

## Minutes of the Spider Lake Association Board

September 3, 2020

President George Lanz called the meeting to order on Zoom at 7:03 p.m. Others participating were: Jo Dahms, Sigrid Hedmann, Rose Lawler, Hillary Stoltz, Gary Theodorski, and Steve Wignes.

Steve reported that he met with DNR Hydrologist Darrin Hoverson. They toured the Marlett property. They noted 4 beaver dams and more on the Tax-Forfeited Land. They determined that the northern-most dam is the one impeding the water flow. The water level on the TFL is two feet lower than that behind the first beaver dam. Darren will survey the land next week. He stated that he has been inundated with calls from residents on Belle Taine, many being misinformed.

Nathan Marlett stated that he will work with us, but has concerns. He also said that there have been people trespassing on his property. Marlett is willing to lower the water level by six inches, but is concerned about liability issues regarding Belle Taine residents, which is highly unlikely, but possible. Also possible from Spider residents. If the dams are to be removed, the beavers must also be removed. That would be an SLA expense.

Darrin strongly suggested that we have very open communications with the Belle Taine lake association. Steve and George will meet with the Belle Taine representative. It would be very helpful to have them in agreement with our plan. Representatives from SLA, Belle Taine, Marlett, and Darren will meet to discuss the plan. If there is no agreement, we will have to determine what our next step is. We will need a written report from Darrin. The intent is to send water to the TFL, which would then flow into Belle Taine. Belle Taine should experience about a one-inch rise in water level.

Steve will research the cost of a Clemson Leveler, also the cost of trapping and relocating the beavers. Rose asked if the Board could decide this, or if it needed to be put to a vote of the members of the Association. We will request approval.

COLA has up to \$2000 grant money available to Lake Associations. Hillary will get the details for applying.

George will create an agenda for the Fall Meeting, which will take place on Zoom. Jo will send out the notice.

Hillary reported that she does not yet have details for the tree ordering.

George will create a Power Point presentation for the Fall Meeting.

Jo moved to adjourn, Rose seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Dahms

Secretary