

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.

Board Meeting

January 27, 2021

MINUTES

Secord Lake Association (SLA) board meeting was called to order via Zoom at 4:00 P.M by Phil Dast. Board Members present: Phil Dast, Chuck Sikora, Susan Morgan, Jeanne Ballor, Richard West, Rita Lewis, Tami Johanson and Steve Slaga. Also present Sandy Sikora.

Secretary's report; motion to approve minutes from December Board meeting was made, seconded and passed. No further report.

Treasurer's report: Current General Fund balance is \$13,233.40. Current Secord Dam Fund balance is \$4,707.95. Monthly service fees were \$17.53; this amount was transferred from the general fund account to the dam fund account. Motion to approve report made, seconded and passed. Annual bill for WIX in the amount of \$140.83 for the upgrade to the "donate" button on our website was presented. Motion made to pay this bill. Seconded and passed.

Election of Officers: As required by the Bylaws, discussion held re: election of officers. A motion was made to re-elect current officers Phil Dast, President; Chuck Sikora, Vice President; Susan Morgan, Treasurer; and Jeanne Ballor, Secretary; for another year. Motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports: At the present time, we have 105 members paid through 2021 or beyond; 362 members from 2020 have not renewed yet. Committee will present a plan at the next Board meeting for sending out dues notices. We have still not recovered all of the dues lost due to the issue from last fall. There are still 2 \$100 members we have not heard from. The remaining were one year members. It was suggested that a letter or special note be included to those members along with the 2021 dues notice. Sue raised a question about membership cards. That will be included in the plan presented next month.

Fundraising: Chuck reported that the golf outing date has been changed from May to September 25. This is due to the financial strains and other difficulties the pandemic has placed on our local businesses and members, as well as on SLA. A new Save the Date will be posted on our website.

Communications: Jeanne raised some concerns about a potentially misleading legal statement and quotation in a recent SLA newsletter and suggested that such legal statements first be vetted by an attorney or attorneys on the Board in the future. She also requested more time for Board member review of proposed communications unless there is some special urgency involved.

There was some discussion regarding a proposed update on information obtained from the FLTF relating to Secord Dam, arising from some concern that the update as written did not sufficiently distinguish the respective roles of the FLTF and the SLA in the dam restoration. A proposal to revise the update was well received, and it was agreed that the Communication Committee will review, edit further and send to Board members for further comment or approval by early next week so that Association members receive it before the 2/11 FLTF meeting about Secord.

Other business: A proposed discussion regarding certain financial expenditures was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Phil had suggestions for programs in the 2021 member meetings but requested additional suggestions from Board members. Programs will be further discussed at the next meeting. His suggestions were:

April FLTF update

May Gladwin County Emergency Manager Bob North

June Fire Chiefs re: fireworks and burning ordinances

July Update from Township Supervisors

August Elections and Annual Meeting, possible DNR speaker

September FLTF update

October Year end wrap up

2021 meetings will be held on the 3d Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. from April through October. Location to be determined. All meetings will likely include a Zoom option.

Four Lakes Task Force Update: Most of the update information is contained in the Update document discussed on this date. Phil also added the FLTF has sent a letter to FERC asking it to relinquish control to the State of Michigan. No response has been received. The FLTF survey to homeowners is late due to a printing delay. It will be sent in the next day or two.

Next Board meeting will be held in February, date to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made, supported and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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