

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION INC

Board Meeting

March 11, 2020

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Phil Dast. Board members present: Phil Dast, Chuck Sikora, Susan Morgan, Richard West, Bruce Plowman, Deb Stover and Jeanne Ballor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from Jan. 27, 2020 Board Meeting approved,

TREASURERS REPORT: Bank balance is \$2,915.16. Bills from WIX.com for website expenses for \$294.28 approved for payment. IRS form 990n received. Due by 5/15/20. Susan and Jeanne will meet to complete, and will call Richard if questions arise. A meeting with PNC will be scheduled for early April; Susan and Phil will arrange.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Four Lakes Task Force has requested a year-end letter of support from all 4 lakes. Board approves Phil's proposed letter.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

WEBSITE: SLA website is now active at: SECORDLAKEASSOCIATION.ORG. Minutes from board and membership meetings will now be posted on the website, not on FB. It is fully functional except for the "pay button" which will allow members to pay dues electronically. Options will include credit, debit and PayPal. When the button is used, the funds are sent to our bank account, and an email is generated to our gmail account. The email will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

NEWSLETTER: The goal is to prepare the newsletter for distribution in April. Jeanne will prepare the script and sent to Sandy Sikora, who will format the newsletter. Topics will include meeting dates for 2020; speaker ideas; dues information and application form; information about the website; Four Lakes Task Force update; a list of board members and townships; and president's comments. Members will be asked for ideas for speakers and other topics they would like the SLA to address.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Discussion held regarding whether dues are calendar year or some other term. It was previously decided at the January 27 meeting that they were valid for the fiscal year {from 8/1 to 7/31}, and had to be paid before the annual meeting in order for a member to have a vote. However, following the discussion, the majority felt that dues should cover a calendar year, not a fiscal year. Motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the January decision, and to put a notice in the upcoming newsletter reflecting that change. Following the meeting, further discussion was held, and this matter will be taken up at the next board meeting for final decision.

It was reported that our new signs have been received, and we should be putting them up before the April meeting. Chuck also suggested that our website information be added to the signs, which can be done for a minimal cost.

FOUR LAKES TASK FORCE UPDATE: The Task Force needs to move forward on repairs to Wixom dam in order to avoid the costs associated with needing a coffer dam once the water levels go back up. The next dam to be considered for repairs is Secord. Those repairs need to be done to avoid FERC from

pulling the energy permit, which could happen next year if Ferc does not extend it. Phil is against any effort to leave consideration of energy off of upgrades to Secord dam and believes that a “package deal” with all 4 lakes is the best option for all. Repair costs have increased, as was reported at the last public meeting of the Task Force, but those increases will not have much if any effect on the assessment as long as there is power generation. He also pointed out that power companies like Consumers need to have alternative sources of energy on their books, we hope to get a favorable price or contract for any power produced by the dams. Finally, assessments will be sent out this fall, and we (SLA Board members) will be responsible for making certain our lake community’s appeals or concerns are sent to the Task Force and heard by the appeals board.

OTHER BUSINESS: Proposed procedural amendments to Article VIII of the SLA By Laws (copy attached) have been reviewed and considered by all Board members. After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the proposed amendments. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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