

Meeting called to order on 15 March 2011 at: 7:00 pm

Directors In Attendance: Lee Walko, Ellen Peden, Colette Urian, Jeff Menz, Chris Streeter, William Gebo, Rick Terwilligar

Directors Absent: Sharron Such, Joe Manelis

Visitors: Adam Beebe, Howard Schoenherr, Mike Bragg, Al Kloha

Special Guest: Delta Communications Arts student Ashlyn Hill

Pledge

County Commissioners Report - Howard Schoenherr:

Work is being done on the dam. The Board is aware of the lake impact on revenue for the community and taxes for the region. Sanford Lake Preservation Assn. Attorney Todd Gambrell wrote the Board a letter asking to purchase the lake bottom lands that were foreclosed on last year. The Board voted to receive and file the letter. They also discussed the possibility of forming a special assessment district to keep the lake operational.

Treasurers Report: Rick Terwilligar We added \$40.00 to our account for 2 new memberships. Ellen gave the Board a check from the Palmeiri Family with the proceeds of the T-shirt sale for \$3187.00 with a request that it all go toward fireworks.

Fireworks Update: Ellen Peden

Ellen requested a check for the \$1500.00 deposit for fireworks Saturday, July 2. Motion was made to this effect by Menz, seconded by Terwilligar. Motion carried. The Community of Christ Campground was secured for the launch site. Jerome and Lee fire departments will work together to cover the launch. Permits and insurance have been obtained.

Website Update: Lee Walko requested payment of \$38 to the State of Michigan for background information on dam ownership for a future topic on the website. Peden made a motion to this effect, seconded by Bill, motion carried.

Newsletter Update: Colette Urian had the newsletter printed at Staples for \$237. Chris Streeter had an updated membership label printout made. We'll have the Arnold Center prepare the mailing. Colette also had a business account opened where anyone on the SLA board can get the 10% discount with the phone number attached to the account, 989-430-1811. A motion was made by Peden, seconded by Streeter to reimburse Colette for the newsletter. Motion passed.

Boyce Hydro Update: Bill Gebo and Lee Walko had met with Dam Owner Lee Mueller just prior to the board meeting. The water will be coming up in three weeks as the temperature approaches 39 degrees. Work on the dam is completed and FERC has approved it. **As far as boat and hoist damage, Greg Stryker will assist any one on the lake who is afraid of ice damaging this property when the water level is raised three feet.** Please call Colette Urian at 989-430-1811 for assistance and she will contact Strykers. Chris Streeter will send out an email to SLA members about this assistance.

Letter about the Dam Drawdown and history: The letter will be inserted in the March Newsletter. It was reviewed, changes were made. A survey will be posted on the website as a part of this letter. A motion to send the revised letter out was made by Menz, seconded by Walko, motion carried.

Lakes and Streams Conference: Ellen Peden will attend in April. The Riparian Magazine will have an article about the Sanford Dam in its April issue and this will be discussed at the conference.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Streeter to approve the minutes of Feb. 15, Seconded by Terwilligar, motion passed.

Donation to the Sanford Lake Preservation Association: Streeter made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Sanford Lake Preservation Association, seconded by Terwilligar, motion carried.

Community of Christ Special Needs Camp: Peden requested that we consider a donation to the Community of Christ Campground Special Needs Camp. They allow us to use their campground for the fireworks launch. The idea was tabled.

Special Savings Account for Fireworks: Terwilligar made a motion, seconded by Peden to establish a separate savings account for the fireworks with \$2100.00. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM by Menz, seconded by Streeter. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted for approval by: Colette Urian 3-21-11