

Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association
Board MINUTES
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
At Flexible Pipe Tool Co. • 22606 186th Ave • Cold Spring
Microsoft Teams Remote Option

Call to Order – Brad Matuska

Present: Brad Matuska, Rick Reimer, Gene Krebs, Karla Smetana, Troy Atkinson, Wayne Karg, Richard Gallea, Gary Schnobrich, Administrator: Trish Feldhous

Phone Options: Steve Weeres

Absent: Matt Noska Aaron Schwartz, Gambling Manager: Keely Frakes-Rau, Website Guru: Kersten Thellin

Review of past Minutes – Brad Matuska

- May Board Minutes Approved via Email – Brad Matuska
- Annual Meeting Minutes Approved via Email
- *Brad made a motion via email to help promote sales of the SRCLA mugs by posting availability on our website and social media. Richard seconded. Motion was approved via Email.*

Gambling Manager Report

- Keely was not present, reports were emailed to the board prior to meeting.
- *Troy made a motion to approve the monthly gambling report, proposed gambling expenses and pre-approved April taxes- Seconded by Gene. Approved*

Financial Report – Troy Atkinson

- Review Financials - Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, and Check Register
- Ordered chemicals in May for weed control. This had to be paid up front.
- Other expenses included stamps, magazine mailing and help wanted ad.
- Donation was given to U of M for zebra mussel research
- *Karla made a motion to accept the May Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, and Check Detail. – Seconded by Gary. Voted on and approved*

Administration Report – Brad Matuska

- Welcome New Board Member – Rick Reimer. He will be helping out on Land Use committee.
- Trish reported memberships have slowed down. Considering an additional push for membership later this year.
- Annual Meeting Debrief
 - Attendance was way down from previous years.
 - Looking at ways to generate more interest. We were told some were glad it was advertised in the Record.
 - One member brought historical pics of a flood gate in Cold Spring from 1965.

Land Use Committee Report – Richard Gallea

- Sandy Point caution buoys have been dropped. This generated some comments on social media, most were positive.
- If this goes OK, we are considering using them in Zumwalde and Krons on sharp turns.
- The Lake Steward program is not generating any interest.

Marketing/Public Relations Committee Report – Brad Matuska

- Comprehensive Marketing plan
 - We are working with Brenda Herubin on a comprehensive marketing plan to help us with our marketing strategy.
 - Looking for ways to measure outcomes based on what we spend.
 - Hoping to improve member numbers and increase the number of shoreline restoration projects each year
- Website Report
 - 609 visitors in May with 1300 page views
 - We added a piece on filamentous algae which is a significant problem right now
 - We also added Scuba Weed control information
- Richmond River Lake Days Sponsorship we were added to their flyer
- Hometown Pride Days Sponsorship we are sponsoring

AIS Awareness and Prevention – Steve Weeres

- I-LIDS update – all systems are currently running
- We had 1 violation flagged which consisted of weeds on a trailer leaving Sauk River Landing We are considering putting this on social media to show that the system is working.
- Lake Level Modeling Project Update we are waiting on a grant and haven't heard back on this yet.
- Lake Level is low for this time of the year. It did go up 1/10 ft this past weekend with the rain
- Would like to eventually start a database to collect all the Lake level data.

Water Quality Committee Report – Gary Schnobrich

- Gary measured 6 different sites and reported some of the information.
- Would like to get into some deeper holes in Sandy point, Zumwalde Lake and Koetter Lake where there are 30 ft holes
- Eventually will have a software we can download to report the data and graph it.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee Report – Gene Krebs/Wayne Karg

- Weeds Up has pulled 165 yards out of Long Lake. They only harvest on this lake and do not use chemicals.
- Plant management can be done all year
- Milfoil and flowering rush treatment should be done the week after the 4th.

Fisheries Committee Report - Matt Noska

- Matt Noska was not present so there was no update this month.

Old Business

New Business

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard and seconded by Karla. Approved

For the Good of the Association – Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, July 18th at 6:30 pm at Flexible Pipe Tool.