

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Spider Lake Association

August 14, 2021

George Lenz called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. Others present were Jo Dahms, Dan Olympia, Hillary Stoltz, and Gary Theodorski. George announced that a quorum was present.

501 (c)(3) discussion: George announced that he was in favor of the Association registering as a 501 (c)(3) corporation. There is a one-time fee of \$275 to file as such. After some discussion, Gary moved to present to the membership that we want to become a 501 (c)(3) corporation; seconded by Jo. The motion passed. It will be presented to the membership at the Fall potluck meeting.

Fall meeting: The Fall potluck meeting will be held on Sept. 11, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., with a Board meeting immediately prior to that at 10:00. The pandemic has to be taken into account as far as a meeting place is concerned. We may be able to use the Senior Center. A deposit must be paid to use it. Jo moved to see if it is available for the 11th, with Hillary seconding the motion. Motion passed. George will find out if the deposit is refundable if we choose to hold the meeting outside, such as at Muskie Park.

AIS: Several people noted that there is a good deal of purple loosestrife growing in the swampy area just before Spider Island. At this point, it does not appear to be spreading. At the Fall meeting, George will ask for volunteers to casually survey the lake on a monthly or twice-monthly basis to look for AIS.

The water levels for the neighboring lakes have been posted online. The level for Belle Taine has not changed significantly, despite the lowering of our Spider Lake. It was reported that the almost instant release of approximately a foot of our lake water in May appears to have remedied the high-water complaints from the owners of the adversely affected shorelines and yards on Miller and North Bays. However, owners on Sunset and Pine Bays that have their pontoon boats kept on lifts are now faced with a new dilemma. It is becoming impossible for them to lower their crafts into the water enough to launch them and some have prematurely been forced to take their boats out of the lake.

Budget: The current bank balance is \$7376.29. Doug Parish asked by email for clarification of a subject that was discussed at an earlier meeting: If a budget item exceeds the budgeted amount, by how much must it exceed that amount before it requires Board approval? Gary moved that we limit the overage to \$200; Don seconded. The motion passed.

Doug also asked about a recent expenditure for food provided to Board members during a working meeting that was not previously approved. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dan to instead enjoy a potluck meal, brought by those involved. Gary seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The major expenditure made this year was for the beaver removal, yet we did not receive an itemized statement. George will ask Steve Wignes to ask the trapper to provide such a statement

Dan received some information from Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership. The organization is willing to provide to SLA some brochures, free of charge, on Shoreline Living to promote natural lake shorelines. It was agreed that Dan contact them and ask for some of the brochures.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Dahms, Secretary