

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION INC.

Public Board Meeting

April 17, 2021

MINUTES

Secord Lake Association (SLA) Public Board meeting was called to order via Zoom at 10:00 A.M by Phil Dast.

Secretary's report: Motion to approve minutes from March Board meeting was made, seconded and passed. No further report.

Treasurer's report: Current General Fund balance is \$17,106.34. Current Secord Dam Fund balance is \$4,690.42. Monthly service fee was \$17.00; this amount was transferred from the general fund account to the dam fund account. Motion to approve report made, seconded and passed.

Bills presented were for renewal of the PO Box for \$56.00 and for Zoom usage for \$53.00. Motion made, seconded and passed to pay these bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: SLA currently has 221 members. There are 223 former members who have not paid dues for 2021. Dues are paid annually by calendar year. It was suggested that a membership list (names only) be posted on our website indicating current status of dues.

Communications: An email has been sent regarding the open board member position. FLTF survey information was provided. Responses were made to questions about the assessments and lake levels. The committee plans to continue to improve communications with members and with the lake community. There will be a new communication coming out soon, which will be a call to action.

Fundraising: the 2021 Golf Scramble is set for September 25, 2021 at Gladwin Heights Golf Course. Flyers and registration form is going out to businesses and is on the website. Additional information is forthcoming.

Election: Members were reminded that the Election is at the Annual meeting in August.

CURRENT BUSINESS

Introduction: A letter writing campaign will soon begin. This will be communicated to the Secord Lake community. The letters will go to local state and federal officials requesting support in the repairs to Secord dam.

President's comments: Phil reminded members that our Board meetings are monthly on the third Saturday from April through October. These are public meetings and will be held via Zoom. Phil will request the Eagles Pavilion for these meetings, with the hope that in-person meetings can begin once Covid restrictions are changed or lifted.

Phil discussed how the 2020 flooding changed the focus of the Board and FLTF. Since the flooding, ownership of the dams has been transferred; some structural repairs to Secord Dam were made to stabilize the dam for the winter and spring. FLTF is working to obtain approval of the plans for Secord Dam construction. While FLTF is doing everything it can to speed up the timeline, more help is needed from the lake community.

GUESTS

Joel Vernier, Secord Township Supervisor, spoke about the need for a letter writing campaign and for further breakdowns of the assessments.

Karen Moore, County Commissioner, spoke about assessments. While they are necessary, there are many negative opinions. We need to participate in the assessment process. Without the SAD, there will be no lake, so the County needs to hear from people that want the lakes back. We need to make our voices heard.

Mike Szuch, County Commissioner, reiterated that we need to hear from residents that want the lakes back. There will be hardships, and we will work to find solutions for those with needs related to the assessments.

Tony Marshall, Bourret Township Supervisor, agreed with what had been said.

At the conclusion of the program, a Question and Answer session was held via Zoom. In response to the questions submitted, the following information was conveyed.

There is a FLTF webinar on April 13 regarding rainfall and flood studies. Webinars are recorded and the slides shown are available on the website.

There will be fundraisers and/or grants to subsidize the assessments of property owners with limited income.

The operating assessment, which will be approximately \$200 per year for 3 years, was broken down. This assessment will pay expenses such as equipment rental, insurance, parts and supplies, salaries for a dam foreman and 4 dam operators, utilities, snow and ice removal, diving inspections, and operation of USGS gauges.

Motion to adjourn made, supported and passed. Meeting adjourned.

TJ/JB