent to Christine Hobrough for review. Christine sent the report to all Board members prior to the meeting.

Motion to approve by Karen Netland

Seconded motion Larry Odegard  
Motion approved.

Further discussion-

It was decided that we would start the annual meeting at 8:00 am. An email will be sent to all Association members notifying them of the meeting. We will inform them that if they pay their dues by June 10, 2022, their name will be entered into a drawing for door prizes.

The schedule for the annual meeting was decided upon.

8:00 to 8:30 Registration and Socialize ( we will have refreshments)

8:30 Annual meeting will start. We will offer a Zoom option for our members that are unable to attend in person.

Move to change the meeting time.

Motion to approve by MaJeana Hallstrom

Motion seconded by Larry Odegard

Motion approved to change the meeting time.

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

Punky reviewed the current report, including expenses and the current balance. The account was reconciled through April 30, 2022.

Punky reviewed our current membership numbers. Our online payment options and our notifications about membership seem to be helping our members renew their memberships timely. Punky added that we gained 17 new memberships in May. We have 59 memberships to date and most of them are renewed online. Punky feels that the current system is very effective.

Punky received the check for the grant that MaJeana applied for. The check in the amount of \$1167.00 will be deposited into our account soon.

Our current bank balance of \$13,982.12 is in the general fund. Punky reminded us that we can transfer money from that fund to other funds as needed.

Punky is going to contact the treasurer of Big Sand to coordinate payment for the sensor. Little Sand Lake Association and Big Sand Lake Association split the cost of this sensor. The sensor has been delivered to the person that coordinates at Big Sand.

Punky informed the board that we have not done an audit in quite a long time. We discussed what an audit might look like and what the function is. Punky offered to sit down with the people from the board to review her monthly accounting. Karen, Jane and Steve agreed to coordinate with Punky and would serve as the Little Sand Lake Association Audit Review Team. The Audit Review Team will look to a date in June. Technically the Treasurer's report is not approved by the Little Sand Lake Association Board but by the Audit Team.

Motion to approve - MaJeana Hallstrom  
Seconded the motion- Larry Odegard  
Motion approved.

## Cola:

MaJeana Hallstrom is our COLA representative. She will gather information from the monthly "Water Cooler Wednesday" groups which discuss water related issues for the lakes. Larry Bexell attended the Water Cooler Wednesday meeting for May, 2022.

One of the issues that we discussed had to do with the various service providers for the lake members and if they follow "safe and healthy lake practices". We discussed that it would be informative for our lake members to consider this with any lake service providers they use (eg-dock service). An issue identified was the proper cleaning of equipment and boats to reduce the spread of AISs as the provider moves from lake to lake. We could potentially put together a list of board approved service providers. It might be helpful to inform our lake residents of this issue and consideration before fall as they are getting their contracts ready for the following season.

Over time, we could identify the known "approved" providers and mention them in the newsletter and acknowledge them with their logo on our website etc. Larry reported that Stony Lake has a flyer that they have put together to identify that consideration for lake members as they are working with their service providers.

## Healthy Lake Report:

Cindy Nollette attended the last COLA meeting. There are no new concerns about AIS in any of our lakes. A few areas continue to be monitored but there is nothing new with any new aquatic invasion.

Jake Shaughnessy is currently working with Hubbard Country to increase lake health through shoreline restoration and maintenance. Jake and his team will collaborate with the DNR and offer residents an option for consultation on their property to reduce runoff to the lake, reduce erosion etc.

Boat Launch Inspections will occur as in the past. We have the same hours we have previously had.

MaJeana Hallstrom applied for a grant for Little Sand Lake for obtaining updated vegetation mapping and it was awarded. As indicated the check came quickly and Punky will deposit it. MaJeana will talk with Marshall Howe about the vegetation as he was a primary contact previously. MaJeana moved that the board approve to cover ½ the cost of the vegetation mapping. Steve seconded the motion to cover the cost.  
Motion approved.

Majeana reported that there will be some commitment needed for about 5 years for the lake monitoring. R & B Labs will do the monitoring and will compare it to what Dan Kittleson did in 2006.

Punky moved that we accept the money from the grant and recommended that we put together a plan for monitoring the lake over 5 years. MaJeana seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

## Directory:

- Karen Netland reported that the directory is currently online. The directory is password protected. Karen will continue to update the directory and will work with Jacob Nollette to get it online.

We have many new residents on the lake and may be missing someone. We mentioned that if we know their email we could send welcome information electronically.

Water testing- We have had a diligent team of water testers! Kaluszný's offered to help with the water testing. Larry Odegard will continue to help for June, July and August. Mark Doda will continue to help as well.

We however need more volunteers for the water testing job and will discuss it at our annual meeting.

## Website:

Jacob Nollette updated the board on the status of the website.

We launched a redesign of the site on 1-22-22. Jacob reviewed the user numbers on the website and it looks like we have had a significant increase in resident's paying their dues online.

We are going to look at the use of Mail Chimp for our email list. Use of the Mail Chimp system should help with email deliverability. We may be able to add some customization and some graphics as well.

Jacob and Christine will work together and apply for a grant from Microsoft to help with any additional costs for our website.

## Northwest Foundation:

MaJeana met with the Norwest Foundation. Several lakes in the area have been able to utilize charitable funds from this organization. We discussed the possibility of joining the Northwest Foundation, which would then allow some benefits management. We would need a minimum of \$10,000 to join. We currently have about \$8,600 in CD's which we could use if we decided to join.

One of the areas that the board would like to explore over the coming years is how our lake residents could leave a donation to the lake as part of their estate plan

The fee is currently 1% for balances less than \$100,000. We would likely get 5% on our money.

Punky recommended that a few people from the board meet with the Northwest Foundation to learn more and determine suitability for our association. MaJeans will coordinate and Steve, Jane , Karen and Punky will attend the meeting. MaJeana suggested setting up a Zoom meeting prior to our annual meeting in June so that the information about the Northwest Foundation could be shared with our members.

## Annual Meeting:

We will meet at Zorbaz for the meeting. Jacob Nollette will work with Christine and Rob Swanson from Zorbaz to set up a Zoom meeting format for those unable to attend in person.

We reviewed the term status of various board members.

Steve is willing to stay on the board and will serve as a Director at Large for another two years.

Jerry Kaluzny and Greg Dravis agreed to serve on the board as Directors at Large.

Jane will meet with Punky and is considering serving as our Board Treasurer.

Punky reported that she will reconcile the account to May 30 and will be up to date prior to the board meeting.

Punky will coordinate registration at the meeting.

Larry will provide some information at the meeting about the equipment that is used to do the regular water testing.

We will review information on the fisheries and stocking the lakes.

Door prizes will be given to those who are current members of the lake association before June 10. We will contact area businesses to see if they are interested in donating to the meeting. If they do, we will acknowledge them on our Facebook page, at our meeting and in our newsletter.

### **Newsletter:**

Luanne O'Neil will continue to produce the newsletter. Any information we would like included needs to go to Luanne.

### **Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn: Larry Odegard  
Seconded the motion: Cindy Nollette

**End of meeting: 8:09 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Nollette , Secretary