Silver Lake Association

Spring 2021 Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2021 Final

Board members present: Rob Fillmore, Randy Harris, Steve Knudson, Linda Goergen, Bob Wellhoefer, Matt Wenzel and Holli Priebe.

**Call to order and Welcome -** Rob Fillmore called the meeting to order via Zoom at 8:30 am, 32 members participated in the meeting.

**Old Business**

**Fall 2020 Minutes** were posted to the web site and sent out via email with meeting notice. Minutes approved and will be posted to the web site.

**Treasurer’s Report** was sent out to membership for review. Balance is 29,069.56 There are 2 funds; general fund with a balance of $23349.42 and water quality fund with a balance of $5720.14. The Water Quality fund is set up as an emergency use fund for immediate response to AIS issues. Activity cash in of $7966.25, the source of funds is member dues $350 last fall 2020 dues, $3740 2021 dues. Other income includes reimbursed funds for grants 3 from the DNR, Grant from Wells Fargo of $200 and memorial for Ben Jacobson. Expenses, fall meeting expenses, buckthorn control and bank fee. Membership - 47 members to date, which is ahead of last year at this time for membership. Reminder that per bylaws only paid members can vote on association issues. Treasurer’s report approved and will be posted to the web site.

**New Business**

**By Law Update** – The changes made to the bylaws regarding membership at the spring meeting unknowingly put us out of compliance with the DNR to be a Qualified Lake Association, thereby we are not able to receive grants. Rob discussed the situation with the DNR folks and we were given the rules that must be followed to be a considered a qualified lake association. The areas of concern are regarding membership (allow renters) and dues ($5-$50). The bylaws were modified from the 2020 update to include the necessary information. Proposed bylaw changes were presented to the membership.

*Membership*- Membership will be open to any individual who owns real estate of any individual who or for at least one month each year reside on or within one mile of those who own property within one mile of Silver Lake. Dues will be modified from time to time and are detailed in Addendum A.

*Addendum A*

Effective Dues will be as follows:

Annual Membership Goose $30

Additional levels of support i.e. Loon $50 and Eagle $100 or more are welcomed and provide critical funding to our programs in addition to basic dues.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the changes to the bylaws as proposed.

**Lake Association Activities Updates**

**Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) 2021 plans and actions** - there will be 50 days of boat inspections. Grant will cover 75 percent of costs. Schedule will begin weekend of June 25th. Use of decontamination station is an ordinance with fines for noncompliance. Many lakes around the area have AIS and we want to keep these out of the lake. Decontamination process is spraying down the trailer, wells and boat prevents the growth of the zebra mussel larva.

**Summer picnic –** membership is ready to meet for the summer picnic. Keem and Adam Braun volunteered to host. Good news, thank you!! Date, time and details to follow. Watch the website for more information.

**Aquatic Invasive Species –** Matt Berg will do ASI survey in June and in September. Cost of $172 annually. Missed the grant request deadline, looking for/need a volunteer to write the grant in the future. Propose paying for this service out of the SLA funds.

**Canada geese spotting and control** - Holly Branch is our liaison for Canada Geese on the lake. Our numbers are too small for a round up. Roundups on other lakes seem to be helping with the numbers on Silver Lake. Sightings are useful when reported early (at ice out) to the county for their planning. Holly Branch, will interface with county, report any geese activity and locations in the spring via silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com

**Directory Update –** plan is to have a hard copy update ready for the fall meeting. Members in good standing will receive directory. Please send any changes to silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com Bob is looking for a photo for the front cover, if you want to share a photo for the cover send it to Bob Wellhoefer at silverlakebarroncounty@gmail.com.

**Annual projected expenses** were shared with membership. Mailings $170 , Directory $300, Water quality management $1500, Annual Picnic $300,

**Board Positions –** 3 positions opening up this fall 3 positions,(incumbents Rob Fillmore, Linda Goergen and Steve Knudson). If you are interested please contact Rob. Kari shared her experiences while on the board, she is open to talking with anyone who is interested.

**Topics from Membership**

**Fourth of July Activities -** Boat Parade typically held at 1 pm, decorate your boat/ pontoons and meet in the north end of the lake by the Wenzel property. County Quiet Campground does a great firework display usually on July 5th. Notice to lake association is usually given via email and put on the Web page. Stop by the campground for fireworks details.

**Shoreline maintenance -** Most natural shoreline is the best to maintain the quality of the lake. Reminder that the Ordinary high water mark to shoreline is the DNR jurisdiction. Ordinary High watermark to home is the Barron County Zoning jurisdiction. Contact the county with questions or concerns about clearing and shore line management.

**Fall Meeting -** planning for a live meeting on Sept 4th. Determining if the bank community room will allow for Zoom access also.

**Internet Access –** questions about speed and access. Suggested to call Century Link and present your case or contact state assembly member, David Armstrong. There is funding for rural cable networks.

 Meeting adjourned at 9:35am. Have a great and safe summer. See you on the water.