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Minutes of Silver Springs Lake Association Annual Meeting
May 29, 2021
1:02 pm

Meeting called to order by President Tom Joseph at 1:02 pm. Present were board members Tom Joseph, Ray Braun, Trudy Kempfs, Mary Gizewski and Mike Fisher
There were 52 other members in attendance.

1. Tom opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed everyone and introduced board members Ray Braun, Trudy Kempfs, Mike Carberry, Mary Gizewski, Mike Fisher and Dave Govek although Dave was not present. #56 (Carberry) moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last Annual Meeting and accept them. #105 (Bruno) seconded, motion carried.
2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Trudy Kempfs presented the P&L Statement and the 2021 Budget which had been approved by the Board. The current fiscal year budget includes the previous three years profit and loss. Trudy pointed out the Ad Revenue was down and suggested the group ask their favorite vendors to put an ad in our newsletter. She also indicated the Improvements line is up this year due to the potential Outlet work. In addition, the Computer Expense is up due to contracting with the mass mailing company, Gmass.
3. ARCHITECTURAL REPORT Ray Braun reported the approval of architectural improvements/additions for the following lot numbers: #'s 53, 55, 66, 77, 113, 124, 139, 178, 207.
4. CLEAN WATER COMMITTEE – Terry Klaves gave a report about the lake condition.
**There are three active initiatives: 1. High water conditions causing high runoff for the past three years. 2. Monitoring nitrogen and phosphorus levels. 3. Monitoring algae.
Terry reported there continues to be shoreline erosion from boat wakes.
**The Board approved the purchase of a DO (Dissolved Oxygen) meter so we can monitor our own levels. Low DO levels in the summer can promote algae growth.
**Invasive weed control becomes a challenge as the lake ages (45 years). In the past we ran a small weed cutter in the boating lanes to keep the lanes open. We have since learned weed cutting tends to spread the growth of invasive weeds and have changed to chemically treating the weeds using specialized companies. Our current company is Cason. This spring they treated the Curly Leaf Pondweed with Aquathol K, and a few weeks later they treated Eurasian Milfoil with Navigate. We may further need to clear the boating lanes (10'-30' off the docs) of Illinois Pondweed in July and in the Fall have the Watershield hand pulled. The Board spends upwards of \$22K on weed control and water quality improvements. Sometimes there are swimming and watering restrictions after the treatment applications. We try our best to limit the timing inconvenience to our owners however we are competing with other Cason customers and are always at the mercy of the weather. Cason recently posted specific signs on properties recommending 24-hour swimming restrictions and 21-day restriction on watering. This is the first time we have seen this type of restriction and will do a better job of informing residents in the future.
There were several questions to clarify what was just reported which Terry addressed.
** Lot #105 (Bruno) indicated he has a lot of weeds. Terry will go to the property and check it out.

**There is a form of algae on the lake in some spots. If you touch it, it goes away. It is aggravated by rain. The aerators are currently running. We take water samples three times per year, Spring, Mid July and October to monitor the phosphorus and nitrogen levels. The samples are sent to Madison for processing. We may be experiencing nutrient or phosphorus cycling periods during which dying weeds can release phosphorus if DO levels get too low. Algae loves phosphorus and nitrogen.

**Lot #68 (Hemmerich) asked if there was seeding on the banks of the ditch leading to the inlet. Ray Braun responded the "ditch" is really a creek coming from Hidden Springs across the street. Jim Emerich, a lake resident and owner of the field adjacent to Silver Springs Lake, has been in contact with the DNR for advice. Ray reported the water is clear coming into the Inlet. Jim is working on placing a "filter" with hay bales on his side. He also has a baffle on his side to somewhat control the flow when it rains.

When the lake was "cleaned" at the Inlet, 35 truckloads of muck was removed. The cost was under \$3K.

Dave Govek and a committee are now working on the Outlet, to ensure consistency with water control.

5. FISH STOCKING – Bob Noga gave the following fish report and answered the ensuing questions. Last Fall the lake was stocked with 1400 5" to 9" Walleye, this year we are stocking 700 - 800 9"-12" Walleye. The Northern population is down. Please let Bob know when you catch Walleyes. Bob indicated he is seeing more Fish Feeders on docks, which is good. He indicated you should not fish near the feeders immediately after a feeding. He reported fishing on the lake is generally good. You should keep the 7"-8" fish and throw back the larger fish.

**Lot #68 (Hemmerich) indicated putting down gravel or rocks would be hazardous.

**An owner on the lake has offered his scuba services to locate the cribs. We believe they are: in the deepest part of the lake, in Breezy Cove and right before entering Pirates Cove.

**#213 (Tilbury) Asked if we could stock White Bass? Bob responded they would take over the lake, so no, it would not be a good idea.

When asked, Bob indicated Carp are not a problem in our lake and ice fishing last winter produced good Walleye. The Perch are small as there isn't enough on which they can feed.

6. OLD BUSINESS- Tom Joseph and others reported on the following old business items.

**Thank you to the outgoing Board members, Bill Boehnlein and Mike Carberry, for their services.

**This year we will be working on the Outlet. We have no clear direction yet, however, we need to control what's going out of the lake through the 200' culvert, as we seem to be losing fish due to faulty screening.

**The Goose Round Up cannot proceed unless we have a minimum of 35 Geese. We need to file a request with the Dept of Agriculture by June 4th. An owner reported they counted 50 at Butterfly Bay. There are at least 3 families there.

**Grass Cutting Letters will be sent out soon to those owners in violation.

**The Boat Landing gate will be locked after the Memorial Day Holiday. Contact a Board Member to gain access.

**Thank you to Joyce Jaeger and Kay Castillo for conducting the "audit" of the Lake Financials for 2020.

**The Golf Outing will be on June 12th. Volunteers are needed at the prize holes. Please contact Trudy if you can help.

**Boat Parade will be July 3rd this year and the theme is "Music".

**Poker Run is September 11th with the dinner on Tom Joseph's property.

**Christmas Dinner will be on December 11th and will be run by Shirley LaShay (Lot#88). Thank you, Shirley!!! If you can help Shirley with this event, please contact her!!!

**Tom Joseph announced Briski's (Lot#191) are selling T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, etc. with Silver Springs Lake printed on it. Order Forms were available at the meeting or you can contact Briski's to place your order.

**Mike Carberry has all of the Fishing Jamboree prizes and information to turn over to Mike Fisher.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Open for questions/comments:

**Mike Fisher has provided Plats of the Lake for our Website. This may help you to locate your lot lines. The Platts can be blown up for better viewing. You should contact a surveyor if you want very specific, official information/staking. Mike Carberry indicated Marquette County has past Surveys available.

**There was a question regarding the culverts on East Silver Spring Drive. Mike Carberry, who lives on East Silver Spring Drive and has been following this issue for many years, indicated the Town of Neshkoro has no plans for doing anything about them. Mike also reports the Town indicated the driveways on that road are too narrow for the "pumpers" to gain access. In short, it's a dead issue.

**Tom Joseph told owners who have complaints about barking dogs to contact the Sheriff, who will issue tickets. This is not an issue under the control of the Board.

**Thank you to Sue Weihert (Lot#41) for the Puzzle Box.

**Trudy reported the Cedar Springs Rummage Sale (other side of County Road E) will not take place this year due to lack of worker volunteers. There was some interest in the past to have a combined sale with our lake. This idea is now off the table.

**Ray Braun was asked if the Muskrat trapper could be called in. Ray indicated the trapper now gets very little money for the furs and the best time for trapping is in the Fall.

**Lot#73 (Mekschun) trapped two beavers and took the damn down.

Lot#173 (Dybul) questioned not cutting the weeds. Refer to 3rd in Clean Water report.

**Lot#40 (Luedeman) indicated their well water is very bad. Mike Carberry suggested they call UW Stevens Point for a water testing kit or contact a well company to sanitize the well casing. Mike also said he changes the filter on his Artesian well every two weeks.

**Lot#68 (Hemmerich) asked if Welcome Letters were still being sent to new owners. Answer: Yes.

**Lot#96 (Jaeger) moved to adjourn the meeting, Lot#56 (Carberry) seconded, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Gizewski

Secretary