

GLSA Board Meeting Minutes for 7-12-14

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greater Lake Sylvia Association ("GLSA") was held on July 12, 2014 at Southside Township Hall.

The meeting was called to order by President, Chris Hector, at 9:09 AM. Present at the meeting were Board members: Steve Holmstoen, Carl Swanson, Lisa Peery, Harry Wahlquist, Tom Hanson, Jerry Dock, Mike McNellis, Don Holm, Chris Hector, Kent Davidson, Jerry Euteneuer, Allison Barkley.

Also present for all or portions of the meeting was Mike Mischuk, a lake resident who has offered his expertise in the area of aquatic biology.

June Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Lisa Peery. Second: Don Holm. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Lingen reported YTD our membership count is down from 2013 by 24. A discussion was had on how to reach 2013 Members who have not renewed their membership in 2014. Motion to send an email to those households along with another copy of the Dues Renewal Letter mailed via USPS made by Harry Wahlquist. Second: Jerry Dock. Motion passed. GLSA currently has approximately \$210,000 in assets. Steve Holmstoen is currently working on a draft of an investment policy for assets.

By-Laws Update: Motion to accept the By-Laws as proposed made by Jerry Euteneuer. Second: Don Holm. Motion Passed. Harry Wahlquist questioned why there was nothing in the By-Laws addressing those with lifetime memberships. It was explained that Lifetime Memberships are no longer offered and had not been offered for quite some time. It was pointed out that those memberships are treated the same way the annual memberships are with regard to voting rights. Harry Wahlquist recommended that we recognize Pat Beithon, former GLSA Secretary and Governance Committee Chairperson, for her work on revising the By-Laws. Wahlquist suggested we send a thank you to Pat Beithon. Chris Hector offered to write a letter and send it to Pat Beithon.

A suggestion was also made that the Articles of Incorporation be restated to say that the physical address will be the address of the current secretary. This way we don't need a vote of the membership each time we have a new secretary. Allison Barkley offered to research this possibility.

Newsletter Editor Update: Chris Hector announced that Russ and Peggy Jo Fortner have offered to take over the role of Loon Calls Editor(s). The Fortners will be working with Joe and Kathy Lepley on the next edition of the newsletter as a training opportunity. The Lepley's will turn over the Newsletter Editor role to the Fortners by the end of 2014.

1st Annual GLSA Golf Fundraiser Update: Chris Hector reported information provided by Russ Fortner as follows: There are currently have 125 golfers signed up to play in the event, as well as 15 sponsors who have made donations to the event. Southbrook Golf Course has never had an event of this size. It is projected that this event will raise approximately \$6,000.00.

Lake Access Monitoring: Chris Hector pass around YTD data from boats surveyed at the public access. On July 3rd, the access monitor staff received their Level 1 Certification. Mike Mischuk, guest, shared that he was at the access recently talking to one of the monitor and Mischuk was impressed with how well the monitor knew how to handle non-compliant boats. Mischuk also commented that the data we have been collecting through the access monitoring is valuable and should be shared with Wright County and the State of Minnesota/DNR. There was discussion about how to make the access monitors appear more professional and official. A motion was made by Harry Wahlquist to spend up to \$1,000.00 on vests for the monitors to wear and signage to be added at the landing. Second: Jerry Euteneuer. Motion passed. Chris Hector shared with the board that Wright County has tabled the project of installing a centrally located decontamination station, per a conversation he had with Joe Jacobs. There was discussion on what should be done when our access monitors turn a boat away. J & J Marine has a decontamination station, but they are not Certified to decontaminate boats and don't have hours of operation consistent with the access traffic we are seeing on our lake. Several questions arose regarding J & J Marine's decontamination station. Allison Barkley suggested that the owners of J & J Marine be contacted and invited to our August Meeting. Chris Hector indicated that he would contact J & J Marine.

Bore Testing Grant Request: Chris Hector distributed a copy of an email from Daniel Nadeau, Urban Conservation Specialist with the Wright Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Nadeau is "writing a grant with the MPCA to start work on protecting lakes that are not impaired in the Crow River Watershed." In his request to the Greater Lake Sylvia Association, he has asked for a contribution of \$2,000.00 (\$1,000.00 for each lake, East and West). The board agreed that we need to know more about bore testing and how the lakes could benefit from this project before a decision could be made. Chris Hector will reply to Mr. Nadeau and ask him to come speak at a monthly board meeting.

Milfoil Treatment Update: Kent Davidson stated that the AIS Volunteers have applied 3 treatments to the lake in 2014. Davidson also shared that he found some information on a DNR grant for AIS that we can apply for in 2015.

Lake Level Gauge: The Lake Level Gauge has been moved to a new location. It is near the property of Blaine Barkley. Barkley will be taking weekly readings. Due to the current water level, we are still holding at a 300 ft. wake ban.

CLP Update: Carl Swanson reported that he treated CLP on May 22, 2014. He reported that Madsen's Bay was thick with CLP. Swanson indicated that the water temperature is now too high to treat CLP.

Reminder: Next GLSA Board Meeting will be Saturday, August 16th, 2014.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.