

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 January Board meeting was made, seconded and passed. No further report.

Treasurer's report: Current General Fund balance is \$13,617.71. Current Secord Dam Fund balance is \$4,690.42, with new donations totaling \$543.71. Monthly service fees were \$18.57; this amount was transferred from the general fund account to the dam fund account. Motion to approve report made, seconded and passed. There were no new bills.

BUSINESS:

Board vacancy: Deb Stover has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board. Her letter was read to the Board. A notice of Board vacancy will be prepared by Tami and submitted for approval, then posted on our website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Susan reported on a meeting this Committee held on Feb.19, at which a plan for future action was prepared. She presented the plan for Board approval. Emails will be sent to all members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2021, reminding them to pay dues. Emails will also be sent to members in good standing, thanking them for their support. No membership cards will be sent. The membership list will be updated and used for the purpose of crosschecking dues payments in the bank account statements. Future efforts will be made to involve members in more SLA activity and to clearly identify membership benefits. The plan was well received by the Board. At present we have 115 members in good standing. All 5 year memberships that were affected by the mix-up last fall have now renewed their memberships and are in good standing.

Communications: The Committee reported on the nine communications sent out to our members and the lake community in December 2020 and January and February 2021. Recently, SLA received a copy of the EGLE report on dam safety. This report will be communicated to membership. A request has been received from Jordan Mowbray to donate funds for the camera equipment he is placing on Secord dam to record the progress of repairs. Discussion held. At this time, no donation will be made, because our primary focus for expenditures is to repair the dam and return our lake to normal levels.

Jeanne reported that she has spoken to Bob North, who has requested that SLA remind its members that the river bottom ice remains unstable and unsafe. He also requested that everyone register with NIXLE for emergency communications. She will contact him to see if he can send us a written request that we can forward to membership.

Fundraising: Chuck reported that the golf outing remains scheduled for September 25, 2021. The next Committee meeting is March 13, 2021. The committee continues to fine tune the plans; a more detailed report is forthcoming in the Spring.

Other business: A discussion regarding certain financial expenditures, which was deferred until this Board meeting, was held. The issue was whether SLA Board members who are also FLTF Board members should abstain from

voting on monetary donations to FLTF. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded that SLA Board members who are also FLTF Board members abstain from voting on monetary donations from SLA to FLTF. By a vote of 7-2, the motion was defeated.

Program planning for 2021 was discussed. Phil will reach out to Gladwin County Commissioners Karen Moore and Kyle Grove to ask if they will attend and/or speak at one of our meetings. Jeanne reported that Bob North is available for the May meeting. It was also suggested that the Township supervisors be invited to our meetings and provide township updates.

Our website has been upgraded to Business Unlimited Plan. This allowed the addition of a form to accept renewal memberships in addition to new memberships. The process for payment of dues has been streamlined; dues can now be paid on our website by credit, debit or PayPal.

At the request of Joel Vernier, we have now posted on our website the Secord Township Board meeting recordings, due to a problem with their technical capability to do so. We can also post the other township meeting recordings if requested to do so.

Discussion held regarding making another donation from the dam fund to FLTF. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Four Lakes Task Force Update/Secord Dam update: Phil attended a meeting with the Board of Directors of Delhi Lake, a small community that suffered a dam failure several years ago. The main issue that was discussed was problems with DNR. The Delhi Board strongly recommended that these issues be prevented as much as possible, by managing weeds and trees so no new species appear and become an issue. They also noted that the community has to get involved so public officials know how important the issue of restoration is to the community.

Phil also noted that the required critical repairs to Secord Dam will have been completed by the end of February. This is encouraging, because they were not due to be completed until May. A discussion was held about ways to compress the FLTF time line for Secord. Public support will be key if this is to happen.

Chuck reported that, due to the pandemic, construction costs in general have greatly increased. Although there is no information about whether this will affect the cost of dam repairs, he wanted us to be aware of this for any personal construction projects in planning stages.

The FLTF presented most of the updated information at the webinar held earlier this month. The recording of that meeting is available on FLTF website. The FLTF quarterly meeting will be held by webinar on May 2.

Next Board meeting will be held in March, date to be determined. Motion to adjourn made, supported and passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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