Silver Lake Association

Spring 2019 Meeting Minutes Approved 8-31-2019

Board members present: Kari Chase, Randy Harris, Rob Fillmore, Linda Goergen, Steve Knudson, Bob Wellhoefer. Holli Priebe was unable to attend

The meeting was called to order by Rob Fillmore, SLA president at the Cumberland Branch of the Dairy State Bank at 8:30am on Saturday, May 25th, with 26 members attending.

**Board introduction-** Rob Fillmore-President, Randy Harris-VP, Steve Knudson-Treasurer, Bob Wellhoefer-member at large, Kari Chase-member at large, Linda Goergen-Secretary, Holli Priebe-member at large.

**Welcome** to the Braun’s, Dietrich’s and Johnson’s. All are new owners on 26½ Ave. New members invited to sign in on the roster.

**Old Business**

**Fall 2018 Minutes** -Minutes reviewed by Linda Goergen. Minutes approved and will be posted on the website.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Report provided by Steve Knudson. Steve reports a solid financial position with $5,719 in the water quality fund, $16,502 in the General fund, $1,100 dues received May 25th for a total balance of $23, 331.26. Cash inflow includes member dues, DNR reimbursement of $12,284.67 for AIS, Buckthorn project, Boat monitoring and 2019 advance payment for CBCW. There are some funds remaining in the Buckthorn project for those homeowners needing supplies to remove buckthorn. Treasures report approved and will be posted on the website.

**Board Positions Open Fall of 2019 –** Two (2) positions will be available this fall as the terms expire for Kari and Randy. Kari is stepping aside to allow new members to join the board; Randy is willing to continue if there is a spot to fill. Contact Rob Fillmore or any one of the board members if you are interested in a position on the board.

**Lake Association Activities**

**SLA Summer Picnic 2019** - will be held on August 10th at Chris and Julie Geason’s home. Address is 2567 11 ¼ Street. There is parking across the street, or there is an option to boat in. Details to follow and will be posted on the web site.

**Directory Update** 2019 directory distributed any updates or corrections should be noted on the master list and Kari will update.

**Silver Lake Association Web Site** The website is posted at the bottom of agenda, membership encouraged to utilize the web site.

**Canada geese spotting and control –** Continue to watch and report siting’s or nesting’s via the web site. The DNR will do a round up if there is large enough goose population.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Survey** Virginia Berglund reported that the surveys in June and August looked good. Virginia reminded us that this project is a 3 year grant from DNR, the purpose and goal of grant is to educate. There is an option to ride along during the inspections (encouraged). Virginia will communicate dates for ride along. 2018 survey also included monitoring for Zebra mussels; the DNR will also monitor for Zebra mussels in 2019 and have asked to use the same locations as 2018.

**Buckthorn Control Effort Update -**Virginia reported on the work done in 2018. It was a big project. Rich Jansen helped with the project. Results from the work last fall are evident, 19 home owners participated with 65 acres treated. Reminder that 1 tree becomes a forest in 5 years. A volunteer committee for Buckthorn control has been formed. Garlan4 is product used for the large trees, hand pulling works well at this time with the wet soil. Dispose of the plant, letting roots dry out after pulling, do not leave lying around. Contact Virginia Berglund for education, ideal time is to treat before the tree fruits out.

**Silver Lake Water Quality Report** Bob Wellhoefer estimated water level is about at the 1991 level. Property owners are reminded to use caution around shoreline, to reduce erosion. DNR is electronically monitoring lake level at a location off of the Zahrbock property. No report of water level at this time. Linda will find out how the information will get to the SLA.

**Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) 2019 plans and actions -** Boat monitoring will be every weekend and holidays, staffed 8hr shifts. Increased grant request to maximum $4000 for this year. Note the DNR reimburses $3000. Decontamination station is in place again to decontaminate boats to deter introduction of zebra mussels. Rob is approaching county to have this become an ordinance. Rob has a volunteer to fill bleach solution for the cleaning station. **Motion** **Approved** to allocate $2000 for expenses for monitoring and cleaning station for 2019.

**New Business**

**Volunteer Opportunities**-A great way to get involved with the SLA is to volunteer. There are many tasks that do not require a lot of time but are necessary and helpful. Opportunities for volunteers include Meeting Logistics (set up and tear down) , CBCW (data entry) and SLA Picnic (assist hosts with set up and tear down). Contact any board member via the web site if you would like to help.

**Grant Park Changes** – Rob spoke with Steve Olson about changes and plans for the county park. Plans communicated include replanting of new trees and a pavilion. Concerns from the membership were voiced regarding information and knowledge about the county plans. There is a general lack of understanding about how the information is communicated from the county. Goal going forward is to learn more about process.

Some options discussed were,

* Property owners/membership contact the county directly.
* Have one of the membership be a liaison with the county. (There were no volunteers from the membership during the meeting). Contact the board if interested in being a liaison with the county in regards to Grant Park matters.

**Meeting Logistics and Projector** -Projector purchased by Bob Wellhoefer for ~$80.00. Agreement from membership to reimburse Bob for the purchase.

**Additional Topics from the Membership –**

* Buoy placement – county decision to not place buoys in the swimming area. Reminder that while we all have a concern about safety on the water, buoy placement is not a SLA responsibility.
* Loon Platform – with the water level up the loon nesting location on the island is underwater. Perhaps it is time to discuss loon platforms with the county again.
* Shoreline enhancements– check the website for guidance and direction on what can be done below the ordinary high water mark.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:22 am.

**Post Meeting Property Owner Interests**

10:00 am- Solar Power Presentation Bob Wellhoefer

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