SRCL Board Meeting MINUTES

November 12, 2019 6:30-8 pm

Cold Spring Business Center – 2nd Floor Conference Room

**Call to Order** – John Rocky, President

In Attendance: John Rocky, Matt Noska, Pete Peterson, Matt Pelant, Brad Matuska, Troy Atkinson

Admin: Ann Warling

Calling In: Sue Antolak, Charlie Montreuil

Absent: Wendell Giese, Bert Johnson

**Additions to the Agenda**– Matt Noska, Vice President

• Bert Johnson has submitted a letter of resignation from the SRCL Board. He would like to continue assisting with the water quality sampling. Thank you, Bert for your many years of dedication and services to the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association.

**Review of past Minutes** – John Rocky

• The September 28, 2019 SRCL Board Meeting Minutes have been approved prior to the board meeting via an all-board email vote.

**Financial Report** – Charlie Montreuil

• SRCL currently has $69,795.83 in their account.

• *Brad Matuska made a motion to approve the Profit & Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, Check register - seconded by Matt Pelant. Approved.*

**Administration Report** – John Rocky

• Ten additional membership applications have been received and will be added to the database.

**Gambling Manager Report** - Matt Pelant/John Rocky

• The SRCL Gambling license has been approved and gambling activities will begin at Shady Long Shot December 1, 2019.

• Gambling options to begin with include: bar bingo, meat raffle, pull tabs, and e-tabs.

• A call for volunteer assistance in operating the gambling efforts at Shady Long Shot will start as soon as possible.

• A gambling manager and assistant gambling manager will be hired by the SRCL and work directly under the guidance/direction of Matt Pelant.

**Land Use Committee Report** – Brad Matuska

• SRCL is working with land users where runoff is a concern.

• Coordinating efforts with Greg Berg at Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District to communicate to Jake Schreifels about the SRCL Board’s willingness to financially support a project that will minimize runoff into Bolfing from the Schreifels’ farm on County Road 49.

**Water Quality Committee Report** – Bert Johnson

• Water quality testing on the Chain of Lakes is conducted from April to September each year in conjunction with the Sauk River Watershed District.

• As a non-board member of the SRCL, Bert Johnson would like to continue working on this project.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Committee** **Report** – Pete Peterson/Brad Matuska

• SRCL is applying for a Stearns County Grant to conduct an Aquatic Assessment. Proposals have been received by LimnoPro Aquatic Science – St. Cloud and Blue Water Science – St. Paul. *A motion to apply for a grant and conduct an aquatic assessment was made by Troy Atkinson and seconded by Matt Noska. Approved.*

• The Ecco Harvester project and machine purchase has been put on hold in order to complete the aquatic assessment which will provide valuable information when weed removal permitting begins. SRCL is meeting with possible private operators to run the Ecco Harvester program. *A motion to place the purchase of an Eco Harvester on hold until review of the aquatic assessment was made by John Rocky and seconded by Pete Pelant. Approved.*

• *A motion to have Brad Matuska serve as the SRCL Representative on the Stearns County AIS Board was made by Troy Atkinson and seconded by Matt Noska. Approved.*

• John Rocky shared concern regarding the locations and quantity of zebra mussels identified on the Chain of Lakes this Fall. *A motion was made to create a Survey Monkey to reach the SRCL members asking about their observations regarding zebra mussels was made by Brad Matuska and seconded by Matt Pelant. Approved.*

**Fisheries Committee Report** - Matt Noska

• Two walleye electro-surveys were conducted in October. The initial results showed that the walleye population in the Chain of Lakes are self-populating at a positive rate.

**Marketing/Public Relations** – Susan Antolak/TroyAtkinson

• John Rocky will provide an updated count on Business Members.

• Working on plans to provide develop a Resorts Partners Program encouraging membership and involvement on the SRCL board. Also, to provide resort owners with lake related information to have available in cabins and at their main lodge.

• Will be reenergizing the Realtor Program to provide realtors with Chain of Lakes maps, association brochures, and membership forms to make available to all new lake home buyers.

• Sue Antolak is working with Cold Spring Brewery to schedule next summer’s Taproom Takeover.

**ILIDS Report** – Wendell Giese

• The ILIDS are required to upgrade from 3G to a 4G system at a cost of approximately $2,300/each. The ILIDS are an educational and data collection tool. They are not used for enforcement. Discussion focused on the value of obtaining boat landing usage information.

• *A motion to upgrade the ILIDS to a 4G systems with a two-year contract was made by Matt Noska and seconded by Troy Atkinson. Approved.*

**Old Business**

• The current (2005) Lakeshed Management Plan binders were distributed to board members.

• Rock Buoy markers project is tabled for discussion.

• The information collected from lake owners regarding the no wake zone proposals has been given to the Stearns County Sherriff’s office. An assessment has been proposed along with the placement of caution buoys for next year’s boating season. Communication regarding this project will continue.

• The SRCL is conducting a matching amount fundraising effort to help with costs associated with the removal of the Long Lake Bog in November. *The SRCL Board of Directors, via an email vote, approved the board’s financial assistance and fundraising efforts, in regards, to the removal of the Long Lake Bog.*

• The sunken dock upriver in Richmond has not been removed from the waterway at this time.

**New Business**

• The CD3 Station at DNR Public Access has been tabled for review and discussion.

**Adjourn**

*•A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Rocky and seconded by Troy Atkinson. Approved.*

**For the Good of the Association – Meeting Schedule**

• Saturday, December 14th at 8:30 a.m. at the Cold Spring Business Center-2nd Floor Conference Room.

• Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 p.m. at the Cold Spring Business Center-2nd Floor Conference Room.