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**Secord Lake Association
Board Meeting at Secord Township Hall
September 16, 2023 10:00am**

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am. Present were: Phil Dast, Chuck Sikora, Brent Wilson, Troy Gould, and Mike Szuch.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Phil introduced guests:

Karon Hoffman- Clement Township Supervisor

Joel Vernier- Secord Township Supervisor

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from the August meeting were approved by motion.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Phil Dast provided a report on current account balances. Report was approved by all board members present.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- Reimbursement to Sandy Sikora for cookies provided at election meeting. Approved by all board members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Concert Discussion – 50/50 raffle – Secord Lake Association made \$265.00 at the Wixom Lake event.
- One Box Mailing was done for SLA flyer – Gladwin/Alger was targeted by zip code.



NEW BUSINESS:

Board member Jenny Combs asked to resign – effective immediately. Letter was submitted to Phil. Resignation was approved by all board members present.

Board will be looking to appoint someone to his position in the next couple of months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Golf Outfitting- Phil Dast- We currently have a full field. There are five teams on a waiting list.

Chili Cook Off- Troy Gould-Chili Cookoff will be on October 7th. Still have 7 openings for chili entries. Troy asked everyone to register baskets and chili entries on the website. We will accept basket entries up to the same week of the event.

Promotions – Brent Wilson talked about new merchandise items and card reader available for credit card purchases.

Membership – Sandy Sikora reported that we have 233 members, 160 are paid through 2023-2024. The remainder are 2025 and beyond.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Phil asked for comments from guests.

Karon Hoffman spoke about Clement Township having SLA flyers on the counter in the township office for people to pick up when they come in to pay taxes.

Phil then asked for everyone present to introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves. This also included the board.

PROGRAM

- Phil talked about the fact that the cost to rebuild the dam is higher than originally estimated. Ted Warner is overseeing construction on Secord Dam. Four Lakes Task force is working on financing through the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Chuck talked about working with the federal government to try to obtain more funding.



- Chuck mentioned that the current dam activities include various spill way work and that cement trucks are running between Secord and Smallwood dams. We are moving in a positive direction!

Questions/Comments

1. Comment made about historic pictures of dam at Clement Township Hall. Phil followed up with discussion about having a History Program next year to inform the community of the history of the lake and dam.
2. Question was asked: Is there class action lawsuits against Federal and State governments? Chuck commented that he believed that they were more for residents of Wixom and Sanford Lakes.

PROGRAM CONTINUED

Joel Vernier discussed the tree and weed issues on both Smallwood and Secord Lakes. He emphasized the need to remove trees before they get any larger. Joel also discussed the need for fund raising events on each lake to help support the efforts to prepare them to receive water.

- Concern was raised about how will the trees be addressed that are in front of state land, primarily past the Wildwood tube, but applies to wherever there is state land around lake. No clear answer at this time. More to come on this.

ADJOURN: 11:06am