



Sand Lake Shore Owners Fall Meeting – September 2, 2017

**St Philips Catholic Church Stone Lake WI
Coffee at 8:00 Meeting at 8:30**

Association Officers

Warren Johnson/President	563-212-1510
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Board Members

Tom Huebner
Tom Schneider
Rich Herdrich
Dave Anderson

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order:

The Fall 2017 meeting of the Sand Lake Shore Owners Association (“SLSOA”) was called to order at 8:30AM. President Johnson introduced Officers and Directors in attendance and welcomed the attending members. This being the first meeting President Johnson has conducted, he formally thanked Past President Tom Baranick for the fine job done and welcomed him to his new position as Vice President.

New Member Introductions:

Kelly and Jodi Fitzgerald were introduced and welcomed as new members.

Spring 2017 Meeting Minutes:

President Johnson noted that he had circulated an electronic copy of the Meeting Agenda along with the Spring Meeting minutes when he distributed the Notice of the Meeting.

Secretary Stark also noted that the minutes currently posted on the website are modified to note a change correcting the spelling of members “Ivar Lunde” and “Nanette Lunde” as appeared in the initial version circulated. There being no other comments, Motion was made for acceptance of the Spring meeting Minutes without reading

Motion: Wally Nigbur

Second: Larry Boezman

Motion Carried

Treasurers Report:

Treasurers Report was presented by Michelle Baranick
After general discussion, Motion to accept: Tom Huebner
Second: Kathy Hanson
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:**Boat Landing update:**

President Johnson provided an overview of the current expectations with regard to improvements to the public access landing. While the project remains on the DNR “list”, it remains unfunded at this time. A funding grant is being pursued in 2018, but in any case, the expectation is that it will be 2 to 3 years (earliest) before we may see this project move forward.

Weed Watchers update:

An update was provided by Dave Anderson. Fewer weeds seen this year, but happily no apparent evidence of invasive species. Observer Hour Logs need to be compiled and will be reported on at the Spring, 2018 meeting. The Committee is still looking for volunteers to monitor sections of the lake. Interested individuals should contact Dave Anderson.

Website/Facebook and Domain Name discussion:

In response to various inquiries regarding use of the Website versus other Social media as the optimal form of communication for the Association, President Johnson initiated a discussion on the topic. In general, there appears to be very limited use of the Website and the Board discussed whether it was prudent and necessary to continue to incur any expenses associated with it. Historically, Brian Kantar has maintained the site and covered the annual cost of domain registry (comped by a no charge membership). Thereafter, and considering his greater and deeper expertise on the matter, Brian Kantar led a quite thorough discussion in regards to various forms of Social Media as mass communication tools, including attributes of the Website, Facebook, Next Door and e mail. “Next Door” attracted significant discussion and Brian addressed several attributes that limit it’s applicability for an organization of the profile of SLSOA. Given those currently limiting attributes, he commented that the basic e-mail system is a valuable tool for Association communication. After some additional discussion, his recommendation was to maintain the Web site (populated with appropriate static information so as to retain visibility of SLSOA), work toward promoting Facebook as a Private member group communication method for the Association and continue to monitor the progress of solving Next Door issues and limitations as a further and possible later communication tool for members of SLSOA. A further update will be given at the Spring, 2018 Meeting.

Motion on the Recommendation made by Brian Kantar: Larry Boezman
Second: Ivar Lunde
Motion Carried

The Board views that the Association benefits greatly by having access to the expertise lent by Brian Kantar and it is not appropriate for him to freely give that expertise and incur any out of pocket expense as well. Upon due consideration, it was recommended and moved that the Association pay Domain Registration costs henceforth.

Motion: Dave Anderson

Second: Tom Huebner

Motion carried

President Johnson thanked Brian Kantar for leading the in-depth discussion and sharing of his expertise as well as past and continuing support with respect to the website.

Water Quality Report:

Vice President Baranick provided the annual Water Quality update report.

Issues Noted and discussed:

Algae levels in the lake were higher than in recent years. Contributing factors appear to be normal cyclical and current rainfall events. Recent heavy rains have increased runoff events which carry in some amount of phosphorus. Additional contributing factors can be linked to septic systems as well as runoff accumulating in other lakes and flowing through Sand Lake. As a very broad generality, 18 year dry/wet cycles have been observed and we appear to be in the later segment of that cyclical pattern.

Despite expectations of seeing a lower lake level due to expected outlet dam repairs, we have actually seen high lake levels throughout the entire summer season. Even with the higher levels of observed Phosphorus, water clarity has remained fairly consistent with prior years as has the oxygen level and depths of the thermo clines, the later indicating the lake has not yet turned over for the current year. In general, it appears the lake remains “healthy”, but we should continue to monitor the phosphorus level and take/recommend action accordingly.

Boat Parade:

Chairman Dewey Vatland reported participation of 23 boats in this year’s July 4 Boat Parade. This is a bit lower than in past years, believed to be driven by the 4th having fallen on a Tuesday this year. In any case, a good time was had by all and good enthusiasm/reception from the shoreline observers.

Fishing Contest:

President Johnson reminded all that the annual Fishing Contest is again going on. Entries can be made by emailing a picture (or personally showing) of any entry to any Officer/Board member including the entrant name and size of the fish.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Meeting report

The SLSOA Board of Directors met several weeks prior to the Fall general membership meeting. President Johnson provided a summary report of the topics covered in said meeting. Included in the meeting were discussions about the potential merits, possibility and general interest in the Association forming a qualified Tax Exempt entity which would facilitate members ability to make qualified tax exempt contributions from time to time. Upon due discussion, a motion was tabled to direct that the Board continue to investigate the topic and provide a further update at the Spring meeting.

Motion: John Hill

Second: Tom Huebner

Motion carried.

The Board also discussed the merits of continuing to have periodic Educational sessions (on various topics of general interest) at the General Membership meetings. The Board believed there is good reason to continue that practice and that the membership would be of a like mind. Upon inquiry among those in attendance, the consensus is that such practice should be continued with the Board/Officers to determine the topic(s) and arrange guest speakers accordingly.

2017 Holiday Party:

Chairperson Betsy Schneider provided an update on the work she and her committee have been doing in preparation for the traditional Holiday party. As was the case last year, the event will be held at Red Schoolhouse Wines and will be held on Saturday, December 2nd and Max Hintler (Maximillian's) will again be the chef. Note that due to physical limitations of the facility, the maximum number of participants will be 42. This was the case last year as well, but was not an issue. However, please note the limitation as and when the further details come out.

While the traditional donations of handmade articles for auction will occur, a general discussion regarding new and different fundraising ideas was undertaken. Any thoughts or comments in that regard may be directed to Betsy. Additional details, including time, menu choices etc. will be forthcoming.

In order to avoid any doubt, a discussion was had regarding the disposition/donation of the proceeds was undertaken. Upon Motion, it recommended that the proceeds be donated to the Stone Lake Feed A Family fund.

Motion: Sue Anderson

Second: Ruth Ann Hyser

Motion carried

Fisheries Committee:

President Johnson advised that immediately following the General meeting, the Fisheries Committee was planning to meet. Anyone interested in those discussions is welcome to attend. Absent anything immediate coming out of the meeting, a report will be provided at the Spring meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Johnson noted that certain Officer positions are due for election at the Spring meeting, specifically those being Treasurer and Secretary. The current Treasurer Michelle Baranick has indicated a desire to step down so we will be looking for a volunteer to take over that position. Secretary Stark has agreed to stay on for a further term, absent anyone seriously wanting to step in. Any interested volunteer(s) should advise President Johnson as to their interest.

A general discussion was had regarding potential topics for the Spring Meeting. Further details will follow in Spring. In the meanwhile, any matters of interest may be mentioned to President Johnson.

In response to a member question, it is believed that the lake has approximately 175 residences around it, with approximately 110 of them being members. Given that properties do change hands from time to time, President Johnson reminded all to advise new residents of the existence of the association and encourage other non-members to consider joining. A strong and vibrant Association will benefit all lake residents and users.

There being no other business, a Motion to Adjourn was heard

Motion: Larry Boezman
Second Cindy Nigbur

Motion carried, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:27 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Ken Stark
Secretary